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MOSCOW, Russia, November 23, 2016 (LifeSiteNews) — The head of the world's largest Orthodox Church says anti-discrimination laws supporting homosexuality and transgenderism are "at odds with the moral nature of human beings."

Patriarch Kirill, leader of more than 200 million Russian Orthodox Christians, gave an exclusive interview to Russia Today (RT), the English-language news channel that provides a Russian view on global news.

The Christian leader said Western same-sex "marriage" laws and transgender "anti-discrimination" laws are unprecedented and unnatural.

"What's happening in the Western countries is that, for the first time in human history, legislation is at odds with the moral nature of human beings," he said.

"What is good and evil?" He rhetorically asked, expressing deep concern that good and evil are being perverted. "The Church can never approve of this. We say that the Church can never redefine good and evil, sin and righteousness."

Kirill solemnly warned that Western laws legalizing same-sex "marriage" and transgenderism will destroy humanity. "This new trend poses a significant threat for the existence of the human race," he said.

He added that it is the Church's responsibility to be the conscience of the nation, but governmental leaders are actively suppressing the Church's voice. "The Church has to address this and say it's a bad thing, but we've seen that authorities in some countries have been trying to silence clergymen," Kirill said.

The Christian leader pointed out the irony. "In the countries that declare their commitment to freedom of speech, you can get punished for expressing your opinion."

"One Protestant pastor went to jail for calling same-sex 'marriage' a sin in his sermon. Again, this is very reminiscent of what was happening under Soviet totalitarianism."

"That's a dangerous trend, and I hope it will fade and the natural order of things will prevail," he said, adding that he fears for humanity's future. "I don't even want to think about what might happen to us otherwise."

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