

# Opinion

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## oral quarrel

### Traditional Bible wording is favored

This week's Oral Quarrel asked our readers how they felt about the National Council of Churches releasing a selection of Bible passages which they say are non-sexist — referring to God in both the feminine and masculine gender. We asked if the Bible should remain the way it is presently written. Following are the answers:

It should not be misquoted. It should be quoted in its original context. If it is changed, then the meaning of the Bible is lost. It was meant to be that the male was the head of the family then; that is the way it was. If you are going to believe the Bible, then believe it as it is written. Don't change it.

## discover Michigan

by Bill Stockwell

DID YOU KNOW that the meals of the early settlers of Birmingham consisted largely of salt pork, cornmeal and potatoes? Meals were occasionally supplemented by venison and bear meat whenever hunting was successful. The first child born in the township was the daughter of Elizah Fish and his wife in 1820.

Yes, I think they should keep it in the Bible because they are getting to the point where they are taking God's word and changing it to what they want to bear it. Definitely it should be kept in.

Definitely. The question I feel should not be whether we should change something in the Bible but whether the Bible was written by the Holy Spirit or not. The question should be always not to change the Bible if you believe it. The scriptures are divine, written by the spirit of God.

Yes. Absolutely. Definitely. For sure.

Yes, I believe they should because too many things are being changed with the Bible already. Although changing the sex orientation in the Bible would not exactly change the meaning behind it. It's just another thing that would be changed. That's why I say it should be kept male-oriented.

I think that the Bible and the readings should be left alone and these squintles that want to change it should be put in cages.

Yes, Bible readings should keep their traditional male orientation. It's absolutely ridiculous the other way.

No question about it. The Bible definitely should keep the traditional male orientation. It's foolish all this stuff going on and changing the sex.

Yes, definitely.

Yes, the Bible is the inspired word of God and shouldn't be tampered with.

I am definitely not a male chauvinist but that's the way the Bible was written. If it was supposed to be written a different way then it would be written a different way, so let's not change what God made.

They should keep it the same way it is.

Yes, they should keep the traditional male orientation.

Yes.

Yes, but the reason is not because it's a male orientation. The reason is that neutralizing the language devalues the meaning and the beauty of the tradition and destroys the meaning behind the word.

Absolutely not. Since God is a spiritual being and is not a sexual being, it should be same the God for men and for women, therefore God should not be male.

Yes. Yes. They should keep Bible readings as traditional male orientation.

This is God's orientation not male orientation. Are we putting ourselves above God's word?

Yes. Keep the present genders. Changes tend to distort the meaning of the writings.

I think they should keep the traditional male orientation.

It's not a question of male orientation. It is a question of rightly dividing the word of God.

Yes, we should keep the male orientation in the Bible because God's word is written that way and we are not to change His word.

Yes, I think we should. God created all men equal, not women. Understand that, broads?

the stroller  
W.W.  
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## Old-time dancing is fondly recalled

EVERY YEAR about this time, when the frost is on the pumpkin and the corn is in the shock, The Stroller contracts a spell of homesickness.

He'd like to turn back the pages and live again in the era when hayrides out to the country hotels for a good chicken dinner and an evening of all sorts of dancing were the vogue.

There was nothing like the old-fashioned square dances for an evening of fun. And as he sits in front of his television these evenings and watches some of the outlandish performances of what they call modern dancing, he can almost hear the "caller" bellow out, "Swing your partner . . . turn to the left . . . turn to the right," concluding with "All hands round."

They were evenings of great fun, but they have become only memories. Now, in some places, there is a move to bring those days back by teaching square dancing at some of the municipal recreation centers.

WHILE SQUARE dancing was the thing a half-century ago, there also was some of the most beautiful ballroom dancing one ever would want to see.

There was the old-fashioned waltz, one of the nicest of all dances. And when they promoted such things as prize waltzes, it was a treat to watch young couples glide across the floor.

Dance contests adhered strictly to rules. When one entered the contest, he had to have the heels of his shoes covered with chalk and then checked at the finish to see if at any time his heels touched the floor.

Back in the days when dancing — the real dancing — was the height of an evening out, the cities had all manner of dance halls. When The Stroller

reached Detroit more than a half-century back, there were some outstanding ballrooms.

Who could forget the Graystone, the Grande, Oriole Terrace or Webster Hall — the latter now one of the main buildings of Wayne State University?

The major hotels sponsored dancing with the country's leading bands — Guy Lombardo, Ted Lewis, Henry Mancini, Bob Chester, Gene Goldkette and Lawrence Welk.

These dances always were treats, and even when the Huck family owned Westwood Gardens on Michigan Avenue, it was a real treat just to sit and watch the two-steppers and waltzers dance to the strains of big name bands.

THERE WERE other outstanding dances besides the waltz.

The two-step was the favorite of the younger folks because it was faster. Another favorite was the schottische, where you took three steps and then kicked.

The real fun was to attend Hungarian weddings. At these functions, the bride always returned to the hall wearing an apron and accepted gifts of money when you danced with her. It was the rule in those days that the dancers helped set up the young couples in housekeeping.

These dances were typically called "hoes-downs" and were real fun. They are gone, possibly never to return.

There are others that are only memories. There are the tap dancing in singles and soft shoe dancing, still a treat when you watch Gene Kelly dance to the strains of "Singin' in the Rain."

What a pleasure it would be to have those days back again.

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