

# GOD'S LAW OR MAN'S LAW



Misuse by wrong, own or literal interpretation

“I am an instrument in the hands of God,...”

“Heathen and pagans, don’t deserve to...”

“The natural order of things...”

“God says...” “God wants..”

“Tradition says...”

- Torture and inquisition
- Burning, auto da fé, witches
- Lapidation
- Flagellation, whipping and heavy beating
- Hanging or lynching
- Decapitation
- Pushing from high building
- Cutting hands and feet
- Burning faces with acid
- Cutting noses and ears
- Public group rape
- Enslavement, slavery, branding people with property mark,...



Shaking hand of a woman



Jewish school Antwerp  
Jewish fair



Catholic school Germany





Use of preservatives

# Working on God's day

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# State organisation and religion

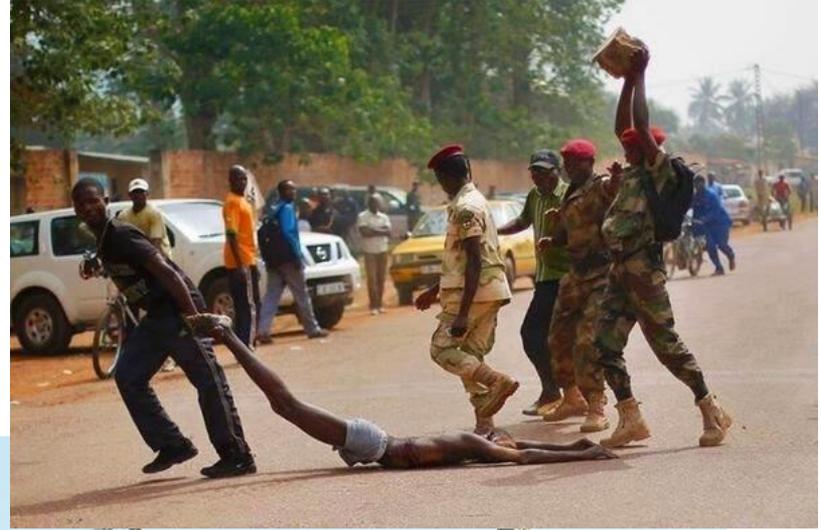
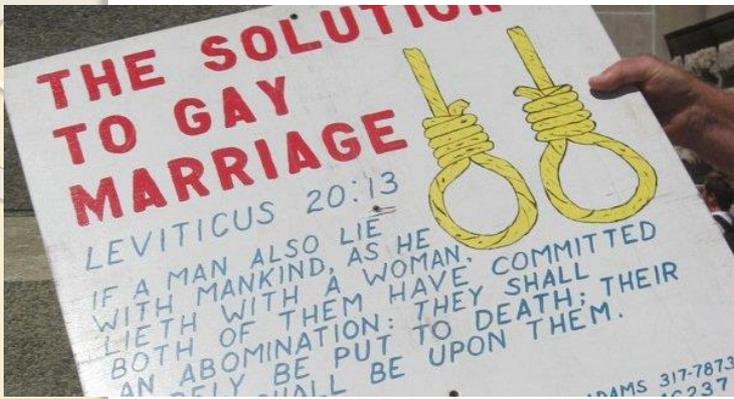


No marriage for gay couples, even if law allows it [movie](#)



**God promised** Abraham, "I will give to you, and to **your** descendants after you, the **land** of **your** sojourning, all the **land** of Canaan, for an everlasting possession.



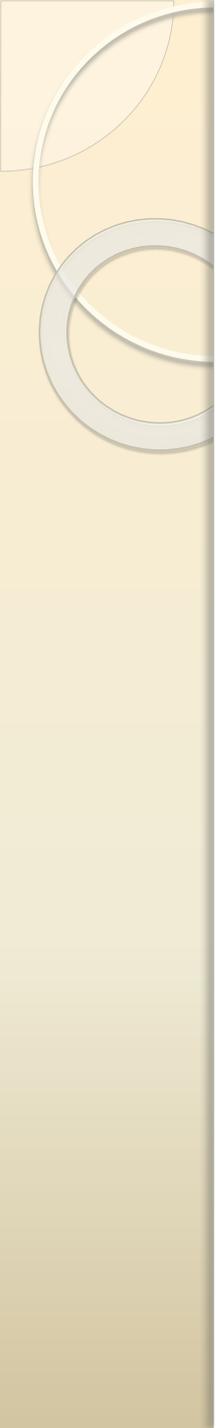




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إقامة الحد على من فعل فعلة قوم لوط



Can we solve such a  
situation at school?

# CASE PRESENTATION

- Meriam is a girl of 14 year old and is attending the last year at a lower secondary school . At the end of the school year, her marks will determine her curriculum in the higher secondary school.
- Her father is a convinced Muslim and every Friday, he and the older brother (16 years) go to pray. Her mother is religious but doesn't attend the prayers in the mosque or temple. She has a moderate and practical view on religion and religious rules.
- Last year Meriam wasn't wearing a veil. When school started on September this school year, she entered the class room wearing one. She has to keep her veil all day because, her father says, "this is a religious duty of a pure young girl". Her brother and his friends are at the same school, and they control the whereabouts of Meriam.



- Her father talked to the principal of the school explaining that Meriam only will be attending the swimming lessons if there are no boys in the swimming pool and only when wearing a burkini. The same applies to the lessons of gymnastics and biology, her father wants separate class rooms for boys and girls.
- The safety regulations of the municipal swimming pool forbid the use of burkinis, only sportive swimming suits are allowed. The teachers of physical education and biology can't allow an exception and Meriam isn't getting good marks for these subjects. This could threaten her future possibilities.



Burka + Bikini = Burkini



By: 2007 PHOTOS, Sep 24, 2007, Credit: SHOOTING STAR  
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Caption: Muslim woman stands behind at the Algalotti swimming pool in Antalya, Antalya, Turkey in 2007



# CASE STUDY BY ROLE PLAY

- Form groups + at least one of the groups take the role of :
  - **The father and his friend.**
  - The **teachers** of the school.
  - **Social workers** from an association fighting discrimination and advocating women's rights.
  - **Moderator**: can listen and observe the development of arguments in every group. He/she has to conduct the debates.
- Every group studies the case and prepares arguments for a debate (10 min)
- During the debate, the parties try to conclude an acceptable agreement for all (10 min)
- The moderator leads the debates