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Homosexuality valid?

by Eric Hominick

The closet door is open. Homosexuality is on the march, literally and figuratively. Gays receive both federal funding and the church's open arms. Both the American Psychiatric and Psychological Associations have removed homosexuality from the list of "mental disorders".

Amidst the growing tolerance, there appears to be four major views of homosexuality: that it is inherent and congenital, perhaps the more dominant of two sexual propensities; that it is the product of orientation; that it is unnatural or

a disease; and that it is sin.

If homosexuality were congenital, no moral or ethical judgement would be possible, as the gay could not be considered morally responsible. Inherence is the scapegoat of the permissivist, but it is a misconception.

The British Medical Association makes a sharp distinction between tendency (propensity) and the act (practice). Homosexuality is not a way of life—it is a form of behavior. Inclination does not constitute a way of life, just as temptation alone does not constitute sin. Inherence is

a fallacy. One result of a conference on the subject was an appeal to "dispell the myth that homosexuality results from a constitutional predisposition." Doctor Klaus Bockmuhl states that there is "no evidence that homosexuality has a physical or constitutional origin".

The theory of orientation results from developing a standard of descriptive, rather than prescriptive, ethics, through the combination of subjective statements by gays, and statistics. This has produced subjective, largely unsubstantiated, and often misleading reasoning. Doctor Richard Hauser shows that only 4-8% of active homosexuals (themselves only a fraction of the 10% figure that Kinsey quotes) are exclusively homosexual in orientation. "The real problem", Dr. Bockmuhl concludes, "lies in the greater number of those who've chosen homosexual behavior". (This rules out the "disease" theory) orientation, thus plays an almost non-existent role.

"Such a fixation relieves the homosexual of accountability of... propensity, but it cannot relieve him of responsibility for his homosexual acts."

These conclusions, plus the physical and sexual compatability of only a male/female relationship, lead to the belief that homosexuality is unnatural. This point is valid, but provides neither solution nor authority.

The Bible claims final authority, and asserts that homosexuality is a sin, and thus a moral issue. Genesis 19 and Judges 19 show glimpses of gays; Jude 7 and Revelation 21 reports their end to be "eternal fire". 1 Corinthians 6 says they won't make it to Heaven, and Colossians 3 reveals God's wrath on them.

Leviticus 18 declares it to be "abomination", and demanded the death penalty in Israel to show the terrible nature of the offense. Deuteronomy 22 and Romans 1 help to show why it was so heinous. All confusion between the sexes was to be avoided, as God created them with specific roles. Homosexuality is likened to idolatry—confusion about God and who he is leads to both confusion about oneself and his proper role as an individual (and as a member of the family), and to false worship.

The Bible denounces homosexual behavior (not propensity, which would come under the heading of temptation) as sin, and pronounces doom upon the unrepentant homosexual's head. The gay justifiably feels guilt. The conscience is a God-given guide.

True love, according to the Bible, is tempered by knowledge of the law. One must have compassion upon the person, but also face the homosexual with his sin so something can be done about it.

Condemnation alone has no salutary value. God proclaims hope for the homosexual—true liberation, and not just for the gay, "For all have sinned" and all stand condemned.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaims liberation from both sin's punishment and power, and offers new life—reconciliation with God, and power to overcome temptation.

God commands the gay, and all men everywhere, to see their sin and repent of it, recognize and lay hold of Jesus by faith as their only hope by confessing their sin to God along with their need of Jesus in their lives to save them.

"Behold, now is the day of salvation—taste and see that the Lord is good".

"Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord; for He will have mercy upon him; to God, for He will abundantly pardon.

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