A Gay Couple Was Sent Homophobic Pamphlets by a Printing Company Instead of Wedding Programs

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A gay couple is suing Vistaprint, a Massachusetts-based printing company, after ordering wedding programs from them and instead receiving anti-gay pamphlets warning them of the "desires" that Satan tempts them with.

"At first we thought it was simply a mistake, and we had accidentally received someone else's order," Andrew Borg and Stephen Heasley told <u>Yahoo Lifestyle</u> in an email. "But once we saw the images and actually read a bit of the pamphlet, we quickly realized this wasn't a simple innocent error." The couple, who lives in Australia, were speechless when they saw what they had been sent. "Both of our initial reactions were ones of shock... utter shock. The wording and imagery was aggressive, threatening, and deeply personally offensive," they said.

The programs the couple had ordered were straightforward, listing members of the wedding party, the order of events for the ceremony, and lyrics to the song that would play when they walked down the aisle. Instead, Borg and Heasley were warned: "Satan knows our flesh is weak. He preys upon our weaknesses to tempt us to sin. Satan can only influence us to want to sin. He cannot make us sin."

When contacted by Yahoo, a spokesperson from Vistaprint offered the following statement:

"Vistaprint would never discriminate against customers for their sexual orientation. We pride ourselves on being a company that celebrates diversity and enables customers all over the world to customize products for their special events. We have just been made aware of this incident in the last few hours. We understand how upsetting it would be for anyone to receive materials such as these the night before their wedding and we have immediately launched an internal investigation. Until we have had the opportunity to complete our investigation, we cannot comment further."

Read the full Yahoo Lifestyle story, here.