DEFINITIONS of OXYMORON:

**Oxymoron** is a figure of speech in which two opposite ideas are joined to create an effect. The common oxymoron phrase is a combination of an adjective proceeded by a noun with contrasting meanings, e.g. “cruel kindness” or “living death”.

However, the contrasting words/phrases are not always glued together. The contrasting ideas may be spaced out in a sentence, e.g. “In order to lead, you must walk behind.”

**Difference between Oxymoron and Paradox**

It is important to understand the difference between a paradox and an oxymoron. A paradox may consist of a sentence or even a group of sentences. An oxymoron, on the other hand, is a combination of two contradictory or opposite words. A paradox seems contradictory to the general truth but it does contain an implied truth. An oxymoron, however, may produce a dramatic effect but does not make sense. Examples of oxymoron are found both in casual conversations and in literature.

**Common Examples of Oxymoron**

- Open secret.
- Tragic comedy.
- Seriously funny.
- Awfully pretty.
- Foolish wisdom.
- Original copies.
- Liquid gas.

The above oxymoron examples produce a comical effect. Thus, it is a lot of fun to use them in your everyday speech.

Recent Oxymoronic Statements Have Been Made by Notable Church Leaders i.e. Joel Osteen and Brian Houston regard the Eligibility of Homosexuals and Lesbians finding acceptance in the life of their Churches. In order to reach homosexuals we must encourage them to come to find out what we believe says Brian. We will never reach them if we exclude them says Rev Houston! The simple answer is not to welcome them into the midst but to go and reach them where they are, and if they don’t want to come to Christ then leave them where they are. Hillsong invites them to worship and even participate with their instruments in their midst. The question here is this:-

- Is there any such thing as a “Homosexual Christian” a “Pure Harlot” or an “Honest thief”?

**Quote:** Houston “We are still out on that one”. Well Brian I can assure you God isn’t. Joel Osteen says he has friends who are homosexuals. He says he would attend a same sex marriage if a friend asked him. Osteen is the star of his own comic opera!

- **Only a Religious Moron would say that.**

According to the above then the ungodly are acceptable in their Heaven. A Moron is an adult whose mental development was arrested at the age of a young child. Hence ‘Moronica’ degenerate, dull.

According to the Oxford Dictionary Brian Houston and Joel Osteen by their own confessions are “Spiritual Moronic Degenerates”.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them for it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. (Ephesians 5:8-12 KJV)

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