

# What's Wrong with Homosexuality?

## I. Introduction

- A. This is the question that is asked by homosexuals today.
- B. What is your problem with what I do behind closed doors?
- C. There are many things wrong with this question not the least of which is that it is not kept behind closed doors.
- D. But we will strive to answer that question in the vain that it is asked as well as come up with an answer as to what should we do about homosexuality.

## II. What is the Agenda?

- A. The Homosexual agenda is something that is on the one hand very real, while on the other hand often dismissed as conservative hysteria.
- B. What homosexual advocates say is their agenda:
  - 1. Just leave us alone and stop bullying us.
  - 2. Just let us have the same legal rights as anyone else who wants to have a legal relationship (marriage).
  - 3. Just don't discriminate against us because we are different.
- C. What they have shown is their actual agenda:
  - 1. They do not ask for passive toleration (to be left alone) but for active support of their lifestyles.
  - 2. They do not simply ask for some legal rights to be conferred upon their lifestyle but to take the Biblical language of marriage and apply it to their lifestyle.
  - 3. They do not simply ask not to be discriminated against but for everyone to embrace them no matter the cost to one's own beliefs about their lifestyle.
- D. They have frequently equated their cause to the civil rights movement of the 1960s.
  - 1. This is a pitiful and laughable parallel at best for a number of reasons:
    - a) Firstly, homosexuals have never received anything approaching the foul treatment that black people have endured in this country.
      - (1) As one gay writer with some sense put it: "Newsflash: blacks in America didn't start out as hip-hop fashion designers; they were slaves. There's a big difference between being able to enjoy a civil union with the same sex partner of your choice - and not being able to drink out of a water fountain, eat at a lunch counter, or use a rest room because you don't have the right skin color."
    - b) Secondly, while skin color is something you are forced to carry around with you everywhere you go, sexual practices (and preferences) are something that can stay completely private.
      - (1) Many will say that what they do in their bedroom is none of my business.
      - (2) I say amen, then why are you bringing it into my living room?

- (3) I do not go around defining my identity by my sexual practices and throughout history, those who do have been labeled as perverts.
  - c) There is no solid evidence to support the “I was born this way” claim of many homosexuals.
    - (1) Most studies point to the idea that there may be proclivities but that homosexuality involves many environmental factors that may change from one person to the next.
    - (2) Some have even written this admission out but then continue to preach to the contrary, “We argue that, for all practical purposes, gays should be considered to have been born gay – even though sexual orientation, for most humans, seems to be the product of a complex interaction between innate predispositions and environmental factors during childhood and early adolescence. And since no choice is involved, gayness can be no more blameworthy.”
  - d) Even if someone is in any way more inclined to homosexuality, that is no argument for its inherent morality.
    - (1) There is far more evidence to show that some people are more inclined to alcoholism and violence than to homosexuality.
    - (2) Shall we have “violence pride days” where we proudly drink ourselves into a drunken rage, beat our wives, and then say anyone who says we are wrong is spewing hatred?
  - e) No, this movement is nothing like the civil rights movements of the past.
  - f) In fact, homosexuals already enjoy all of the civil rights that every other American citizen enjoys.
    - (1) They can do anything I can do.
    - (2) A gay man can marry a woman and a gay woman can marry a man.
    - (3) A gay man can’t marry another man and neither can I.
- E. The evidence for this point of view is ample.
1. In 1972 in Chicago, a Gay Rights Platform was created. Among the items on the agenda:
    - a) Issuance by the President of an executive order prohibiting the military from excluding for reasons of their sexual orientation, persons who of their own volition desire entrance into the Armed Services; and from issuing less-than-fully-honorable discharges for homosexuality; and the upgrading to fully honorable all such discharges previously issued, with retroactive benefits. (1972 Federal-2)
    - b) Federal encouragement and support for sex education courses, prepared and taught by Gay women and men, presenting homosexuality as a valid, healthy preference and lifestyle as a viable alternative to heterosexuality. (1972 Federal-6)
    - c) Repeal of all state laws prohibiting private sexual acts involving consenting persons; equalization for homosexuals and heterosexuals for the enforcement of all laws. (1972 State-2)
    - d) Repeal of all state laws prohibiting transvestism and cross-dressing. (1972 State-6)
    - e) Repeal of all laws governing the age of sexual consent. (1972 State-7)

- f) Repeal of all legislative provisions that restrict the sex or number of persons entering into a marriage unit; and the extension of legal benefits to all persons who cohabit regardless of sex or numbers. (1972 State-8)
2. An article published by a prominent homosexual magazine:
    - a) 1. Henceforth, homosexuality will be spoken of in your churches and synagogues as an “honorable estate.”
    - b) 2. You can either let us marry people of the same sex, or better yet abolish marriage altogether....
    - c) 3. You will be expected to offer ceremonies that bless our sexual arrangements.... You will also instruct your people in homosexual as well as heterosexual behavior, and you will go out of your way to make certain that homosexual youths are allowed to date, attend religious functions together, openly display affection, and enjoy each other’s sexuality without embarrassment or guilt.
    - d) 4. If any of the older people in your midst object, you will deal with them sternly, making certain they renounce their ugly and ignorant homophobia or suffer public humiliation.
    - e) 5. You will also make certain that ... laws are passed forbidding discrimination against homosexuals and heavy punishments are assessed....
    - f) 6. Finally, we will in all likelihood want to expunge a number of passages from your Scriptures and rewrite others, eliminating preferential treatment of marriage and using words that will allow for homosexual interpretations of passages describing biblical lovers such as Ruth and Boaz or Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. Warning: If all these things do not come to pass quickly, we will subject Orthodox Jews and Christians to the most sustained hatred and vilification in recent memory. We have captured the liberal establishment and the press. We have already beaten you on a number of battlefields.... You have neither the faith nor the strength to fight us, so you might as well surrender now.
  3. GLSEN published a list of homophobic behaviors and vs. Positive behaviors:
    - a) Listed under the Homophobic category are: 1) Repulsion; 2) Pity; 3) Tolerance; and 4) Acceptance. That’s correct: “Tolerance” and “Acceptance” are now considered homophobic!
    - b) Listed under the Positive category are: 5) Support; 6) Admiration; 7) Appreciation; and 8) Nurturance.
  4. This is made quite evident in the coverage of anyone who expresses ANY opinion showing ANY disapproval of homosexuality:
    - a) Dan Cathy:
      - (1) Dan Cathy was asked about his views concerning homosexuality and when he responded in the way 90% of mainstream churches in America would respond today he was attacked as if he had said that homosexuals should be lined up and shot.
      - (2) He did not say that homosexuality should be made illegal, or that it should even be condemned, simply that this country should not redefine marriage.

- b) It does not matter how gently or kindly the opinions are stated, they will be regarded as hatred.
  - (1) "You had some very good points, and they were couched in very compassionate language, but for a person like me, throughout this whole thing, all I'm going to hear is 'the queers need to die.'" How telling and how sad. To paraphrase: "No matter what you say, and no matter how compassionately you say it, I'm still going to hear hatred coming from your lips." - from a book by Michael Brown
- c) The irony of those who say that we are intolerant and hateful for stating and opinion say some of the most intolerant and hateful things imaginable.
- d) It is like the terrorist who says, "how dare you call me a terrorist, I'll kill you for that."

F. This is not simply a matter of live and let live.

### III. The Attack Strategies

- A. There are books that have been published which lay out the plan to accomplish the goals of the homosexual agenda.
  - 1. We will not talk about the legal strategies tonight as we will address those aspects when speaking about laws which threaten Christianity.
  - 2. We will speak tonight (as last night) about the propaganda type strategies that lead to the making of such laws.
  - 3. The first goal is to confuse your idea of moral.
    - a) To do this they will attack your idea of a "moral" home.
    - b) They will try to convince you that the traditional home is a dying institution.
    - c) For years they have reported a 50% divorce rate and said that marriage is a thing of the past.
    - d) They have reported that husbands are inherently and typically abusive.
    - e) They have portrayed husbands and fathers for years as the dumbest and most absurd character on any given show.
  - 4. They promote sexual promiscuity and permissiveness.
    - a) Listen to how they talk about "abstinence education"
    - b) In the 1960s we had a "crisis" of teen pregnancy (never mind that those rates were as low as they had been in decades).
    - c) They instituted sex education and the rates have SKYROCKETED ever since.
    - d) Abstinence education has been shown to be supremely effective every single place it is tried.
    - e) That's because it works every time.
    - f) But this doesn't help in trying to push an agenda that promotes sexual deviancy.
  - 5. Then they present homosexuality as completely innocuous.
    - a) They do this by presenting homosexuality ALWAYS in a positive light.
    - b) You will rarely EVER see a mean homosexual character on television.
    - c) Seth MacFarlane who make it his job to be offensive to anyone who holds to any moral standard, has hired a gay censor so that he does not offend homosexual sensibilities.

- d) It is especially effective if they can do this while making you laugh (a la Will and Grace).
  - e) If they can get you to laugh at homosexuality then it can't be that bad right.
6. Once you have accepted that homosexuality is not as big a deal as you thought it was, now you need to see them as victims.
    - a) If they present a homosexual suffering, they will suffer at the hands of someone like you.
    - b) Then not only do you feel guilty for being a bully but you want to protect victims and are inclined to even support their cause.
  7. Finally, they portray homosexuals and not just normal people, and not just victim, but indeed the heroes of our society.
    - a) They make movies about gay rights crusaders that paint them in the light of the great fighters for freedom.
    - b) They show a picture of people courageously standing against ignorance and oppression.
    - c) What kind of people are these heroes?
      - (1) On June 28, 1969 police raided a NY gay bar called the Stonewall Inn. The raid was in connection to mafia activity. When they met with resistance from cross-dressing homosexuals, they began to arrest some of the patrons. This sparked an outrage and the police came under attack from an increasingly hostile crowd. Not wanting to use deadly force, the police backed into the bar and barricaded themselves in while calling for backup. The crowd began throwing things through the windows and soon set fire to a garbage can and shoved it through one of the broken windows. Another came and poured lighter fluid so the fire would spread more quickly. The backup arrived with riot police and began to subdue the crowd. As they fled, the rioters continued to set fires and vandalize property. This riot brought others to the area and the riots continued for several more days.
      - (2) On June 29, 2009 President Barack Obama welcomed 300 gay activists to the White House to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. Addressing the enthusiastic gathering with the words, "Welcome to your White House," Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States of America, spoke proudly of the story of the Stonewall protests, which took place 40 years ago this week, when a group of citizens – with few options and fewer supporters – decided they'd had enough and refused to accept a policy of wanton discrimination. And two men who were at those protests are here today. Imagine the journey that they've traveled.
      - (3) Imagine indeed. These are the heroes and not those who showed the courage and resolve needed to keep a neighborhood from burning to the ground all the while also protecting the very violent aggressors who are lauded as heroes.
  8. When all of this hasn't worked, they have actually gone and tried to argue that the Bible doesn't even teach against homosexuality.

- a) They take passages that are as clear as can be to anyone looking with an reasonable eye and distort them until they basically say nothing at all.
  - b) As I read through one argument supporting homosexuality from the Bible the man went to passage after passage to show that the Bible didn't say what I (and 2000 years of scholarship) thought it said.
  - c) Then he went on to say, after all we don't believe EVERYTHING the Bible says do we.
  - d) One can't have it both ways, either the Bible says something different and we accept it; or we reject it because it says what we thought it did.
9. These strategies have had a great deal of affect on the American people but not as great an affect as they would have you believe.
- a) In state after state when legislation to support (not tolerate) the homosexual agenda is put forth, the people vote against it.
  - b) Even after all of the assaults that have been made for the past 30 years, the American people as a whole still aren't buying it.

#### **IV. What do we do?**

##### **A. Keep teaching the truth.**

- 1. God created male and female and the female was created for the express purpose of providing the male with a suitable companion (Gen. 2:18).
- 2. When men went after what was unnatural, God destroyed entire cities (Gen. 19; Jd 7).
- 3. It is one thing to have these things in the society but it is another thing entirely for society to embrace this behavior (Rom. 1:26-27, 32).
- 4. In addition to this, ANY sex outside of marriage is condemned by God's word (Gal. 5:19-21).
- 5. I will no more "accept" homosexuality than I will accept adultery, fornication, lust, greed, malice, theft, or any other sin.
- 6. These things happen (and always will) but I will fight the impulse of society to legitimize them and put them on the level of what God ordains.

##### **B. Speak the truth in love.**

- 1. There is no place for the hateful rhetoric many use in teaching these people that they are lost.
- 2. Name-calling, shouting, and callous language are not the pattern for Christians.
- 3. Anyone standing with a sign saying God hates gays or protesting a funeral because gays are allowed in the military are not going to find any approval before God for their behavior.
- 4. We must reach out to someone in the sin of homosexuality the same as we would to someone in the sin of "heterosexual" fornication.
- 5. This doesn't mean that you will be anymore well received by homosexuals for telling the (even in love) that they are sinners than you would be received by anyone else.
- 6. But don't be their stereotype of a bigoted, hateful Christian.

##### **C. Don't buy the propaganda.**

- 1. Don't just assume that because some scientist says it is genetic that it is.

2. Don't assume that because every gay character you see on TV is noble and peaceful that all homosexuals are kind people.
  3. Don't assume that because they tell you that there is no difference in your monogamous relationship and theirs' that they are telling the truth.
    - a) They paint a picture as if traditional marriages are falling apart while they are building stronger (more traditional) relationships than heterosexuals.
    - b) The truth of the matter is that among those who say they are in a "lifetime commitment" with a homosexual partner some 92% say they have had 30 or more sexual partners.
  4. Don't let them make you take this or any other sin lightly.
- D. Don't allow your children to become "acclimated" to the sin (2 Cor. 6:14ff).
1. This is something we need to be especially watchful for in schools.
  2. Also we need to be watchful for this in extra-curricular activities.

## **V. Conclusion**

- A. Remember that there is an agenda.
- B. Don't surrender the ground in your heart.
- C. Don't give up God's principles to satisfy the dictates of ANYONE.
- D. Remember that we have the truth and it the only thing that can bring true solutions to peoples' lives.