

Is there pride in being *Gay* ?

The Christian world is full of confusion. As a result of a lack of Bible reading and theological study, once commonplace in the church, modern Christians are losing all their bearings; some might cruelly say all their marbles as well! Nowhere is this more clear than the issue of homosexuality. Not long ago this issue was clear-cut. The Bible could not be more unequivocal on the subject; both the Old and New Testaments are united in condemning homosexual practices. But as liberalism and humanism have occupied the church, as worldly fashions and thinking have dominated Christians, as new Evangelicalism and pragmatism has twisted church leaders, we now have a situation where the gay lobby has a disproportionate influence in determining some 'Christian' institutions.¹ The gay apologetic is becoming more and more acceptable in church circles. Now is the time to evaluate the current predicament, rediscover what the Biblical teaching is and ascertain what its effects are for us today.

The Words Used

The starting point for this study is to clearly establish what God's attitude to homosexuality is. Some translations do not use the word *homosexual*. Searches for information in some versions give the impression that the Bible doesn't have much to say on the subject. In fact, part of the current gay argument is that the scriptural prohibitions are only Old Testament laws which are not relevant to modern western societies. This is far from the truth. We have to discover what God's perspective is on this issue. To do this we have to determine the various words and statements which cover homosexual practise and orientation, as well as narratives which describe the effects and penalty of homosexual behaviour in the Bible. There are many sources of both.

Old Testament

Sodomy

The first word to be looked at is *sodomy*. Not a politically correct word to use these days, but one which properly describes homosexual activity and one which God uses.

The Hebrew word is Strong's 6945, **vdeq'** *qadesh* {kaw-dashe'} derived from 6942. In the KJV (AV) it is translated: sodomite five times and unclean once; appearing in the Hebrew text six times. It can also refer to a male temple prostitute. The word arose from the city of *Sodom* which was destroyed principally for this sin.² All the references follow:

Deuteronomy 23:17³ There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.

1 Kings 14:24 And there were also sodomites in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

¹ The Lesbian and Gay Christian Mvt. claims that one third of the Anglican clergy is homosexual.

² 2 Pt 2:6-10; Jude 7; Jer 23:14; Ezek 16:49-50.

³ Texts are from the King James Version (Auth. Version) unless stated otherwise.

1 Kings 15:12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

1 Kings 22:46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

2 Kings 23:7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that *were* by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

Job 36:14 They die in youth, and their life *is* among the unclean.

Descriptions of homosexual Practices

Genesis 19:5 And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*." (NKJV)

Leviticus 18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

Leviticus 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

Jud 19:22-23 As they were enjoying themselves, suddenly certain men of the city, perverted men, surrounded the house *and* beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him *carnally!*"

But the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my brethren! I beg you, do not act *so* wickedly! Seeing this man has come into my house, do not commit this outrage. (NKJV)

(Transvestites are also condemned: Deut 22:5, and bestiality: Ex 22:19; Lev 18:23; Deut 27:21.)

From this we learn the following:

- Homosexuality (sodomy) was an abomination to God and forbidden.
- The penalty for sodomy was death.
- Its main connection in Israel was with temple male prostitution, which was common amongst the Canaanite nations.

New Testament

The position of Jesus

Gay people often make much of the fact that Jesus never mentioned homosexuals. From this they conclude that he supports such activity. Nothing could be further from the truth. Jesus didn't condemn many things which we can be sure he opposed like: child molesting, incest and bestiality. We know the mind of Christ by looking at the will of God seen in the Old Testament revelation, and by examining Jesus' last words to us via his apostles, as well as the records of the Gospels. But even in these, there is enough evidence to show Jesus' position on the question. Jesus came to fulfil the law and the law penalised sodomy with death. Jesus condemned lust and sex outside of marriage, which he defined as a man and a woman cleaving to one another.

Homosexual

The first word is variously translated in different Bible versions. The NKJV uses *sodomite*, the RSV uses *sexual perverts*. It is Strong's 733, **avrsenokoi,thj arsenokoites** {ar-sen-ok-oy'-tace}, which is derived from 730 (arsen: male) and 2845 (koite: couch, by extension cohabitation, by implication, male sperm). In the KJV it is translated as: abuser of (one's) self with mankind once, defile (one's) self with mankind once; and appears in the Greek text twice. Its meaning can be clearly identified from looking at the word's construction, i.e. male (anal) coitus. I know of no more graceful way of putting it. It means, therefore, one who lies with a male as with a female, a sodomite, a homosexual.

We also need to mention the word *effeminate*. This is Strong's 3120, **malako,j malakos** {mal-ak-os'}, of uncertain affinity (relationship, affection). Translated in the KJV as soft three times, effeminate once; appearing in the Greek text four times. It means 1) soft, soft to the touch; 2) metaphorically in a bad sense: effeminate, of a catamite, of a boy kept for homosexual relations with a man, of a male who submits his body to unnatural lewdness, of a male prostitute.

1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (malakos), nor abusers of themselves with mankind. (KJV)

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites. (NKJV)

1 Timothy 1:9-10 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.

Lust/Fornication

As well as specific condemnation in the NT, sodomy comes under the heading of fornication (illicit sex) and lust as well.

Rm 1:26-27 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in

themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

Fornicators (immorality) are condemned in the following passages, (n.b. fornication includes adultery):

- **Matt 15:19, Mk 7:21-22**, immorality arises from a wrong heart.
- **1 Cor 5:1-2**, the immoral must be removed from fellowship. Christians must not fellowship with 'Christians' who have wilfully committed immorality, i.e. adultery, homosexual practices, pre-marital sex etc.
- **1 Cor 5:9-13**, believers should not associate with immoral 'Christians' in any way. (See also 2 Thess 3:6; Eph 5:11; Rm 16:17.)
- **Gal 5:19-21**, immorality is a work of the flesh which is against the Spirit. Those doing such things will not inherit the kingdom.
- **Eph 5:4,5**, the immoral person has no inheritance in the kingdom.
- **1Tim 1:9**, the law is laid down for the immoral.
- **Heb 12:14-16**, no Christian should be immoral.
- **Heb 13:4**, God will judge the immoral and the adulterous; marriage must be honoured.
- **Rev 21:8**, the immoral will be sentenced to the lake of fire.
- **Rev 22:15**, the immoral are outside the heavenly kingdom.

Just one scripture would be enough to settle the matter. Here we see the weight of the Biblical evidence.

From this we learn:

- Homosexuals will not enter the kingdom of God, they are identified along with thieves, slanderers, drunks and swindlers.
- Homosexuals, as well as other immoral and adulterous people must be removed from fellowship if they do not repent.
- Practising homosexuality is a sign of God's judgment. It is an evidence that God has given these people up.
- Homosexuality is considered by God to be: lawless, disobedient, ungodly, unrighteous, sin, unholy and profane.
- Homosexuality is condemned.
- The practice is unnatural and shameful.
- There is a bodily penalty for this practice even now in the flesh. Apart from AIDS, which mainly affects gay men, surveys in the USA show that, despite only about 2% of the population being homosexual, they carry more than half of the venereal disease in the country. The Family Research Institute in America has concluded that the average age of homosexual men dying with AIDS is 39 and the average age of homosexuals dying of all other causes is 41. The average heterosexual married man lives to 75. Only 1% of homosexual men live to be 65 or older. Homosexuals are three times more likely to have alcohol or drug abuse problems; 14 times more likely to have syphilis, and 23 times more likely to contract venereal disease. In San Francisco, gay city of USA, the rate of infectious hepatitis A is twice the national average. Finally, the gay movement admits that AIDS has a very direct link to homosexual male activity. One activist says, *'There have been other plagues - but this one is ours'*.⁴ Sodomy is a dangerous activity.

⁴ Robert Williams, *Just As I Am*, Crown, New York (1992), p98.

One critical passage deserves further study as it describes the process leading to homosexual practice.

Rm 1:18-32

God reveals his wrath against all ungodliness and wickedness. Wicked actions result from suppressing the truth and all truth emanates from God (v18). God has revealed himself in a general way in nature and specifically in Jesus Christ manifested in scripture. Both show that homosexuality is wrong.

Man's degeneration begins with not honouring God (v21). God is the origin point for all good.⁵ Leaving God out of our thinking does not lead to freedom but to darkness (v21), foolishness (v22), and idolatry (v23). These three things sum up modern man. As a result of this rejection, God gives man up to his choices (v28). Gave up (RSV), gave over (AV, NKJV), is *paradidomi*, [3860 **paradi,dwmi**] which has a variety of shades of meaning on the theme of *deliver*. Here it means: to give into the hands (of another), to deliver up one to custody, to be judged, condemned, punished, scourged, tormented, put to death. Three times God gives man up (v24, 26, 28). Some see in this a threefold process of degeneration in man and society. Impurity is followed by perversion which in turn is followed by violence. Though this process is seen in history, it is difficult to force this into the passage.

What is clear is that by avoiding the truth, the starting point of progress, and rejecting God, man is given over to dishonour, which affects his body (v24). Man puts himself first, believing *the lie* (Greek), i.e. the lie that he can be like God; the original Satanic deception. He worships the creature (himself) rather than the creator. To amplify this, the bodily dishonour results in perversions (v26-27). As sin is given into, in any direction, it leads to abandonment to gross evil. Unless restrained, any sin tends to serious perversion. Hasty speaking and impatience leads to anger, anger leads to bitterness or violence, violence leads to sadism etc. In homosexuality, this pattern is particularly apparent. Homosexual practices are disgusting in the extreme and lead to painful dangerous perversions that cannot be mentioned in this paper. This is why Paul says that homosexuals receive a penalty in their bodies (v27). These practices cause damage and pain. (We have earlier noted the medical statistics resulting from this.)

The truth about homosexuality is that it is wrong, an error (v27). Error is the Greek word *plane* [4106 **pla,nh**] which means literally a wandering, a straying about, thence one led astray from the right way. From this is derived: mental straying, deceit, error, wrong opinion which shows itself in a wrong mode of acting. So we see that homosexuality is a deception, and just plain wrong. This is God's last word on the subject. No amount of sophistry from the gay Christian lobby can change this fact. To be a practising homosexual, one must abandon the Bible. Homosexual tendencies must be identified as sinful temptation and treated in the same way as lust or stealing.

The improper conduct results from the debased mind [base mind (RSV), debased (NKJV) reprobate mind (AV)]. The problem is a mind gone wrong, not a genetic orientation. The word debased is *adokimos* [96 **avdo,kimoi**] meaning: not standing the test, not approved,

⁵ Modern teachers and church leaders should note this, what Christians need is solid teaching about God not practical 'how to' easy answers. Solid theology produces solid believers. History and experience proves this over and over again.

properly used of metals and coins, that which does not prove itself such as it ought; unfit for, unproved, spurious, reprobate. This is why the homosexual act is called: dishonouring of the body (v24), dishonourable passions (v26), shameless acts (v27), unnatural relations (v26), improper conduct (v28), error or deception (v27), wickedness, evil (v29). It is a giving over of the body for a purpose contrary to that which God designed it. The type of mind that causes it is called: futile thinking (v21), dark (v21), foolish (v22) senseless (v21), without excuse (v20).

We should note the severe warning at the end of the passage. God says here that, *'Though they know God's decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them, but approve of those who practice them'* (v32). Legislators and church leaders should take heed.

The causes of homosexuality

There is a considerable amount of research underway at the moment to identify the causes of homosexuality. Current ideas include:

- It is considered a normal part of adolescence to experiment briefly with homosexuality in sexual discovery. Adult homosexuality may be arrested development. The Biblical doctrine of total depravity would deny that this is normal.
- For different reasons some people return to the relative safety of pubescent sex. These reasons could include: illness, fear of the opposite sex, emotional trauma in relationships etc.
- Some put a lot of stress on environmental factors like single sex schools, prison, army etc.
- Child abuse is said to be a prime factor.
- Most of the research is to identify genetic factors, the *homosexual gene*, which is said to condition the person so that he has no control over his destiny. Again the Biblical revelation rejects this idea since homosexual activity is responsible sin. It should be remembered that the number of gay people grew rapidly after the permissive 60's and 70's. Was there a sudden upsurge in unusual gene activity then to cause this, or was it a change of personal choice? Biological evidence is weak. Studies of homosexual's genes, brains and hormones show no difference to those of heterosexuals.⁶ Anyway, single genes do not produce single results, genes have to work with other genes. Even Richard Dawkins advises that genetic determinism is a dead end.⁷ Is not this logical? If species survival depends upon procreation, why would the body produce genes to destroy it? Any possible future discovery of such a gene would relegate it to an aberrant mutation. If a gene is discovered which determines that a person will rape women or steal, does that make the action acceptable? The whole gene argument is a non starter.
- There is no doubt that things gay are becoming very trendy in certain parts of the country. My home town is a European centre for instance and open homosexual practices are rife. The very fashionability leads the impressionable young into areas where they would not normally go.

Clinical psychological studies show that homosexuals are more likely to have been effeminate boys, hence the scriptural connection of the two. They are also likely to have

⁶ Oliver James, *RX magazine*, Sunday Telegraph 27 April 1997.

⁷ *Daily Telegraph*, July 17, 1993, p14.

had troubled relationships with their fathers, and unusually close relationships to their mothers, especially dominant mothers. However, this parental scenario only accounts for half the number of homosexual men.⁸

Of the homosexual men with heterosexual experience, Marcel Saghir and Eli Robins, in their *Male and Female Homosexuality* (1973), found that about 30 percent were impotent with females and that 50 percent of the heterosexually inexperienced were afraid of females and were fearful of being impotent with them. Similarly, 61 percent of the 57 lesbians studied reported that they did not experience orgasm in their heterosexual experiences. Concerns about sexual performance are dramatically decreased in homosexual interaction. Thus individuals who find themselves having homosexual fantasies and who are not at ease with the opposite sex or are concerned about performance may find homosexual activity easier.⁹

Something which should be borne in mind is the fact that there are multitudes of cases where practising homosexuals have submitted to counselling, both Christian and secular, and have rejected a homosexual lifestyle and lived as a normal heterosexual subsequently.¹⁰ Conversely, heterosexual men who have been incarcerated in prison or institutions like the army and navy have sometimes developed homosexual tendencies. The confinement or single sex environment precipitates homosexual experience. On leaving prison, or a ship entering port, heterosexuality resumes. There are many cases of modern feminists who have become lesbians as a result of a social rejection of men, not a homosexual proclivity.¹¹ There is nothing genetic, natural or even paternal in these cases. Tolerance or endorsement of the validity of a homosexual lifestyle prevents the acceptance of many active within it that it is wrong, and therefore stops many from being delivered from it. Since society now states it is valid, it condemns those who might have been saved from it, to continuing in it. Explaining that it is wrong, that homosexuality is not merely a different form of sexual expression has, in the past, alerted many that they need treatment and help, and ultimately cure.

One matter which cannot be ignored is the creation principles laid down in Genesis. Here we see the origin of all God's instructions for normal life in society. The origin of clothes, work and marriage for instance. This century has seen the overwhelming influence of evolution theory upon society. As people consider themselves as nothing but animals, it becomes easy to overthrow all the Genesis principles. Homosexuality is an outcome of this rejection of God who created man in his image. To the modern person life is an accident, a result of random activity of molecules. There is no God, not absolute moral code to follow, and nothing more important than one's own selfish desires. In this vacuum of unaccountability, homosexual ideas have been cultivated. Even the lessons of nature, where we do not see same sex propagation in the plant or animal world, is ignored.¹²

People choose to become gay. It is now openly admitted by gays that homosexual behaviour is a matter of choice. That is why they use phrases like '*sexual preference*' and

⁸ Oliver James, *ibid.*

⁹ Encyclopaedia Britannica CD 97

¹⁰ E.g. the cases cited by F. Lagard Smith, *Sodom's Second Coming*, Harvest House, Eugene, Oregon, chap 6.

¹¹ F. Lagard Smith, *ibid*, p85-91. 'Every woman must be willing to be identified as a lesbian to be fully feminist', New Dimensions, Oct 1990, p42.

¹² Hermaphrodite reproduction, e.g. in earthworms, is not homosexual.

'gay lifestyle'. We should also bear in mind that homosexual activity is addictive, especially in consecutive activities. Studies have shown that there is a development from milder forms to the most gross perversions over a period of time. Activities which are shocking to young gays (13 years old) become a part of life by 21. Homosexuality is compulsive and gay people are often driven characters.

In the light of all of this, how can we allow the widespread, candid teaching of homosexual/promiscuous practices to our children? Many are taught today that any kind of sexual activity is OK, provided you don't feel guilty about it. Some textbooks show children how to masturbate, to pet, to have heterosexual intercourse and rectal intercourse.¹³ Many gay leaflets and information telephone lines contain blatant perverse content which is unregulated and directed at children.¹⁴ If homosexual practices are learned and addictive, if many gays identify homosexual experiences as a child as the cause of their condition, if children are vulnerable and easily open to suggestion, how much more should we protect all children so that they can have a normal childhood and make their own choices when they are old enough to do so?

The Current Gay Situation

Since the Kinsey report¹⁵, there has been widespread publicity (if not outright conspiracy¹⁶) to convince the world that gay people form at least 10% of the population. Some have stated that it can be as high as 40%. More representative surveys the world over have shown that, at most the figure is under 4% homosexual and 2% bisexual¹⁷. Recent respectable organisations have shown that the figure is actually 1% homosexual males and even less women.¹⁸ *Time Magazine* (26 April 1993) has agreed with this 1% figure.

¹³ Dr. Paul Cameron, *Exposing the AIDS Scandal*, Huntington House Inc., Lafayette, 1988, p144.

¹⁴ *Ibid*, p117ff.

¹⁵ In 1948 (male) / 1953 (female), Alfred Kinsey produced a middle class survey in America stating that homosexuals formed 10% of the population. This report has now been discredited as being statistically unrepresentative and misleading. Despite this, it became the standard by which sexual conduct was measured. Some of its key statements (lies) were subsumed into American morality, e.g. all sex is good, the only bad thing was the guilt society placed on this *natural* activity; most people are having all kinds of bizarre sex; society's standards should be set according to what people are doing, not what they ought to be doing. Wardell Pomeroy was a co-author with Kinsey and wrote sex education books. In these he encouraged all sorts of sexual behaviour and states that bestiality is common in rural areas and OK. Education like this is responsible for the state we are in.

¹⁶ Gay writers have admitted this, '*when straights are asked by pollsters for a formal estimate, the figure played back most often is the "10% gay" statistic which our propagandists have been drilling into their heads for years*'; Kirk & Madsen, *After the Ball*, p46. '*We used that figure when most gay people were entirely hidden to try to create an impression of our numerousness*', Tom Stoddard, head of a gay organisation in the States, quoted from Patrick Rogers, *How many gays are there?* Newsweek, Feb 15, 1993, p46.

¹⁷ Oliver James, *Op. Cit.*

¹⁸ British Market Research Bureau, 1987, survey for the DHS showed 1.5% practising homosexuals in Britain, bisexuals 1%. The survey, *Sexual Behaviour in Britain* (1994), the most exhaustive of its kind, revealed 1.1% active homosexual men and 70% of men believe that sex between men is wrong. In the USA, Judith Reisman puts the figure at 1%, Paul Cameron gives nearly 3%; the *National Survey of Men*, of 1993 has figures from Dr. John Billy that only 1.1% of males had been actively homosexual in the previous year. In France a 1992 survey showed that only 1.1% of men

These figures alone reveal that, contrary to gay propaganda, homosexual behaviour is not normal and not common. 10% is normalcy, 1-3% is not. Gays like to point out that homosexuality is more popular than golfing (5% in USA) or jogging (7% in USA). It is not. Legislation should not be supporting something that is neither normal nor common. When did we last hear of rights for golfers? Note that the criminal constituency in society is more like 3%. Should we now campaign for the poor criminals who cannot help their unnatural behaviour? What about burglars rights? Homosexuals do not form a legitimate minority, but are a relatively small collection of deviant individuals with a very powerful lobby in the media.¹⁹

What is worrying are statistics that imply a much higher proportion of gays in church institutions. American polls have suggested that 25% of Episcopal (Anglican) priests and 50% of Roman Catholic priests are gay. A Church of England study reported as much as 30% of its priests are homosexual. Though they are pro-gay surveys and are probably biased, it still implies a much higher figure than normal. Apparently there is even a high proportion of gay clergy in the Southern Baptist denomination.²⁰ The current gay movement in the church is not representative of the membership.

Historical facts are sometimes used as proof of the universality and commonness of homosexual orientation. Rome and Greece are frequently referred to. However, one should remember that it was nations in decline which openly endorsed homosexuality; and a number of societies have experienced no trace of homosexual behaviour.

Statistics that should concern us are that it is widely accepted that boys reared in homes where the father is absent are more likely to be effeminate than boys from stable home backgrounds. Two thirds of effeminate boys become homosexual. In recent years divorce and separations have accelerated tremendously. This cocktail suggests that there will be a large increase in homosexuality in the future.²¹ Furthermore, there is evidence that homosexuality is socially engineered. Young blacks in Africa show no signs of homosexual activity except where they have been abroad.²² With the rise of popularity and fashionability of homosexuality in society, and the disproportionate media coverage and political manoeuvring, again we are set for an upsurge in gay orientation amongst impressionable teenagers.

The Progress of Gay Rights: USA case study

The watershed for homosexual activism was the Stonewall riot, reacting to a police raid on a New York gay bar in 1969. It was the first public protest by homosexuals against police harassment. After this, homosexual communities in the United States began to organise for gay rights: countering discrimination, providing legal representation, involvement in education and politics, and lobbying legislators.

AIDS

and .03% of women had engaged in homosexual activity in the previous year.

¹⁹This point is taken from F. Lagard Smith, *Sodom's Second Coming*, Harvest House, 1993.

²⁰F. Lagard Smith, Op. cit. p154-5.

²¹Oliver James, *ibid*.

²² Stewart Lane, Limbe, Malawi, in a letter to *Renewal Magazine* Jan 1988.

The greatest challenge to face the gay community was the outbreak of AIDS in the early 1980s. The disease first became prevalent among gay men and spread with devastating effect. When little was known about the disease and how it was spread, AIDS patients and homosexuals suffered discrimination in housing and health insurance. Many people protested against government agencies claiming they were slow to study the disease and search for treatment. More organisations were formed to help educate people about the disease and to help AIDS patients get proper care.

Family rights

In the 1990s groups addressed the rights of gay and lesbian families. Homosexual marriages are not recognised by any state, and homosexual couples in long-term relationships do not have the same legal protection as people in heterosexual marriages. Adopting children is also problematic for homosexuals, although some states allow a same-sex partner to adopt the biological child of the other partner.

The Military

Before the Clinton administration altered the policy in 1993, candidates for military service filled out a form that included a question on sexual orientation. Under the new policy, popularly called 'don't ask, don't tell', that question has been eliminated.

National presence

Resulting from gay rights activity, the homosexual community has become a more visible presence in society. National publications, such as *Christopher Street* and *The Advocate*, have appeared, and churches to serve the homosexual community have been established as well as gay-rights studies programs at many universities.

Politics

As homosexual communities became more visible, large numbers of homosexuals—including some prominent people—have openly declared their identity as homosexuals and demanded their right to equal and respectful treatment. There are now openly gay representatives in the Congress of the United States and in office at both state and local levels of government. Gay and lesbian activists are found in both liberal and conservative political organisations.²³

The USA gay movement received unusual support when Bill Clinton got elected. Soon after President Clinton's inauguration in 1993, he appointed Donna Shalala, an open lesbian, as Secretary of Health and Human services. He then selected Tom Payzant as Assistant Secretary for Primary and Secondary education, defending Payzant's support of homosexual curricula teaching kids to accept homosexual behaviour as valid. He also funded the '*anything goes*' sex education and condom distribution programmes. In an elementary school in California, this resulted in 10 year olds watching films about homosexuality and later acting out homosexual roles. In the University of California at Santa Barbara 70 students received four college credits for watching homosexual pornographic films. The Democratic Party has clearly stated its support of homosexuality. National Committee chairman, Ron Brown, said in 1992, '*Our party stands on the side of gay and lesbian rights*' and that over 90% of the sponsors of gay rights legislation were Democrats.

Hawaii's Supreme Court has now ruled that the state's marriage law discriminates

²³ Encarta 96

because it denies same sex couples access to marital status. Other states must recognise this as valid by law, which thus forms a precedent for other states to change their policy. In 1992 New Jersey governor James Florio signed a statute prohibiting churches from discriminating in the hiring and firing of employees on the basis of sexual orientation. This forces churches to accommodate homosexuals in marriage practices.²⁴

Regularly men and women in the States are going about topless (lesbian women being legally granted equality with bare chested male workers) and naked. It is hard to stop them under new discrimination laws. A college student wearing only trainers to classes could recently only be made to wear clothes when women complained of sexual harassment.²⁵ In Seattle, a militant homosexual group handed out pornographic literature to 12-18 year old students. When Parents complained, the county prosecutor said that he could do nothing legally to stop them. Gay pride demonstration reached a new low when a San Francisco float depicted a man dressed as a priest sodomising a young boy. Homosexual openness and activity has now hit the USA with hurricane proportions.

To illustrate this one merely needs to read the conclusions of a jury in conservative Cincinnati. In October 1990 the court had to determine whether the Contemporary Arts Centre was guilty of obscenity in displaying seven photographs by homosexual Robert Mapplethorpe. The defence stated that these were art: symbolism, a profound statement about the human condition, beauty comparable to a flower etc. In reality, these photographs were no different from those seen in pornographic bookstores. A description of them would not be proper here. All I can mention is that they included shots of children and adults, anal and penis penetration with various objects, oral 'golden rain' and so on. The jury found the proprietor not guilty!

The problem is, where does all this lead to? Historically, society's acceptance of homosexuality is a trigger for a moral downward spiral to utter collapse. The first signs of this are already being seen. A book by James Kincaid, a professor of English, is receiving rave reviews. It's called *Child Loving* and passionately defends paedophilia. The North American Man-Boy Love association are already calling outspoken church representatives 'children haters'! *The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual* of the American Psychiatric Assoc. suggests that some forms of sexual contact between children and adults is normal! It is not far from this to the open child prostitution of Bangkok.

The real problem is the acceptance of homosexuality by the courts. Ever since *Griswold vs. Connecticut* in 1965 and *Roe vs. Wade* in 1973, the judicial system has pioneered the downfall of morals. At a San Diego trial, a mother sought custody for her son. The father, her husband, had left her to move in with a homosexual friend several years earlier. The mother, Betty Batey, initially had custody and the Father had visitation rights; but she removed the boy since he was exposed to homosexual practices and drug usage. Defying a court order, she moved states. Eventually she was forced to surrender the boy and the father was awarded custody. When the Father died, despite Betty's fight, the homosexual friend was given the custody of the boy by a California judge. What more needs to be said! Wrong is being called right with legal sanction.

²⁴ Jack Dunigan, *Prophecy Today*, Vol 10, no 1.

²⁵ Mentioned in a lecture by Ken Ham, *Genesis Foundation Series*, Creation Science Foundation.

The English Situation

Over the water we have a different situation in the 90's. It is now common to read of homosexual couples adopting babies. Five homosexual couples were 'married' in Trafalgar Square on 12 June 1991. Recent European Union legislation will make it illegal for ministers to refuse to marry gay couples. Homosexual activities are regularly aired on prime time terrestrial television, sometimes whole series pursuing an homosexual apologetic. The validity of homosexual relationships is being taught in our schools and teenagers are encouraged to explore their sexuality with others of the same sex in state education programmes.²⁶

Prior to 1950 homosexuality in England was prohibited. This 'repressive' stance was attacked by literary celebrities like Oscar Wilde, jailed for homosexual offences in 1895, and E M Forster, author of *Room with a view* and *Howard's End*; his semi autobiographical novel *Maurice* details his feelings, not released until after his death in 1970. After the *Wolfenden report* in 1957, which argued for the decriminalisation of homosexual acts between consenting adults, attitudes began to change. *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, was prosecuted under the 1959 Obscene Publications Act and found not guilty in 1960; 200,000 copies sold out its first print run in one day. Immorality became fashionable in the swinging sixties and in 1967 Parliament legalised homosexual activities between consenting adults (over 21). As in the 50's repeal of the Witchcraft Act, the British government was now endorsing behaviour considered perverted for thousands of years and contrary to God's law, the very law which was the foundation of the British justice system.

The floodgates were opened to written, musical and visual media representation of homosexual practices. These included Robert Alldrich's *The Killing of Sister George* in 1969, William Friedkin's 1970 film, *The Boys in the Band*, Visconti's *Death in Venice* (1971) and Ken Russell's *The Music Lovers* (1971). In the theatre the Lord Chamberlain's censorship ceased in 1968 (in force since 1737). Full frontal nudity became commonplace starting with productions like *Hair* seen by 26 million people in 22 countries. Songs in this musical even promoted sodomy and pederasty. Superficial plays like *Oh Calcutta* followed suit, but serious plays fell in line with female nudity in *Equus* and male nudity in *A Streetcar Named Desire* and both in *Abelard & Heloise*. On television *That Certain Summer* appeared in 1972, *The Naked Civil Servant* in 1975 (Quentin Crisp's life story). Soap operas eventually followed the trend on the basis of being 'realistic and true to life'. Inevitably, the writing shows gay characters as more loving, sincere, misunderstood caring people than their hypocritical opposers. As I write Channel 4 has given several hours each Saturday to a presentation of gay views in different formats (drama, documentary, animation etc.). BBC 2 has a regular week-day late night gay slot. Even Radio 1 presented *Loud and Proud* in 1993 for young lesbians and gay men.

We are now all familiar with gay bars, gay clubs, gay discos, gay magazines in high street newsagents. Poster shops now tend to feature nubile men more than sensual women on their windows. TV adverts focus at least as much on lithe near naked men as women. At the time of writing, the local Brighton free newspaper reveals that Brighton has the worst HIV infection rate in Europe. It is 12 times the national average and rose 12% in the last year. Nearly 1000 gay men have tested positive in Brighton and 90% of all HIV infections are among gay men (the national average is 60%). The reaction is to blame local

²⁶ Ian Long, *Prophecy Today* vol. 9, no 6.

government for inadequate services. A report to investigate the development of new ones is underway at a cost of £25,000.²⁷ The government is about to change the law to bring down the age of consent for homosexual practices to 16²⁸ (yet increase the age threshold on smoking to 18!). This is partly to bring us in line with Europe, yet two E.U. countries have reduced theirs to twelve, and others (e.g. France) has a threshold of 14. Where will it all stop?

In the state church bishops refuse to discipline lay people who are practising homosexuals. Ordinands are not asked about their sexual proclivity.²⁹ Clergy have openly advocated homosexuality within the church and the horrific spectacle of the homosexual service in Southwark Cathedral last October shows the level of apostasy which the Church of England has sunk into. Who knows what the Anglican synod will decide on the homosexual issue as it meets to debate it this week? This is seen by many as the last straw for Evangelicals in this system. The Methodists have reaffirmed and even '*celebrates the participation of lesbians and gay men in the church*'.³⁰ Meanwhile, north of the border, the Church of Scotland General Assembly refused to ban ministers from holding services to bless homosexual relationships.

Any opposition to all this is labelled *homophobic*. Edwina Currie MP has said that, '*It is time to seize our homophobic instincts and chuck them on the scrap heap of history*'. Oddly enough, many psychiatrists, following Freud, still consider homosexuality as a deviation resulting from a breakdown of normal parental relationships.³¹ Statistics, morals, religion and psychiatry all agree that homosexuality is abnormal. The majority of people are, therefore, homophobic. Who is being unreal here?

The force given to the gay argument has more to do with power play, influence and money, not common attitudes. The reduction of the age of consent to 18 followed one of the most vigorous lobbying campaigns ever carried out in Parliament, led by actors Sir Ian McKellen and Michael Cashman. Another factor is *The Pink Pound*. Research has shown that gay men in Chicago have an average household income of \$52,325 compared to a national average of \$36,520.³² The rapid growth of gay businesses, particularly in London and the South East show that there is a growing gay market that cannot be ignored.

The Issue of 'Rights'

We should understand what the implications of gay rights means to everyone. Homosexuals have now been granted special legal status and privileges, despite being a minority, and technically, deviant group. This means that heterosexuals have lost rights in

²⁷ *Brighton and Hove Leader*, 17 July 1997.

²⁸ It was reduced to 18 from 21 in Feb 1994. Gay campaigner Peter Tatchell called this, 'shameful for democracy' and 'discrimination' since it was not reduced to 16. The angry reaction of gay protesters outside Parliament was to storm the public entrance, hit the police with placards and trap hundreds of people inside the building chanting, 'Burn it down'. Police reinforcements were needed to prevent a full scale riot. All this despite a legislative move in their favour and special permission to demonstrate within a mile of the Palace of Westminster, an illegal act.

²⁹ Rev. Tony Higton, *The Christian herald*, 27/3/93.

³⁰ *The Methodist Conference*, Resolution 6.

³¹ E.g. Robin Skynner, *Families and How To Survive Them*.

³² *The Sunday Times* 22 Aug. 1993.

certain situations. Gay people now have more rights than heterosexuals. For instance: if you want to rent out a property, you cannot refuse to rent it to gay people.³³ In America, and increasingly in Britain, a church organisation cannot refuse to take on homosexual staff. Parents cannot refuse to have their children taught by gay teachers. Parents cannot control the teaching of the validity of homosexual principles in sex education.

Make no mistake, the goal of gay rights is that it will be a *hate crime* to contend against homosexuality. A sermon properly explaining Romans chapter one, or saying that sodomy is wrong will be illegal. This is not far fetched. The Labour Campaign for Gay and Lesbian Rights have proposed a new offence of 'incitement to hatred' on the grounds of sexual orientation, so that churches would be forbidden to preach that being gay is contrary to God's law. Or take a look at this. The Gay Community News published a paper on the *Homoerotic Order* authored by Michael Swift. It states,

'The family unit - spawning ground of lies, betrayals, mediocrity, hypocrisy and violence - will be abolished. The family unity, which only dampens imagination and curbs free will, must be eliminated'.³⁴

This common anti-family theme presumably arises from the fact that homosexuals cannot procreate. This screams that their behaviour is not normal. Consequently many groups seek to redefine family and relationships in law. Expressing this frustration and obsession, he also wrote:

*We shall sodomise your sons, emblems of your feeble masculinity, of your shallow dreams and vulgar lies. We shall seduce them in your schools, in your dormitories, in your gymnasiums, in your locker rooms, in your sports arenas, in your seminaries, in your youth groups ... Your sons shall become our minions and do our bidding. ... All laws banning homosexual activity will be revoked. Instead legislation shall be passed which engenders love between men. ... We shall make films about the the love between heroic men ... the museums of the world will be filled only with paintings of graceful, naked lads. ... All churches who condemn us will be closed. ... We shall be victorious because we are fuelled with the ferocious bitterness of the oppressed ... Tremble, hereto swine, when we appear before you without our masks.*³⁵

The double standard of derisive name calling also seems to have eluded people. Opposing homosexuality is unacceptable, but supporters labelling this opposition *homophobic* or *religious bigotry* is OK. Christians have even been called '*social pollutants*'. However the nastiness does not stop there. The Governor of California had eggs thrown at him when he opposed gay rights legislation. Others have had their windows broken or buildings destroyed. The office of the Oregon Citizens Alliance even received a protest containing HIV infected faeces. The children of OCA officials have to be guarded by police and the OCA president now has to wear a bullet-proof vest. When *Newsday* published a review by Michael Fumento, the editor began to get several late night death threat telephone calls every night.³⁶

³³ Two girls in Wisconsin advertised for a roommate. An applicant mentioned she was gay and the girls refused her the room. They were taken to the Equal Opportunities Commission, forced to apologise, pay the lesbian \$1500 for emotional distress, have their living arrangements monitored for two years and forced to attend a sensitivity training class run by homosexuals!

³⁴ F. Lagard Smith, Op. Cit. p191.

³⁵ Dr. Paul Cameron, *Exposing the AIDS Scandal*, p36-7.

³⁶ *Ibid*, p240.

Stories of violent gay protests are legion, it seems that homosexuals find it difficult to contain their passions. What is inexcusable is the support authorities give them. when this occurs. Take the case of The Family Research Institute displaying its materials at the Third AIDS Conference in Washington. An AIDS infected homosexual spat in the face of the woman manning the stall, tipped a table over and poured water into a computer. For this, the conference officials asked the Family Research Institute to leave! Claiming the First Amendment, they were able to stay. After pressing charges against the offender, he was bailed out of jail by Senator Edward Kennedy's staff and then the Washington police 'lost' the files. Other solitary women staff at conferences have been similarly targeted by homosexuals. Another instance is that of the homosexual activist dying of AIDS who threatened the general population of Texas with an organised move of HIV infected homosexuals to pollute the blood supply by donating infected blood. This tactic is called 'blood terrorism'. Or again the many cases of AIDS infected men who have deliberately bitten the hands of arresting policemen to infect them. Scholars have noted this behaviour as a typical manifestation of homosexual pathology.³⁷

The intolerance of homosexuals to opposition is hypocritical. Furthermore, despite the fact that gay activists love to compare themselves with blacks and women as sufferers of discrimination, the big difference is that women and blacks suffer (wrongly) for what they *are*. Gays are discriminated against for *what they do*. It is not sexual orientation but *conduct* which disgusts people. Being black is not immoral. People who need rights are those who cannot fight for them, like children. Gay activist groups have much political clout and money and have convinced society of their lies. They are not underdogs.³⁸ What about adopted children in homosexual homes? Who protects their rights? These are innocents who will be seriously affected by gay rights.

Why should homosexuals be granted legal public approval and moral sanctions? Homosexual behaviour is on a par with immorality or adultery. It is a chosen sexual proclivity by some (a minority). Society would not tolerate legal rights for adulterers, or official support for fornicators. What about kleptomania? This is an illness we are now told, a clinical condition. It doesn't cause physical harm (usually) to victims. Should kleptomaniacs have rights? They constitute a similar proportion of society to homosexuals. Fornication, kleptomania and adultery are still considered immoral and are not recognised as acceptable by society as a whole (but watch this space!). Why should homosexuality be treated differently? The answer is because of the tremendous resources and activity to change society's views on this subject. Gay rights are not about understanding the moral weaknesses of homosexuals, or tolerating a gay 'lifestyle', they are about moralising what is immoral, legalising wickedness. Homosexuals are alienated at heart. This sense of isolation comes over in their writings and speeches. They refuse to change themselves, to get in step with the natural order, so they convince themselves that their practices are natural and intend to make the world get in step with them. Will the legal sanctions given to homosexuals lead to similar rights for other deviant behaviours?

Balanced Christian researchers who have studied the gay rights movement have become convinced that there is a concerted and well organised effort to pursue a clear strategy to

³⁷ Dr. Paul Cameron, *Exposing the AIDS Scandal*, p122-3.

³⁸ American politicians now have to recognise the power of the gay contingent. '*The days are gone when you can run ... bashing gays and gay lifestyles.*' *L.A.'s New Gay Muscle*, Los Angeles Times Magazine, 28 March 1993, p28. Senator Barbara Boxer stated, '*I could not have won my election without the support of the gay and lesbian community.*' *ibid.*

homosexualise western nations, particularly America and the UK.³⁹ The lobbying, advertising, demonstrations, litigation, documentaries, dramas etc. are clearly well orchestrated to produce the maximum effect. Many of the goals of the Gay Rights Platform drawn up in 1972 are in process of becoming law. Of course, the bottom line is that this is a vital part of Satan's end time plan. Manipulation of society through perversion is an old technique of his so we should not be surprised. However, there are also some very powerful players involved in this manoeuvring as well. I am not suggesting a Mr. Big in overall control, but there is a network of people ardently committed to pursue this agenda vehemently. The people in this network may well be acting completely independently, but it is part of Satan's plot to control the nations. In this he is obviously under the complete and total control of the Lord who will use this development to his own purpose. Christians should be aware of all this, but prayerfully commit the matter to God and wield an influence where they can, particularly in the home and amongst neighbours.

The Christian attitude to all this

Attitude to individuals

Sin is sin. All people need to be rescued from their sin whatever it is. Our message to homosexuals is the same as for anyone else: *'Repent of your sin and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, turn from your evil ways and find power in Jesus to live a new life, with new dispositions.'* We should not discriminate against homosexuals or anyone else. All men are sinners, some are more open than others. We should treat everyone the same.

If someone has developed homosexual feelings as a result of psychological problems, they require help and treatment like any other malady. Condemnation at this stage is unhelpful and unnecessary.

The Christian gay lobby states that the Bible does not condemn the homosexual condition until it is indulged.⁴⁰ Anglican priests can be homosexually inclined at present as long as they do not openly practice homosexual sex. A chaste homosexual is acceptable. This is erroneous thinking. Jesus makes clear that a sinful thought is as serious as a sinful action (Matt 5:21-22, 27-28). Paul also shows us that it is our thought life which has to be won first (2 Cor 10:5). A Christian must put on the new nature which does not contain homosexual tendencies since it is the likeness of Christ in all righteousness (Eph 4:24). This is to be the normal state of the Christian walk. We are not to walk the way unbelievers do in the futility of their minds, in darkened understanding (Eph 4:17-18). It is the mind which must be renewed (Eph 4:23). However, we should differentiate between thoughts we allow to remain, and temptation. A person may be susceptible to attacks from the enemy in the area of homosexual temptation, this is not sin unless the thoughts are indulged. We should, in fairness, add that this situation equally applies to heterosexual temptations and sinful thoughts.

³⁹ E.g. Criminal Law Professor F. Lagard Smith.

⁴⁰ Other 'scriptural' defences of the gay Christian movement to legitimise homosexuality include: David & Jonathan were gay lovers, Ruth and Naomi were lesbians, some even blasphemously state that Jesus was a homosexual. e.g. Anglo-Catholic gay priest, Robert Williams, *Just As I Am*, p56, 58, 116-7. The use of the cultural argument is the best that they can come up with. Its weaknesses are obvious. The deceptive tactics used to re-interpret the scriptures at the beginning of this paper are so foolish that they don't bear mentioning.

Like any sin, homosexuality can be overcome. There is healing for all our problems in the power of Jesus Christ. Paul explains that some of the Corinthians were gay, but had been washed, sanctified and justified by the word of Christ (1 Cor 6:9-11). Homosexuals can come to Jesus and find forgiveness. Like the woman caught in adultery or the woman at the well (Jn 4:7-30), those that come to him will find that he is caring and welcoming - but his demand is, 'Go and sin no more' (Jn 8:11).

Attitude in the church

The real issue is about the authority of scripture. This is what the Devil is actually fighting about. The growth in apologetics for the gay Christian position has arisen from the spurious arguments accepted in other forums. The inroads of Liberation Theology and Feminism, for instance, have led to certain tactics in interpretation. If there is a clear statement prohibiting your position, then you have to devalue the authority of that passage. The current debate over the ordination of gay priests follows hot on the heels of the successful argument of women for ordination.⁴¹

In two letters, Paul prohibits women from teaching men in church meetings. The first assault to avoid this is by supposing that these few verses are not in the best documents. After that has failed, then the best argument is to contextualize the problem - i.e. Paul was only referring to first century Corinth;⁴² this does not apply to us wiser moderns. Many people have bought into this argument and have supported ordination for women in the Anglican church for instance. Another area is Genesis 1-11. It is foolish to really believe that God built the world in six literal days, we are told, therefore, this section is myth. Others even say boldly that the Bible is only inspired on theological matters. Elsewhere, e.g. in science and geography, it contains errors.

When we start to have a low view of scripture, then we can justify anything we want: abortion, easy divorce, adultery, fraud and homosexuality. This is the real battle - the battle for the Bible. This is why our argument for Christian morality must stem entirely from Biblical sources. God says that homosexuality is wrong in very clear terms in scripture. For the Bible believing church, the matter is settled.

Attitude to society's mores

God states clearly that homosexual practices and inclination is 'detestable'. The current attitude of society is that it is acceptable. In fact, it seems that the greatest sin is to have a firm view on something and the greatest virtue is tolerance. Christians who speak out on ethical issues out of principle are berated as foolish primitives. Nevertheless, we must insist upon God's truth whatever the cost. Apart from being true to God's word in this action, we also give an opportunity to gay people to realise their proclivities are wrong and perhaps change. If no one speaks the truth, then how will others know what that truth is. How will people hear unless we preach the Gospel - that Gospel includes God's views on human nature, sin and righteousness.

What society tolerates, and even condones with legislation, leads to its development or downfall. Collapse of morality is the beginning of a downward spiral in any civilisation. The

⁴¹ F. Lagard Smith says, 'I have yet to see an argument put forward on behalf of gays that I haven't already seen successfully used in promoting a wider role for women in the church.' Op. cit. p152-3.

⁴² Carried through to its logical conclusion, the cultural argument would mean that we cease ancient, out of date practices like: baptism, breaking bread, sermons, hymns etc.

attitude of tolerance to sinful practices leads to a reflection in: art and culture, human behaviour, social activity and finally society's downfall. This has been seen time after time in history, especially in the matter of homosexuality and other sexual perversions. Sodom, Greece and Rome were all overtaken by calamity following widespread tolerated sexual abuse. Western cultures seem to be following hot on their heels.

Appendix

Some Facts About AIDS Ignored By The Media

AIDS is not a heterosexual disease! It may be contracted by heterosexual people, but even then only in unusual circumstances. It is actually quite difficult to catch AIDS or become HIV positive. It requires a transfer of blood in certain circumstances. There are cases where people have repeatedly been in skin surface blood contact with an AIDS victim and have not succumbed.

Paul Michael Glaser (Starsky in *Starsky and Hutch*) has experienced tremendous tragedies in his family. His wife contracted AIDS in 1981 through a blood transfusion after giving birth. She passed on the virus to her baby daughter through breast milk. The girl died when she was seven. Their son was also infected in utero before his wife knew she was HIV positive. Paul never caught the disease. For a long time he had normal sex with his wife. He was not infected by either child despite them bleeding on him, vomiting on him, hugging and kissing him.⁴³

Despite the projected AIDS holocaust in the States, only 0.0003% of the heterosexual population has died from it in 10 years. Of these, the vast majority were intravenous drug abusers. Some were contaminated by infected blood transfusions or were haemophiliacs. Is it really true that a third of the population of Central Africa will soon be dead from AIDS? The constant emphasis on huge numbers of African cases is seen to be very poorly researched when the facts are investigated. For instance, often malaria victims are statistically entered as AIDS victims. Dr. Harvey Bialy has shown that HIV tests in Africa are producing up to 90% false positives.⁴⁴

Only about 20% of women who sleep with infected men catch the disease, but even then only over a period of time. The figures from infected women to men are even less.⁴⁵ In Nevada, where brothels are legalised, of the 600,000 'dates' each year, no cases of HIV infection for the prostitutes have resulted.⁴⁶ This is because AIDS is not transmitted by saliva, airborne bacteria, or urine. The concept of 'exchange of bodily fluids' is misleading. Normal sex is not a good means of transmission. Infected blood must contact another persons blood stream. This happens regularly in anal sex. Because it is unnatural, the act causes bleeding to the rectum wall (only one cell thick) and often to the penis too. In addition, the walls of the rectum are porous to absorb nutrients, excellent for the transmission of the virus.

This is why lesbians are virtually unaffected by AIDS. It is, therefore, fair to say that it is a

⁴³ *The Jerusalem Post*, 31 August 1989, features.

⁴⁴ Joan Shenton, *AIDS & Africa, Dispatches*, Channel 4, 24 March 1993.

⁴⁵ Mona Cheren, *Newsday*, 22 January 1992, p76, referring to studies by Professor Nancy Padian.

⁴⁶ *Los Angeles Times*, 26 August 1991. *The Economist*, 7 September 1991, p28.

'gay male disease'. In fact, of the two current scientific theories postulating a human cause for the disease, one insists that it originated in either San Francisco or New York as a result of multiple homosexual intercourse. This allowed higher and higher concentrates of viruses to produce stronger and stronger strains until HIV emerged. Bear in mind that homosexual men have very many partners, often having multiple sex experiences in an evening with people who are not known to them, and in some cases without even having had a conversation. Partner rates of scores in a year are common. Such behaviour is an ideal seed bed for infection.

The truth about AIDS is important because it is being deliberately kept hidden by gay activists who want AIDS to be seen as a non-selective plague. To suggest otherwise is now seen as discrimination against gays. Also, gays urgently need finance for AIDS research. This would have been less forthcoming if it wasn't being promoted as a plague ready to strike anyone at the drop of a hat. To prove this, take the case of Michael Fumento, a former AIDS analyst for the Commission on Civil Rights. He wrote a book called *The Myth of Heterosexual AIDS*. This has been censored by the gay lobby in Britain and USA. Bookstores and publishers were threatened with a boycott if they pushed the book. This was so effective that the book cannot now be obtained anywhere, even from the original publishers.

There is another reason for the pressure to hide the truth about AIDS. For centuries highly contagious diseases have been treated with isolation techniques until research/treatment allowed relief of the quarantine. Leprosy, typhoid, diphtheria, malaria and so on required confinement. Until recently, no one has ever questioned the need to contain epidemics. What gives anyone the right to infect someone else? Stringent quarantine actions were taken in America in 1918, for instance, during an influenza outbreak which killed tens of thousands. New York City authorities closed down churches, theatres, bars etc. where people gathered in large numbers. When syphilis was a major problem after the first World War, 18,000 prostitutes were quarantined in the USA to slow its spread. Warnings appeared everywhere about the dangers of sex outside marriage.

No one complained about these measures, despite many people's rights being severely curtailed. A person infected with a serious disease has always been treated as a special case. Some of his citizenship rights are temporarily curtailed for the good of the whole. Medical progress has enabled us to control diseases like syphilis and leprosy so that restrictions are not needed so often, but USA state regulations still contain authority to restrict travel for people with communicable diseases and crossing the state line is still forbidden for such without a permit; and AIDS has no cure yet.⁴⁷ After all, the community has rights too. Every society in every age has practised this sane technique - until now.

When AIDS emerged, confining the gays it originated with in the few areas where contamination was concentrated could have contained or even eradicated the disease. A process of dis-information was subsequently spread to ensure that gay people were not incarcerated. Gay rights must not be infringed after all. What would have happened earlier in this century if victims had claimed 'typhoid sufferers rights' to freedom of movement? It was this fear which has also driven the need to establish AIDS as a non-gender discriminating disease.

⁴⁷ Title 21, US Code of Federal Regulations, Food & Drugs, Parts 800-1299, Section 1240.40, 1240.54, Revised 1985.

In a similar situation when syphilis was threatening America, many people carried the disease unknowingly and continued to affect others. The key effort in its control was the testing, tracing of contacts and treatment of 30 million people between 1941 and 1945. If you treat and cure one carrier, you save, potentially, thousands of others. The organiser and initiator of this was Surgeon General Thomas Parran who said that the community has a right to protect itself against the spread of disease and it has a right to minimize the cost of it. Today the gay community tells us that we have no right to protect ourselves if it inconveniences homosexuals and the whole community foots the bill for AIDS research and treatment; this can cost as much as \$100,000 per individual.⁴⁸ Gays have stringently resisted testing and identifying contacts.

The most widespread killer disease is still cancer. Forty times as many die from it as from AIDS. Even heart disease kills five times more than AIDS in any single year. AIDS related deaths are not even in the top ten killers, yet more American government money is devoted to its research than any other illness, and the Gallup Poll reported that Americans identified AIDS as the country's greatest health threat.⁴⁹ In the UK in 1989/90 the government spent 16 times as much money on AIDS as heart disease. In that time there were 553 AIDS related deaths, but there were 200,000 people who died from heart disease. How many of these could have been saved if there were balanced resources? To make the system fairer, the truth about AIDS must be demonstrated. It must also be remembered that no gay person need die from AIDS. All it requires is avoiding anal sex, drug abuse or other perverted practices where there is transmission of blood.

An example of homosexual 'rights' regarding AIDS can be seen in the case of Gaetan Dugas, an airline steward for Air Canada. His sexual appetite was insatiable, boasting 250 gay experiences a year with many partners world-wide. Having contracted AIDS in Europe, he transmitted the disease to many partners in America and Canada. Despite warnings that he was endangering others, he stated, '*Its my right to do what I want with my body*'. Unfortunately, the US judicial system agrees with this. Delighting in his role as a 'merchant of death', he even stooped to having sex with men in dark bathhouses to hide the obvious lesions on his face.⁵⁰ Or the case of a black, transvestite, male prostitute arrested in Jackson for carrying the AIDS virus and fellating a married businessman. His defence (Tom Stoddard) was that his partners could protect themselves if they wanted to!

We should briefly discuss this matter of protection. Condoms do not completely protect a person from AIDS. There is no safe homosexual sex with someone who is HIV+. We all know that condoms were never a guaranteed contraceptive, and a woman is only fertile a few days of the month (the official failure rate is 10%). The AIDS virus is virulent every day. It is also 400 times smaller than a sperm cell. A *Lancet* study showed that condoms split more often (50%) in rectal sex than vaginal sex (1%).⁵¹ Its no surprise that three out of eighteen (17%) AIDS sufferers have infected partners, despite using condoms, within 18 months.⁵² In any case, several studies have shown that homosexuals do not like condoms and many do not bother to use them, despite the risks. For those that assented to use them, the huge publicity given to 'safe sex' has actually resulted in more widespread sex that is actually dangerous, since those who hesitated, indulged after being told that a

⁴⁸ The basis for this information is Dr. Paul Cameron, *Exposing the AIDS Scandal*, chapter 4.

⁴⁹ Mona Charen, Op. Cit.

⁵⁰ Dr. Paul Cameron, *Exposing the AIDS Scandal*, Huntington House Inc. Lafayette, (1988), p30-31.

⁵¹ *The Lancet*, 21/28 December, 1985.

⁵² M, Fischl, *III Int. Conf. on AIDS, Abstracts Vol.*, p178.

condom would protect them. Even the Disney Studios produced a film which denigrated abstinence and lauded the use of condoms.

In all this we should reconsider the issue of gay rights. There is no reasonable doubt that AIDS originated among the homosexual population in America, particularly New York and San Francisco. The indulging of gay practises led to the worst epidemic of modern times, claiming many innocent parties. If it were not for sodomy, tens of thousands of people would still be alive. As well as tolerating sodomy, which continues to threaten more and more lives, we are now pursuing special rights for sodomites above those granted heterosexuals, the vast majority of the population. If 'righteousness exalts a nation', what depravity will this unrighteous tolerance lead to?

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