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in their work to pass legislation guaranteeing equal rights to Lesbians and Gay men in Vermont and insuring protection for People With AIDS and HIV+ persons. Contribute to our cause and add your name to our mailing list. We need your help.

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# Letters (continued)

*the Bible." Willmott continued: "The Bible harshly condemns homosexuality as an 'abomination' unto God...How, then, can (Bush) publicly approve of this practice which is degenerate, an aberration, and is deeply offensive to God and most of mankind, even though practiced privately by many. America may not 'belong' to the Christians, but it is composed largely of religious people, predominantly Christians who may tolerate, but abhor homosexuality."*

Dear *OITM*:

Mr. Willmott of South Dorset has the right to his opinions about homosexuality, but once again someone defends his prejudice on Christian beliefs.

I'm sure it was not the intent of God for the Churches, Synagogues, and other ministries to teach hatred and prejudice against gays and lesbians or any group of people.

We may not "love" each other in our society, but must accept each other as

human beings and forget about judging a person by his or her sexual preference, color, race, sex, religion, etc.

It is sad that some of our religious leaders and politicians teach that homosexuality is evil and that gays, lesbians, and bisexuals should not be given equal treatment in society. Their homophobic teachings are passed on to generations of people. Remember: a child is not born with hatred and prejudice.

Mr. Willmott continues later in his letter to denounce Barney Frank of Massachusetts. I'm sure if Mr. Frank was not a homosexual, Mr. Willmott would not feel so strongly about having this "notorious homosexual" impeached.

I suggest Mr. Willmott and people like him get together to find a place in this world to live where homosexuality does not exist. They may have a problem finding a place.

If every gay, lesbian, and bisexual in America would or could "come out," the likes of Mr. Willmott would be shocked by the number of "us" in society, and would find a group of people who are sincere, loyal, hard-working, successful, family-oriented, and probably the least prejudiced.

J.C.

P.S. We were pleased to read that the Hate Crimes bill was passed in Vermont, and hope that Mr. Howard Russell wins the race for the State Senate.

**RITA MAE BROWN  
BURLINGTON  
SEPTEMBER 24**

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