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### **Human Srvs in a Multicultural Context**

I am a Christian brought up by Christian parents. Every Sunday morning during my childhood, my parents prepared me for Sunday school, and we could hardly miss church sessions except when they were seriously ill or out of town. However, also, on such occasions, they instructed my nanny to prepare me for church. Hence, it was difficult to miss the church services. The Christian upbringing has shaped my life in such a way that I can determine to live peacefully with those around me respectfully, believe that God wants us, through the bible, to be straight people who refrain from any form of sin, for there is punishment at the end and most importantly know that everyone was created in God's image and likeness. So everyone must be treated with love and dignity irrespective of their physical conditions and creation.

From my Christian perception of life, I have always been raised to treat everybody equally, with respect and dignity. Therefore, this has shaped my view towards sexuality and gender orientation. One should not be discouraged from accepting him/her sexual and gender orientation to fear being rebuked by society. From the Christian teachings I happily subscribe to, we are taught that everyone is created in God's image and likeness. Therefore, the teaching brings me to a conclusion that someone should not be afraid to talk out and show his or her sexual and gender orientation because we are all children of God who are created in His image and likeness, so everyone is an image of God, especially.

My Christian upbringing has made me accept and support the LGBTQ community without judging them in any way. Christianity requires people not to judge but love their neighbors as we love our self. The LGBTQ are humans just as any other person. For sure, they

resemble God's image just like anyone else. So, It is my duty always to support, love, treat with dignity, and not judge this group of people, for that, is what the holy book expects us to do.

For the people who begin to question their gender and sexual orientation regarding their religious perception, I will encourage them not to fear coming out and express who they are and always feel free to be real. Sanchez (2010) clearly shows how Paul consistently denied his sexual orientation. Because he was a Christian, he feared being judged for being gay. Therefore, he dated Angie many times, whom he didn't have feelings for. When Manuel came to their school, his interpretation of the bible justified that he could be who he was at the same time a gay (Sanchez, 2010). From the insights of the God Box Novel, I need to support the LGBTQ group and make them understand that it is okay to feel that way and one can be religious and, at the same time a gay.

I am very willing to champion the rights of the LGBTQ community in my society. We are a democratic society, and everyone should be allowed to associate with anyone from any gender in whatever form without being judged. Everyone is responsible for his or her happiness, and so is the LGBTQ group. As clearly stated by Renn (2017), society should focus on providing all-inclusive opportunities to support the existence of LGBTQ groups and reduce their stigma in society. I will therefore embrace the sentiments by being a champion for their rights in society.

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