

What the Bible Says About HOMOSEXUALITY

Only a few decades ago, etiquette precluded the subject of homosexuality from polite conversation. Most parents chose to protect their young children from exposure to such discussion. Today it is unavoidable. The “gay” movement has succeeded in forcing the issue into every aspect of the media, not the least of which has been the *newsmedia*. The dogma of political correctness has cowered Middle America into ambivalence and silence.

The majority of the citizenry of the United States was shocked recently to hear that the Supreme Judicial Court of the State of Massachusetts had sanctioned gay marriage, entitling them to literally hundreds of new rights as “legally married couples.” Thousands of same sex couples lined up to acquire legal marriage licenses and proceed to “sanctify their unions.” This is perhaps the most newsworthy of numerous recent events which have hit the headlines and made the lead stories on our televisions. So far, the Supreme Court has refused to intervene in the Massachusetts situation, and the door is open for this phenomenon to sweep across America.

Canada recently passed into law a bill which some fear may categorize portions of the Bible as hate speech due to references to homosexuality. It passed Canada’s Senate by a vote of 59-11 adding “sexual orientation as a protected category in Canada’s genocide and hate-crimes legislation, which carries a penalty of up to five years in prison.”

In a single generation, the subject of homosexuality has gone from being virtually unmentionable to the topic of everyday discussion in every media forum. Today, it is impossible to protect even very young children from non-stop news and talk having to do with “gay” this or that. News regarding the advances of the “homosexual agenda” was being reported so regularly last year that Garner Ted Armstrong wrote four commentaries on the subject for his “Word From...” column in addition to publishing an article by Michael Burkert in *21ST Century Watch* last fall on the rapid inroads which are being made into our American armed forces, and the unavoidable consequences.

GTA wrote about the decision of the U.S. Supreme court in striking down the Texas sodomy law in an article entitled *Sodomites- And Proud of It!* He began by saying, "The U.S. Supreme Court is in direct defiance of Almighty God and His inspired word, the Bible!" On the intentions of the homosexual movement he wrote, "Their agenda is clear. They intend being accepted in every profession, every institution, every nook and cranny of society as if their perversions are 'normal,' and even to be desired above the God ordained institution of marriage and the family." On the role of today's religious leaders he said, "The ones who should be in the forefront, upholding God's righteous Ten Commandments and His WAY OF LIFE, the MINISTERS of the churches, are instead in the forefront of preaching, 'THE LAW IS DONE AWAY!'"

He wrote again when news was made by an Australian homosexual, given a grant from the University of Queensland to pursue a doctoral degree, who wrote that "Jesus Was Gay!" He showed how no pagan religion in the world tolerates such blasphemy against their false gods, but this guy is a member of the Anglican Church! In his commentary he wrote, "The man has not long to wait to see Christ's own opinion of the blasphemous slime which has flowed from the homosexual's pen. Does the Bible say anything about what would happen to such a person if God's own government were in charge on this earth?"

It certainly does! God explains how ironic it is that His own people curse His name; blaspheme His Son Jesus Christ and everything that is holy, while heathen nations who worship nonexistent gods remain fiercely faithful to idols."

In August of 2003, when the Episcopal Church voted to approve the ordination of its first openly homosexual bishop, he wrote about the arguments which were put forth at that time. "Those who support the 'gay' bishop including the bishop himself, argued that Christ 'reached out' even to 'prostitutes' and others who were not acceptable to society." GTA went on to explain how, "Christ died to SAVE SINNERS; He did not die to save them IN their sins, but FROM their sins! There is a vast difference!"

In a powerful paragraph later in the article he wrote, "Are sodomites going to 'burn in hell fire'? According to the Bible, thousands of them ALREADY DID. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was like a forerunner of the coming 'Gehenna Fire,' of which Peter wrote: 'The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, *not willing*

that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.’”

In the early 1990s Garner Ted Armstrong produced a booklet on the subject of homosexuality, how it came out of the closet to become the topic of daily discussion. As it is today, the subject was a primary news topic at that time. Some of the arguments floated on the debate circuit include God and the Bible. GTA responds to the argument that “God created homosexuals.” And asks, “Is that true? Would God reject ‘discrimination’ against gays and lesbians—treat them as any other ‘minority’ like blacks, orientals, or native Americans? Are gays merely evincing a different ‘sexual orientation’?”

He pointed out the incredible irony of Bill Clinton’s inauguration ceremony juxtaposed with his first official action taken as President, changing the two hundred year old policy of excluding homosexuals from the military. He related how Dr. Billy Graham admitted in the invocation, “...we have sinned,” almost as if quoting from the words of the prophet Daniel who uttered a moving intercessory prayer to God on behalf of a sinning nation. Here now, beginning with an introduction to a quote from Daniel 9, is the remaining text Garner Ted Armstrong wrote in the context of those events.

Daniel had come to understand, by reading what Jeremiah had written, why his people had been removed from their land; why their country had been laid waste, their houses and fields given to others, their refugee remnants made to work at forced labor as slaves.

As a result, he said: “And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, and with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

“And I prayed unto the Eternal my God, and made confession, and said, ‘O Lord, the Great and Dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love Him, and to them that keep His commandments;

““We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

““Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers [the leaders of government; the rulers and administrators], and to all the people of the land.

“O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces [shame, degradation; humiliation, desperation], as at this day; to the men of Judah; and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

“O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face [shame], to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee” (Daniel 9:4-8). The entire ninth chapter of Daniel consists of his intercessory prayer, and God’s answer to Daniel in the person of the archangel Gabriel. It is well worth the reading.

As I contemplated that historic morning when America once again underwent the peaceful transfer of power from one political party to another following a bitter, acrimonious, emotional campaign, I could not help but be struck by some very distasteful ironies: There was President-elect Clinton with his wife attending a church service in the morning of his inauguration; there was President-elect Clinton, with head bowed, eyes closed, as Dr. Billy Graham admitted before God, “We have sinned.” There was President-elect Clinton, with his right hand raised, and his left hand on the Bible, the Word of God Almighty, performing the swearing-in ceremony, uttering the final words, “...so help me God!”

So why did the sickening irony hit me like a physical blow when our newly-elected president; the leader of the “world’s only remaining super power,” who had campaigned about America’s sagging economy; about health care, joblessness, the deficit, and the plight of the poor, nuclear proliferation, a volatile situation in the Mideast-a newly-elected president whose first act was to insist homosexuals be openly admitted into America’s military?

Think of it!

You and I both know it erupted into one of the biggest flaps, one of the most unavoidable imbroglios, in the history of governmental transition. Suddenly, it was front-page news in every newspaper, the cover story on every major news magazine, the subject of every network newscast on TV, and the topic of countless TV and radio call in talk shows!

As if determined to hand the entire Christian community in the United States a ringing slap to the face; as if utterly heedless of the inaugural prayer by Billy

Graham, acknowledging that “we have sinned,” President Clinton seemed in a frantic hurry to insist that gays and lesbians be admitted into the military. Why?

The Roots of the Controversy

What was so urgent about this seemingly backburner social issue that it should take precedence over the economy, over global problems of astronomical proportions?

First, it was revealed that Clinton had received about three and one-half million dollars in campaign funds from gay rights activists. Having said during the campaign that he fully intended allowing gays and lesbians openly into the military, it was obvious President Clinton intended making good on his promise.

The Responsibility of Leadership

You are living in the times prophesied in your Bible just before the great tribulation. This time of terrible trouble is to descend primarily on the peoples of the United States, Great Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and the democracies of northwestern Europe.

Christ said: “...for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

“All these are the beginning of sorrows [great tribulation-margin].

“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake” (Matthew 24:7-9).

For decades, Christians have assumed this prophesied time of religious persecution and martyrdom would be brought about because of religious, doctrinal disputes—that members of God’s church and believers in Jesus Christ would be killed for their faith in much the same way as Christ’s early apostles.

Perhaps. But something very sinister is afoot.

God says, “Hear ye the word of the Eternal, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah” (Isaiah 1:10). This ringing challenge was written centuries after the fiery destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, when thousands were burnt to death by a divine miracle, as a sign of God’s righteous

WRATH against homosexuality.

At the time of Isaiah's pronouncement, Israel's leaders were greedily copying the degenerate religious and social practices of the pagan nations around them. These backward pagans not only perverted every good and decent thing; they inculcated bestial, depraved sex acts into their religious rites, making prostitution, sodomy and homosexuality a "religious" ritual!

The imaginary "gods" of the polytheistic, pagan Greeks and Romans, in later times, allegedly engaged in every conceivable lewd and lascivious act. These fictitious creatures of the perverted imaginations of deviants were depicted as cohabiting with animals; half man and half animal, performing rape, and every degenerate act. Naturally, if a nation's gods were said to engage in orgies, sexual perversions, and bestiality, then it would be logical to assume it pleased these "gods" if their worshipers did the same things.

God had specifically warned His people never to emulate the depraved sexual practices of the savage nations around them (Leviticus 18; cf, Leviticus 20:11-21), nations who practiced pedophilia, incest, sodomy, and bestiality.

Their perversions resulted in horrible diseases! Grotesquely deformed, blind, crippled, diseased children were born. Their perversions led directly to a host of diseases, many of them related to a lack of understanding of how to be clean in body and in the home; how to avoid the diseases which come from human wastes (see Deuteronomy 28:27-35ff).

The eponymous ancestor of the Canaanites, a dark-skinned, pagan race living in Palestine at the time of the Israelites' possession of the promised land, was Canaan. God cursed him because of a horrible perversion-sodomy with his own grandfather.

Notice: "And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark [all were married: Genesis 8:18], were Shem [progenitor of the "Semitic" races] and Ham [progenitor of the "Hamitic" races] and Japheth [progenitor of the "Japhetic" races]: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

"These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

"And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

“And he drank of the wine, and was drunken: and he was uncovered [naked] within his tent.

“And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

“And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father’s nakedness.

“And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his [Ham’s] younger son had done unto him. [Japheth was Noah’s younger son, not Ham. The pronoun is clarified by the next verse, and the curse pronounced upon Canaan.]

“And he said, ‘Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.’

“And he said, ‘Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant’” (Genesis 9:18-29).

The family of Noah had come from a wholly corrupt society. “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

“And it repented the Eternal that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart...the earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence” (Genesis 6:1-11).

Just as Lot and his wife were adversely affected by the perversions of Sodom (Genesis 19), it is obvious Noah’s family had been deeply affected by the evil perversions of the pre-flood society. Noah was a “righteous” man in the sense of observing God’s laws in the letter; a man who eschewed the perversions all around him. But Noah was not perfect. The sin of sodomy could never have occurred had he not become drunk.

In a massive, global flood, which God’s Word says is typical of the coming destruction of planet earth by fire (2 Peter 3:3-11), God totally destroyed that evil, perverted, murderous, filthy society! Later, as a microcosm of what is to come after the millennial reign of Christ, He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah in a blast of divinely-sent fire, like a nuclear holocaust (study Genesis 19).

The perversions of Canaanites in the villages in Palestine during Israel's occupation of the promised land were legion. Because Israel disobeyed God and began copying the Canaanites' religious and social customs, including such perversions as incest, sodomy and bestiality, God continually punished them with diseases, famine, drought, and invasion from foreign armies (Deuteronomy 28; Leviticus 26).

As went the leaders of the nation, so went the nation (2 Kings 16:1-0). When Ahaz adopted Baalism, sacrificing children in the fires (verse 3) "...in the way of the Kings of Israel" it resulted in war. Israel was overrun by Assyria, and then Judah was attacked, and Jerusalem besieged. Tens of thousands died.

Today, Isaiah's prophecy is particularly poignant: "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isaiah 3:12).

Today, God is angry with America, with those in positions of leadership. Our society is a degraded, perverse, sin-sick, crime-ridden, God-defying society filled with hundreds of thousands of saucy, mincing, demonstrating perverts who demand "equal rights," and who insist they are merely adopting an "alternative life style."

But the "gay rights" activists are by no means the only individuals wallowing in sin. Who does not remember the insider-trading scandals, the S&L scandal, hundreds of banking scandals and failures, insurance fraud, congressmen kiting checks? Who is not aware, on a daily basis, of rape and murder, burglary and arson, kidnapping and car jacking? Who is not made sickeningly aware, almost daily, of the massive crime of drug abuse and alcoholism, of gang warfare~ crack houses, random shootings, knifings and thuggery? Who has not heard of prominent politicians who have been indicted for taking bribes; of union officials tied to the Mafia; of pedophiles preying on innocent children in day care centers?

Are all deviates suddenly a "political minority"? Will pedophiles, sadomasochists, and murderers begin to claim their "rights" are being violated because society says their crimes and sins are wrong?

So far, the burglars and serial killers of America have not come forward to form a political party and demand "equal rights."

The “gays” have.

But God says of them: “The shew of their countenance doth witness against them: and they declare their sin as Sodom, they HIDE IT NOT” (Isaiah 3:9).

When our nation’s capitol is the scene of tens of thousands of gays and lesbians marching, demonstrating, screaming for “equal rights,” demanding that the courts allow two people of the same sex to “marry” (a moral, spiritual, and physical impossibility); when homosexuals have succeeded in becoming a major political force; even powerfully influencing political campaigns and determining who is in the White House, then it is clear God’s prophecies are coming to pass—our peoples are under a curse from God!

Countless thousands watched in sick disgust as a ribald group of “gays,” in one of the inaugural balls in Washington, D.C., took up their impudent, saucy chant, “We’re here, we’re queer—and now we’re in the White House!” So it would seem.

How did gays and lesbians become such a significant political force in America?

As everyone knows, “queers” were disparaged, ridiculed, feared, hated by normal heterosexual people for centuries. Homosexuality was considered a filthy perversion, practiced in secret. The Bible makes it clear that any male who adopts effeminate mannerisms will never enter God’s Kingdom (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Everyone knew that homosexuality was a mental, psychological quirk—a conscious choice in most cases—perhaps a “mental illness” in others.

If gays and lesbians were to succeed in “coming out” (their term for “coming out of the closet”—publicly admitting their homosexuality), they needed to dramatically alter the way their perverted lifestyle was viewed by religion, medicine, and society in general.

As more and more homosexuals found their way into those very professions; as more doctors, psychiatrists, and clergymen became “gay,” the time edged ever closer when society’s perceptions of homosexuality would be forcibly changed; when a liberal media would relabel a deviant behavior, calling it an accident of nature: When a talk show host, angrily responding to anti-gay sentiments from his audience, recently blurted out “...but God made gays!” it was obvious society’s perceptions had come full circle. Welcome to Sodom.

How Gays and Lesbians Forced the American Psychiatric Association to Label Homosexuality “Normal”

For generations, in societies all over the world, homosexuality has been treated as perverted, abnormal. Among some of the northern plains Indian tribes, a deviant male was called “squawboot,” a derisive term, because some of them would effect feminine attire, including the high-topped moccasins of the squaws.

For the entire history of its existence, the American Psychiatric Association had described homosexuality as “abnormal,” labeling it a “mental illness.”

The *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 11th edition, does not even include an article on the subject, nor does the *Americana* from the 1960s, or even the high school level *World Book*, in its 1956 edition. The subject was considered obscene by these and other eminent publications; something to be discussed only in medical and psychiatric journals.

As America wallowed in its newfound “situation ethics” of the late 1950s and early 1960s; as an explosion of antiestablishment passion erupted in entertainment, literature, the arts, and politics, homosexuality inevitably became more of a subject for open discussion and debate.

To a large extent, Dr. Alfred Kinsey’s famous book, *Sexual Behavior In the Human Male*, published in 1948, was responsible. Although his peers attacked his conclusions, recognizing the extreme bias of his findings, the media picked up on it, hailing it as “a landmark study of profound significance.” As always, the liberal media, which, after all, helps shape public opinion leapt upon a seriously flawed book, promoted it as “profound,” and thus gave renewed psychiatric and medical respectability to deviant behavior.

Kinsey’s co-authors, Gebhard and Pomeroy, later admitted that the book was overly concerned with aberrant and bizarre behavior, that Kinsey had used a large number of inmates in prisons—people more likely to have led deviant lives—and that Kinsey had used all volunteers for his research; people who, for one reason or another, were perfectly willing—probably eager—to discuss the most intimate details of their private lives.

Particularly damning to the Kinsey report was the fact that the author deliberately sought out people he knew were homosexual; that he went to gay bars, prowled their rooming houses, and even witnessed some of their “club orgies” because he was fascinated (?) with their behavior.

This completely twisted, distorted view of American male behavior was nevertheless snapped up by the liberal media as a “profound” revelation, and given the cloak of “scientific respectability.”

Along came all the other subliminal stimuli in what was soon to develop into a toboggan-slide plunge into hedonistic abandon: Elvis and the Beatles, rock and roll, and then “hard rock,” to eventually give way to “acid rock,” and “heavy metal;” which has been associated with Satanism.

The drug-related “hippie” era, with the trappings of massive “concerts,” the usual accouterments of marijuana, “yellows,” “reds,” “horse,” “speed,” LSD, and cocaine became commonplace. Men grew long hair, “dropped out,” and “turned on” to the demonic noises, shrieks, wails, moans, dirges, and deafening sounds of a demonic revolution in “music.” Draft dodgers fled to Canada, or went overseas, or attempted to “serve” in some nice safe berth in paramilitary organizations.

Men were ridiculed for military service, for butch haircuts. Now, the “flower children,” high on marijuana (and most of them inhaled) spat upon returning Vietnam veterans—young men only days away from the sound of exploding mortars and the crack of rifle fire; men who had seen their buddies shot to ribbons or blown to bits; young-old men, whose hollow eyes testified to the shocking sights and sounds that had propelled them from mere boys to tired old men in but a few months; were now the object of rage and derision.

Suddenly, the concept of a male being a “man,” that men were “macho,” became utterly unacceptable. “Male chauvinist pig” became the battle cry of the various feminist movements.

Subtly, satanic forces were eating away at America’s manhood. Women’s rights groups began talking about God as a “she,” and “man” became “person.”

Suddenly, it was no longer the “mailman,” or the “milkman,” but the “mail carrier,” or the “milk deliverer.” Mankind became humankind, and salesman became salesperson. Perhaps David should change his name to “David

Letterperson”?

As women strove for equal rights, so did homosexuals. Some of their tactics are reminiscent of Nazi rowdies disrupting meetings in the Bundestag as Hitler was maneuvering for power in Germany in the 1930s.

For example, though the liberal press has not reported it, the manner in which the American Psychiatric Association was virtually forced to change its description of homosexuality as a “mental illness” to a genetic condition was particularly instructive.

In a book by Ronald Bayer entitled *Homosexuality and American Psychiatry: The Politics of Diagnosis*, one reads of how gay activists deliberately targeted the Psychiatric Association’s national convention in San Francisco, planning to engage in “the first systematic effort to disrupt the annual meetings of the American Psychiatric Association.”

Bayer described their disruptions thusly: “Guerrilla theater tactics and more straightforward shouting matches characterized their presence.”

During a panel discussion on “transsexualism and homosexuality,” a speaker, Irving Bieber, who was a well-known authority on the subject before the panel, was openly challenged. Bayer wrote: “His efforts to explain his position to his challengers were met with derisive laughter. Since the norms of civility were considered mere conventions designed to mute outrage, it was not difficult for a protester to call him a [foul name]. ‘I’ve read your book, Dr. Bieber, and if that book talked about black people the way it talks about homosexuals, you’d be drawn and quartered and you’d deserve it!’”

In a later meeting with an Australian psychiatrist, Dr. Nathaniel McConaghy, as he discussed the “use of adverse conditioning techniques” in treating sexual deviation, gay rights activists shouted McConaghy down, screaming “torture!” and “Where did you take your residency-Auschwitz?”

Refusing to allow the meeting to continue, the gays read from a list of “gay demands.”

Some of the psychiatrists gave in. One of their number, Dr. Kent Robinson, met with one of the activists, and agreed to allow the homosexuals to appear on the

official program. He attempted to be a conciliator, presenting the homosexuals' demands before the APA. He warned his colleagues that the gays were not going to be satisfied with "breaking up just one meeting," told them the whole convention might be in jeopardy.

But this was not enough.

Bayer wrote: "Despite the agreement to allow homosexuals to conduct their own panel discussion at the 1971 convention, gay activists in Washington felt that they had to provide yet another jolt to the psychiatric profession. Accepting a limited role in the program without engaging in a more direct attack on psychiatry might have slowed the momentum necessary to force a retreat on the central issue, the classification of homosexuality as a mental disease. To smooth a transition toward the institutionalization of protest would have deprived the movement of its most important weapon-the threat of disorder."

Bayer went on to detail how the gays obtained detailed floor plans of the hotels where the conventions were to be housed, and how they drew up logistical plans on how to disrupt meetings.

Soon, homosexuals were a "fully institutionalized" force at the annual meetings of the APA. Eventually, they got what they wanted-a political goal achieved-the abandonment by the psychiatrists of the description of "mental illness" for homosexuality.

In a bizarre occurrence, the homosexuals impaneled various gays and lesbians from the professional community to speak for them. A homosexual psychiatrist, introduced as "Dr. Anonymous," appeared wearing a cloak and a mask.

Here is what he said: "As psychiatrists who are homosexual, we must know our place and what we must do to be successful...much like a black man with white skin [sic] who chooses to live as a white man, we can't be seen with our real friends, our real homosexual family, lest our secret be known and our doom sealed...those who are willing to speak out openly will do so only if they have little to lose...."

This plaintive, whimpering protest against living "in the closet" could easily be applied to pedophiles, peeping toms, Satanists, serial killers, burglars, embezzlers, or arsonists. Would a normal man who was having serious marital

troubles want “Dr. Anonymous,” a homosexual, to charge him about a hundred dollars or so an hour for “advice” on how to save his marriage?

Would he want such a man to offer advice on how to help a teen-age son who was having trouble with being overly shy toward girls?

Over the ensuing years, the psychiatric profession has offered but two basic possibilities as an explanation for homosexuality: (1) an inherited (genetic) predisposition, or (2) environmental influences (absence of a strong father figure; woman-dominated home, etc.).

All this was now about to be changed.

What Do “Gays” and “Lesbians” Really Want?

Though it is repugnant to Christians, society has proven itself extremely tolerant to homosexuals. For decades; it has been known that many of America’s most prominent actors and actresses, playwrights, poets, artists, musicians, decorators, designers, yes, and even hairdressers, are homosexual.

Who does not remember Rock Hudson?

As an illustration of this tolerance, one conservative writer asked, “Who would not rather spend an evening with Noel Coward than with A1 Gore?”

But mere tolerance is not enough for the homosexuals. They demand approval, complete acceptance.

Strengthened by their successes in the political arena, they sought to support the growing concept that homosexuality is something .which is inherited, even genetic.

Prejudicial, flawed studies were cited by the gay community which proved, they claimed, that homosexuality was normal.

Dr. Robert Spitzer, who was a member of the Nomenclature Committee of the APA, attempted to draft a statement which had a little something for everybody; a statement that would mollify the “National Gay Task Force.” Instead of calling homosexuality a “mental disorder,” his paper called it “a form of irregular sexual development.”’ He also drafted a paper on the civil rights of homosexuals, and

called for the repealing of all laws forbidding homosexual acts between consenting adults.

But the gays were not happy with Dr. Spitzer's compromise. Ronald Gold of the GNTF attacked Spitzer's papers. Bayer's book describes how Gold viewed it:

"The Spitzer paper...did not embrace the view that homosexuality was a normal variant of human sexuality." Referring to Spitzer's comparisons of homosexuality, religious "fanaticism" (meaning anyone who believes in a literal interpretation of the Bible) and racism (an oft-used, but totally erroneous comparison) as "egregious " and said the paper was "unscientific, revealing an attitude that ought to be irrelevant to psychiatry and the diagnosis of disorders."

One would think Dr. Spitzer would have been outraged at such an attack on his professional expertise-after all, he was the one who had drafted the compromise manual, acceding to the demands of the gay activists,. Instead of withdrawing in fury, Dr. Spitzer persevered, and the APA adopted the new terminology.

Now, the die was cast.

One prominent member of the APA was to comment that; after all the months of lobbying and testimony by homosexuals, he and only two other colleagues were given only fifteen minutes for their rebuttal.

Within days, the liberal press came out with banner headlines: "Doctors Rule Homosexuals Not Abnormal."

Obviously, if homosexuals can begin to claim they were "born that way," they can equate their "sexual orientation" with minorities, such as blacks and Chicanos. They are doing precisely this, and becoming a far more active, militant political force than many people dream.

The Homosexuals' Goals

For all the hue and cry about "equal rights," there is an obvious, inescapable goal being vigorously pursued by gays and lesbians: They seek, according to their own statements and literature, the "homosexualization of America."

Like the ancient Greeks and Romans, modern day homosexuals want to see their depraved practices gain not only public acceptance, but want to see it practiced

in public, just like ancient Sodomites (Genesis 19).

- One particularly sickening example of how homosexuals seek to pervert America's children was a book and "study course" produced by Deryck Calderwood, in cooperation with the Unitarian Universalist Association (meaning the Unitarian Church), and distributed by that church and a New York mail order house which also distributes sexually-explicit materials.

Calderwood's "course" blatantly promotes homosexuality.

According to Calderwood, all kinds of sexual experiences are equally good, completely acceptable, and "normal."

His materials, accompanied by full-color videos, contain "testimonials" by various young people, men and women alike, who detail their homosexual and heterosexual experiences. His videos would be rated "triple X." These "courses" are specifically designed for children in the seventh and eighth grade, and have been shown to children in the fifth grade.

Calderwood claims his "courses" "...make clear that sexual relationships with the same sex during youth are normal and do not necessarily indicate one's future sexual orientation as an adult."

This sickening lie attempts to convince young children in their early teens and even younger that engaging in any kind of sexual activity is "normal," and that, even if they experiment with homosexuality, it does not mean they will become gay or lesbian-for, after all, being "gay" or "lesbian" is not something one chooses to become but is a matter of how you were born, what you were predetermined to be from the womb!

Once gay rights activists had steamrolled their strident demands into the national conventions of psychiatrists and medical doctors, the liberal press picked up the cry, and gave it respectability.

Now, "everyone knows" that "sexual orientation" is merely a matter of "finding out WHO YOU ARE," not a matter of WHAT YOU DO!

God's Word labels such perverted idiocy as abominable lies, demonic satanic perversions that are influencing countless hundreds of thousands of pliable young minds.

Many years ago, warnings appeared in the form of articles and books that detailed the goals of homosexual activists. It was asserted they sought to establish the “right” of homosexuals to marry, to enjoy legal status with the state, the IRS, or anyone else, as would any “married” couple; to adopt and rear children, and, as we now see happening, to deliberately teach young children how to perform homosexual acts!

Do you know what your children are being taught in school? In New York, newspapers depicted a new book for very young children entitled Daddy’s Roommate. Elsewhere, one encounters attempts by such organizations as the “National Organization of Women” (NOW), the ACLU, and the “National Gay and Lesbian Task Force” to force schools to accept such books, including the likes of Calderwood’s prurient filth as mentioned above.

Truly, “...they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not” (Isaiah 3:9).

God’s Judgments Against Homosexuality

God exists, and you can prove it! Paul wrote, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold [margin: hold back] the truth in unrighteousness;

“Because that which may be known about God is made obvious to them; for God has shown it to them.

“For the invisible things about Him are clearly seen by observing His creation; understood by the things He has made, revealing His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:18-20, paraphrased from the KJV).

It is God, the Creator, Lawgiver, Designer and Sustainer of the universe, who “made them male and female.” It is GOD who said a man should leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife. God Almighty created sex. At the end of the final day of the physical creation, before He rested on the first Sabbath day, God beheld all His marvelous creation and said, “Behold, it is very GOOD.”

God says men have NO EXCUSE for claiming ignorance about God. Can any man explain reproduction apart from God? Man cannot understand the universe; cannot understand the terms “all,” or “ever,” or “nothing,” or “forever.” Man cannot divide one hundred into thirds, or truly understand the terms “up” (which

is really “out”), or “down” (which is really “in”). Man can create false gods by the millions, but cannot create one segment of an earthworm in a laboratory.

Our solar system, the earth and all life upon it, gravity, inertia, all the laws of physics are testimony to the divine Creator’s limitless knowledge and power.

Paul wrote: “...they are without excuse, because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations [empty reasonings and hypotheses], and their foolish heart was darkened.

“Professing themselves to be wise [they “educate” one another in the vain, foolish theories of Godless “higher education,” and then proclaim one another “doctor” of this or that], they became fools.

“And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man [the Greeks and Romans worshipped the male human form] and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

“Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves...” (Romans 1:21-24).

This is clear reference to sodomy, a filthy, disgusting perversion, and a great sin in God’s sight.

God makes plain reference to the real origins of AIDS in this passage of Scripture: “...for this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use [normal sexual relations in marriage to a man] into that which is against nature:

“And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust [a perverted, twisted, satanic lust] one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly [doing things completely contrary to nature, and God’s laws-committing sodomy], AND RECEIVING IN THEMSELVES THAT RECOMPENCE OF THEIR SIN WHICH WAS APPROPRIATE” (Romans 1:21-27, KJV, paraphrased).

In a recent call-in radio talk show interview conducted by a radio station in Austin, Texas, I was asked by a defendant of the gay rights movement whether I “stood with Falwell” that “AIDS’ has been sent upon gays as a curse from God.”

I answered: "God did not send AIDS, if you mean God deliberately caused a disease to descend upon mankind. God has set natural laws in motion, which, if broken, bring about terrible consequences. AIDS is a disease man has brought upon himself because of sodomy, not some divine act of God."

God's Word plainly warned this would be so! Today, the curse of AIDS, brought about by the filthy, bestial, depraved, disgusting acts of mincing, posturing, simpering, lusting homosexuals threatens to kill MILLIONS of people; is spilling over into the "straight," or heterosexual, community through those who "sleep around" with various partners, and through such things as contaminated needles used in drug abuse.

How terrible it is when one learns of a little child born with AIDS, or a wife, completely innocent of any infidelity herself, contracts AIDS through her husband.

Paul goes on to say: "and even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not right; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

"Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

"Who knowing the judgment of God, that THEY WHICH COMMIT SUCH THINGS ARE WORTHY OF DEATH, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Romans 1:28-32). Homosexuals take pleasure in banding together, forming associations, marching, demonstrating, and openly flaunting their homosexuality, as the Bible says.

To claim, as homosexuals falsely do, that homosexuality is something with which a person is born seeks to sweep aside God's Word, nullify the very existence of God, set aside His judgments.

But homosexuality is learned behavior; it is a choice that is made, NOT a chemical, biological, or genetic, physiological condition.

Notice: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God?"

Be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor EFFEMINATE, nor abusers of themselves with mankind [sodomites; homosexuals], nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God.

“And such were some of you [this was written to God’s church in Corinth in the first century!]: but YE WERE WASHED [they had repented of their homosexuality, been baptized, and received of God’s Holy Spirit], but ye are sanctified [set apart for holy use and purpose], but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

Does God HATE homosexuals?

No. “But God commendeth His LOVE toward us, that, WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). God loves sinners, but detests their sins.

Why? Because God is a loving parent! He does not want to see His own children, His progeny, mankind, made in His own image, bringing upon themselves the agony, pain, suffering; the heartache, grief, frustration and wretchedness of such things as terrible diseases, deformities, infections, and death!

God does not want His children to suffer wretched marriages, desertions, abandonment, divorce, child abuse, homosexuality, and terrible diseases like AIDS.

God loves sinners—not IN their sins, but IN SPITE of their sins. He wants to see them REPENT of sin, and receive salvation!

The alternative is a life of unhappiness, jealousy, envy, vanity, lust, sickness and disease—and, ultimately, the second death (Revelation 20:14), destruction in Gehenna fire! Genesis the nineteenth chapter shows clearly how God, in His MERCY; destroyed the sinning Sodomites of the city which gave its name to this terrible perversion—destroyed them as He would have wiped out any terrible communicable virus which was threatening humanity itself!

I know there are a few in God’s church who have had homosexual tendencies. We have received a number of heartfelt letters from some who have asked our ministry to pray for them; to pray they can overcome what is an abhorrent,

disgusting lust that torments them.

God's people should feel only empathy, concern, and love toward any such persons; should pray for them, asking God to give them the willpower and spiritual protection to overcome their wrongful appetites. We do not "hate" gays, but we strongly DETEST the goals and lifestyles of homosexuals and lesbians; deeply DETEST their attempts to infect the minds of our children and grandchildren with Satan's perversions!

Soon, in our lifetimes, God will send Jesus Christ of Nazareth back to this earth in the divine WRATH of God to execute vengeance upon sinning mankind. "Vengeance is MINE, I will repay, saith the Eternal."

God's church is not political. We do not take sides in politics, we do not attempt to influence national elections.

Rather, we "sigh and cry for all the abominations that be done..." around us (Ezekiel 9:4), and pray, "Thy Kingdom Come" to our Creator.

If ever you wanted proof you are living in the very days prophesied in your Bible.

As God's prophet Isaiah said, "They DECLARE THEIR SIN AS SODOM, they hide it not!"

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