

Wrong priorities

I AM puzzled and disappointed by Pope Benedict's recent statement that "saving humanity from homosexual ... behaviour is just as important as saving the rainforest from destruction".

He went on to "reject all gender theory ". This is a very strange comparison. The destruction of the rain forest is caused, mainly, by greed-a human failing. In rejecting all gender theory, the Pope rejects very valid scientific findings about homosexuality, which as a human phenomenon is God-given, in the sense that genetically based, not a simple matter of choice.

Would it not be preferable for Pope Benedict to lend his great authority to preserving the rain forests--of vital importance to all of us--rather than entering the contested area of homosexuality, which is of relatively minor significance?

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