A Pearl of Great Price: Reframing a Queer Critique of Sexual Norms within Postcolonial Uganda

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Abstract

It is a moral imperative that ethicists and human rights activists alike respond to the attempted and actual legal persecution of sexual minorities, which has cut short the lives of countless persons and enabled the violation of basic human rights. I begin by addressing the ontological and epistemological limitations that race has for any ethicist and human rights activist working for sexual-social justice in Uganda, and the sensitivities required in order to suggest a response. Second, I provide a cursory exploration of two Ugandan values that I believe are useful to harness in the ongoing conversation about human rights for sexual minorities. Finally, I conclude by making two brief, practical suggestions for decolonization that I hope will serve to spark further conversation about the many ways Ugandans themselves can foster a Ugandan society that is steeped in Ugandan values, where Ugandan sexual minorities can fully flourish.

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