

DEMOCRATIC RELIGIOUS GURU CRACKS UP; HOWARD DEAN IS IN A JAM

Yesterday, a coalition of hundreds of public notables released a statement, "Beyond Same-Sex Marriage: A New Strategic Vision for All Our Families & Relationships," that takes issue with gay activists who are limiting their efforts to legalizing same-sex marriage. Their goal is total societal recognition of "families and relationships" that "know no borders." One of the 260 signatories is Rabbi Michael Lerner.

Catholic League president Bill Donohue addressed this issue today:

"Rabbi Michael Lerner has been described by the *Jewish Forward* as Hillary Clinton's 'erstwhile guru' and is unquestionably one of the most prominent—if not *the* most prominent—religious advisors to the Democratic National Committee (DNC). His book, *The Left Hand of God: Taking Back Our Country From the Religious Right*, has been described as providing 'intellectual, political, and spiritual inspiration' for Democrats. It would be instructive to know, then, whether the DNC agrees with Lerner that religious institutions should be gutted of their moral and legal authority and be forced to recognize polyamorous relationships.

"In the very first sentence of the 'Family Without Borders' statement, it explicitly says that our society needs 'a new vision for securing governmental and private institutional recognition of diverse kinds of partnerships, households, kinship relationships and families.' By citing private institutions, the document makes clear its interest in forcing

religious institutions to accept its agenda. That explains why the document demands 'Separation of church and state in all matters, including regulation and recognition of relationships, households and families.' Never lacking in specificity, it says that marital benefits must extend to 'Queer couples who decide to jointly create and raise a child with another queer person or couple, in two households.'

"These insane ideas are those of Rabbi Lerner, the religious guru of the Democratic Party. Looks like Howard Dean is in a jam."