Homosexuality and Gender Issues
Why All The Attention?

_After the Ball_  
How America will conquer its fear & hatred of Gays in the 90's  
Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen
Homosexuality and the Bible
Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom - both young and old - surrounded the house. They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.”

Genesis 19: 4-5
Key Bible Verses

Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.

Leviticus 18:22

If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable.

Leviticus 20:13
Key Bible Verses

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, . . . Therefore, God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

Romans 1:18, 24
Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men . . .

Romans 1:26-27
Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexual offenders . . . will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you . . . .

1 Corinthians 6:9-11
Homosexuality and Morality
Three Key Questions

• Is homosexuality natural or unnatural?
• Is homosexuality moral or immoral?
• Does God make some people homosexual?
Natural or Unnatural?

• What does Romans 1 say?
• Our sexuality has been warped by the Fall.
• Simply feeling natural doesn’t make it natural.
Natural or Unnatural?

• What about homosexuality in nature?

• Homosexual behavior exists in nature as play or a display of hierarchy and dominance, not lifestyle.
MORAL OR IMMORAL?

• Dozens of references to fornication in the Bible.

• Any sexual activity outside of heterosexual marriage is fornication.

• Bible does not refer to homosexuality in a positive context.
God-Ordained or Perversion?

• God would not condemn His own design.
• David and Jonathan was not homosexual, 2 Samuel 1:26.
• Homosexuality is a manifestation of the sin nature.
Homosexual Orientation
What Causes a Homosexual Orientation?

• Biological (Body)
• Psychological (Soul)
• Spiritual (Spirit)
Three Major Studies

- Brain Structures
- Twin Study
- “Gay Gene”

All three have attempted to show there is a biological component to homosexuality.
Clusters of cells in hypothalamus larger in men than in women.
LeVay tested the size of these clusters between heterosexual and homosexual men.
Biological

- Small sample size and unknown history of cadavers.
- Wider variation in the size of clusters.
- Chicken or egg
Biological

Study by Bailey and Pillard of homosexuals with an identical twin brother showed that the other brother was 3 times as likely to be gay as in the rest of the population.
If one is gay, about half of the time the other twin is gay.

What about the other 50 percent with 1 gay, 1 straight?
Biological

• Dean Hamer announced in 1993 maternal gay gene.
• Maternal uncles of homosexual men were disproportionately gay
• Shared a common region of the X chromosome.
Biological

• No statistical significance

• Little understanding of the connection between genes and behavior.

• Study artificially emphasized the maternal side because women know more about their relatives.
Psychological heterosexuals

- Kinsey Report – choice
- Free choice
- Early childhood experience.
- Availability - homosexuality is rampant in prisons.
Psychological lesbians

- Feminist statement
- Free choice for women
- Some kind of abuse
- Emotional dependency
Psychological homosexual men

- Family stereotype - Domineering mother/passive or absent father.
- Early sexual experience or abuse.
- Unmet emotional needs for validation with males.
Psychological homosexual men

- Need for gender identity
- Need for healthy role model
- Need for same-sex bonding
Homosexuality’s origin is not a sexual problem but a relational one. It started in an unhealthy relationship, and may be resolved through healthy relationships.

Joe Dallas, *Desires in Conflict*
Spiritual

- Manifestation of sin nature (person’s own sin nature or adults’ sin against children).
- Idolatry: choosing the creature (sexual partners) over the Creator.
- Addictive nature of sexual sin
Predisposition?

• Predispositions: a possible genetic weakness, emotional deficits
• Predispositions make it easier to sin. They never excuse the sin.
• Alcohol, anger - have “besetting sins” to which we are prone.
Transgender

Johns Hopkins Psychiatrist: Transgender is ‘Mental Disorder;' Sex Change ‘Biologically Impossible’

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(CNSNews.com) -- Dr. Paul R. McHugh, the former psychiatrist-in-chief for Johns Hopkins Hospital and its current Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry, said that transgenderism is a “mental disorder” that merits treatment, that sex change is “biologically impossible,” and that people who promote sexual reassignment surgery are collaborating with and promoting a mental disorder.

Dr. McHugh, the author of six books and at least 125 peer-reviewed medical articles, made his remarks in a recent commentary in the Wall Street Journal, where he explained that transgender surgery is not the solution for people who suffer a “disorder of ‘assumption’” – the notion that their maleness or femaleness is different than what nature assigned to them biologically.

He also reported on a new study showing that the suicide rate among transgendered people who had reassignment surgery is 20
Survey of Studies

• Dr. Lawrence Mayer and Dr. Paul McHugh surveyed over 200 peer-reviewed studies done in various social science disciplines.
Survey of Studies

• First, the “belief that sexual orientation is an innate, biologically fixed human property” is not supported.

• In other words, people are not “born that way.”
Second, the “belief that gender identity is an innate, fixed human property independent of biological sex—so that a person might be a man trapped in a woman’s body or a woman trapped in a man’s body—is not supported by scientific evidence.”
Survey of Studies

• Third, “only a minority of children who express gender-atypical thoughts or behavior will continue to do so into adolescence or adulthood.”

• Children should not be subjected to hormone treatments or surgery.
Survey of Studies

• Fourth, people who are homosexual or transgender “have higher rates of mental problems (anxiety, depression, suicide), as well as behavioral and social problems (substance abuse, intimate partner violence), than the general population.”
Preventing Homosexuality

- 1973 decision to remove homosexuality from DSM - Diagnostic and Statistical Manual.
- Used to have books and articles about preventing homosexuality.
Preventing Homosexuality

- A young child could be dealing with a form of gender confusion.
- They may have been born sensitive and were not sure "maleness" is who they want to be.
- They retreat from the male world.
Preventing Homosexuality

- Aren’t they just born gay?
- Hypothetical: Jack born with a gene that makes him gain weight.
- Grows up eating too much and kids call him names. So he decides that is “who he is.”
Preventing Homosexuality

• GID - gender-identity disorder.
• Biological factors: prescription drugs, brain disturbance.
• Social indicators: reluctance to play with other boys, lack of attachment to the father, etc.
Homosexuality and Society
Same Sex Marriage
Affect the Church?

• Unlikely that pastors will be forced to perform same sex marriages.

• But opposition to same sex marriage could be used to challenge the tax exempt status of churches.

• Has already been used to curtail church ministries within community.
Pastor Protection bill

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Affect the Society?

- **Freedom of association** - would ban discrimination in hiring and providing services.
- **Freedom of speech** - will impact a person’s ability to address sexuality.
- **Public school curriculum** - alternate lifestyle, textbooks must include homosexual marriage role models.
Traditional Marriage?

• How can same sex marriage have an impact on traditional marriage?
• First, it sends a signal of legitimacy throughout the culture.
• The next generation receives a mixed signal about marriage.
• Incidence of cohabitation increases.
Traditional Marriage?

- Second, this would completely redefine marriage and introduce a variety of marriage relationships.
- This would include polygamous and polyamorous relationships.
- Third, it would destroy traditional marriage as we know it.
What is the Goal?

The National Coalition of Gay Organizations demanded “the 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.”
What is the Goal?

Masha Gessen had this to say about same-sex marriage:

“It’s a no-brainer that we should have the right to marry, but I also think equally that it’s a no-brainer that the institution of marriage should not exist [cheers from the audience].”
What is the Goal?

“That causes my brain some trouble. And part of why it causes me trouble is because fighting for gay marriage generally involves lying about what we are going to do with marriage when we get there—because we lie that the institution of marriage is not going to change, and that is a lie. The institution of marriage is going to change, and it should change.”
Traditional Marriage?

- Fourth, there is reason to believe homosexual marriage will be different from heterosexual marriage.
- Andrew Sullivan even predicts that gay couples will change the way heterosexual couples view marriage.
- Different assumptions (monogamy, open contract).
Supreme Court Decision
• Justice Samuel Alito whether granting same-sex marriage would lead to other marital arrangements.

• “Suppose we rule in your favor in this case and then after that, a group consisting of two men and two women apply for a marriage license. Would there be any grounds for denying them a license?”
Christian Organizations

- During oral arguments, the question of how this would affect religious institutions was raised many times.
- The lead counsel tried to assure the justices that declaring a constitutional right for so-called “gay marriage” would not require clergy to perform same sex marriage ceremonies.
Justice John Roberts asked if “a religious school that has married housing be required to afford such housing to same sex couples?”

The Solicitor General merely observed that the federal government doesn’t have a law banning discrimination in housing based upon
Christian Organizations

- Justice Samuel Alito asked the Solicitor General about the right of religious groups to keep their tax-exempt status.
- The Internal Revenue Service was allowed to strip Bob Jones University of their tax-exempt status back in the 1980s, because they had a policy
Christian Organizations

• Justice Samuel Alito asked if the same principle would “apply to a university or a college if it opposed same sex marriage?”

• The Solicitor General paused and stumbled over his answer. First, he claimed he couldn’t answer the question without knowing more
Christian Organizations

• But then he admitted that: “it’s certainly going to be an issue. I don’t deny that. I don’t deny that, Justice Alito. It is going to be an issue.”

• He seems to be saying that these groups can either have a biblical view of marriage or their tax-exempt status, but they can’t have both.
Implications for Christians
Implications

• Sean McDowell and John Stonestreet make the case that it is no longer “what if” but “what now.”

• Christians will have to think through their response to challenges.
Implications

• They still believe Christians can make a difference.
  - Change reputation of Christians
  - Speak the truth about sexual sin
  - Stop implying that homosexuality is the worst of all sins
Implications

• Elaine Huguenin, photography

• Melissa Klein, Sweet Cakes bakery

• Barronelle Stutzman, Arlene’s Flowers
Religious Protections Guide

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