

"Four Satanic Lies About Homosexuality"

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In 1973 (the same year the Supreme Court legalized abortion – pure coincidence?) the American Psychiatric Association determined Homosexuality would no longer be considered a mental disorder. Within 10 years, AIDS would decimate the homosexual community, and within 31 years, gay marriage would be argued before the courts of the land. Many TV stars have "come out of the closet", and it seems most movie and TV shows have at least one gay character (no longer effeminate, off-beat or funny, but educated, kind, thoughtful, and usually an exemplary citizen). Gay counselors at high schools, Gay governors, Gay assemblymen, Gay ministers: what is going on in America? Were we wrong outlawing sodomy since America's foundation? Has the church been wrong all along in preaching against homosexuality? This is an important timely issue which affects us all.

Let's make some observations about homosexuality looking at it from the perspective of God's written Word. Alfred Kinsey, considered the "world's greatest authority" on sex, published his books 50 years ago, touting that homosexuality was not perversion, and that 10% of the population is gay (which was supposed to argue that since that many people are doing it, it must not be wrong!). More recent (and more scientific) studies have shown that only about 1% of the population is gay! Kinsey lied and deceived many people who tragically believed his lie. II Thess. 2:10:10-12 says it is possible to "believe a lie and be damned." I've discovered other lies about homosexuality that many are believing. Let's examine those lies.

Lie #1: Homosexuality is something you are born with. It is what you are. It is your sexual identity. It is not a choice. Any Christian counselor or deliverance minister (such as I) knows that a high percentage of homosexuals were either sexually molested or raped. Others had either physically absent or emotionally distant fathers, or strikingly unhappy childhoods. They looked for love in all the wrong places. Hollywood told them "you're gay". Professors told them, "you're gay". A demon said, "Amen!". And, they believed a lie. Did you know that there is not one single homosexual in America? Not one! There are only hurting young men and women, who need our prayers, and compassion.

I led Gary to the Lord when he was in high school. He became a part of my youth group, later graduating from LIFE Bible College in Los Angeles and marrying a girl he met there. They had a son together. He was a principal of a Christian school for awhile. Gary remained my best friend for years, even living with us for a time. Then, he started getting "higher education" in a state college. There he apparently learned the "modern truth" about homosexuality, as an attitude change began. While I was pastoring a church in the LA area, he visited me and admitted that he was visiting gay bars, trying to understand and "learn" about homosexuality. He later met "Bill" and left his wife and son and "married" him. Unfortunately, his new "husband" (or wife, whichever) neglected to inform Gary that he had AIDS. Tragically, just a few years later, my son in the faith, Gary, died of AIDS.

I recently ran across a letter Gary had written me, trying to explain and defend his homosexuality. He wrote it "isn't a choice-it is something you are born with, like being born black." This is a favorite argument of homosexuals. New Jersey Governor James McGreevey a few years ago came out of the closet, admitting a homosexual affair. In his defense, he said that he had "struggled with my identity" most of his life. He once admitted that "in high school, there were feelings that I was different".

Modern psychologists and social scientists argue that these "feelings" represent sexual identity, and that it is wrong for persons to sublimate them and not "admit what they are" and give vent to them. I find this argument utterly absurd. We expect a husband to not yield to feelings that he would like to have sex with the pretty neighbor next door.

If a sexual molester explained, "I couldn't help myself. I have always had feelings for little girls", a jury would turn an icy-cold shoulder to him and give him 15 years in prison. But, if Christians speak out against homosexual "rights", we're called homophobic (having an irrational fear and hatred of gays). I neither fear nor hate gays. But, I hate homosexuality, because God hates homosexuality. To have "feelings" for another man, or to think it might be enjoyable to be intimate with him does not prove that that is one's identity! I enjoy the scent of certain types of tobacco. That doesn't make me a smoker. If someone likes the taste of alcoholic beverages, that doesn't make him an alcoholic. If you feel cold, that doesn't make you an Eskimo!

The archetypical bigot, Archie bunker, in an early episode of "All in the family" asked Sammy Davis Jr., "I know you couldn't help being black, but what made you decide to become a Jew?" We all laughed. Yes, you can't help the color of your skin, but what religion you join is 100% a choice. Certain men may have confused "feelings" about another man, but sodomizing him is definitely a choice!! We expect drug addicts to resist their urges. We expect thieves to resist their "feelings". Yet, America dismisses homosexual urges. Who is the homosexual's best friend and champion?

Hollywood – the very same industry that teaches our youth to swear, to fornicate and to be violent, teaches them to "accept their gayness". Doesn't that tell you something? "Feelings" or the desire for sex with the same sex originate from no different source than the desire for extramarital sex with the opposite sex. All evil sexual desires, like other evil desires such as to kill, steal, or swear emanate from the fallen human nature. So, even if a homosexual was born with these desires, such tendencies would only prove the truth that man is born a sinner, with a sinful nature. (Study Romans 3:10-23, 5:12-21, 6:13-23).

To yield to evil desire is sin. We are commanded to, "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God . . . Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness" (Rom. 6:13, 16). A sexually active homosexual has yielded himself to those desires and has become it's servant; a "servant to uncleanness and to iniquity" (6:19). He has made his choices. You can develop a taste for anything. Who likes the taste of a cigarette the first time he smokes? Few like the taste of beer at first.

But, this is the power of sin: you experiment with desire, you yield, then you develop a habit or bondage to it. "But, God made me this way!" it's complained. James 1;13-17 says, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God . . . But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust (evil desire), and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father". Homosexual sex is lust and it is sin and it's end result will be death (if not by AIDS) finally in Hell. To claim to be "born gay" is to "err" and is truly not a "perfect gift" from a loving heavenly Father, which leads to the next lie many Americans have fallen for . . .

Lie #2: Homosexuality is natural: Gays want to be viewed as normal and have "equal rights" (adopting children, being married, etc.) and totally accepted among peers as living a completely "natural" lifestyle. But the Bible calls homosexuality "unnatural" in Romans 1:27, "the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men, working that which is unseemly (shameful), and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet (fitting)." Heterosexuality is "natural" and God's order of things. Homosexuality is unnatural and "shameful" and gays are in "error". The above text also says homosexuals "receive in themselves" a "recompense" (a repayment) of their "error". What is that "recompense"? The penalty homosexuals pay is five-fold: 1/the Deception that by coming out of the closet, and fighting for his rights, he can win a reputation for being natural or normal. When Hollywood first started depicting gays in its movies, they were made fun of. We laughed at their homosexuality. Why? Because we find humor in that which is odd, weird, offbeat or unorthodox.

When Ronald Reagan was in office, he was asked what he thought about homosexuality. His answer was that he felt about like the woman at the turn of the 19th century who was asked the same question and answered, "Oh, I suppose it's alright, as long as they don't do it in the streets and frighten the horses!". Even animals have enough sense to not have homosexual sex. A few biologists have reported exceptional cases of animals fiddling around with the same sex as proof of homosexuality as natural. Well, animals killing one another and eating one another is natural too, but that hardly argues for murder and cannibalism among humans!

Evolutionists think of us as animals. Christians know we are created in the image of God, and God holds us to (and we should hold ourselves to) a much higher standard! Gays are blinded as to how they appear to normal people when they parade in the nude, wear outlandish clothes, or even hold hands and walk in the park trying to broadcast their love and commitment to one another, oblivious to the fact that it has just the opposite effect on heterosexuals; 2/Effeminization of men: Many try to avoid the look, but the limp-wristed, mincing and prancing gay is still often the case. (I believe this behavior can be caused by demon possession!); 3/Masculization of women: They're called a "butch". They look, dress, walk, and act like a man (I believe this too can be demonic); 4/Unhappiness- They call themselves "gay", but really they are anything but gay!

Deliverance evangelists like me, pastors and counselors are familiar with the terrible struggles for fulfillment that homosexuals contend with. Gays think if they ever get equal rights in America, they'll at last be happy. But, they're wrong. No one can violate God's laws and walk contrary to His natural plan for one's life and ever find true happiness and fulfillment. This unhappiness is part of the intrinsic judgment on homosexual sex; 5/AIDS- The intestinal tract of a man was created for the expulsion of feces. Unnatural sexual use of this "unclean" area of the body became an endemic breeding ground for one of the most horrible diseases in history- "Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome". It is incurable and is a horrible way to die. It's spread also by sharing narcotics needles or extramarital sex (also sins). But, I believe AIDS is a Satanically created disease, conceived through the act of sodomy. In fact, the AIDS epidemic can be traced to a male flight attendant who reported having sex with 250 men in one year. 48 of the first AIDS cases admitted having sex with him. God didn't strike gays with thunderbolts from heaven. They brought it on themselves! They erroneously think the AIDS answer is condoms. The answer is salvation, deliverance, and obeying God's laws!

Lie #3: The Bible doesn't teach against homosexuality, only promiscuous sex. Committed same-sex relationships are appropriate: Homosexuality is all about sex! And, most gays have sex with many partners. (i.e.: gay bathhouses were frequented by men until AIDS closed them down). Gays may eventually wind up with one same-sex partner and "marry" them. But, even such marriages are still sin. Gays argue that the sodomy condemned in the Bible was speaking about gay prostitutes, not committed relationships or that David and Jonathan had a homosexual relationship. Ridiculous! The Bible never says one favorable word about homosexual sex. Instead, it condemns it in the strongest terms. Gays were put to death under Mosaic law. It's glibly admitted, "Yes, and under Mosaic law, people were also put to death for even gathering sticks on the Sabbath.

Things have changed." True, the way law-breakers are judged has changed, but some things never change! Long before the Mosaic law, God showed His "eternal" attitude toward sodomy by destroying Sodom (the term "sodomy" comes from the city Sodom) and Gomorrah. This judgment, according to Jude 8, was because the men of Sodom were "going after strange flesh". The intestinal tract is "strange flesh" indeed!

Imagine for a moment what might be happening on earth today (in light of how far homosexuality has advanced in just three decades through the influence of Hollywood, our modern "Sodom and Gomorrah"), had God not destroyed the wicked men in those homosexual communities millennia ago, and you will realize that God's destruction of those cities was not capricious or merciless but rather proof of his loving care of his creation and reveals a God who always has our long-term best interests in mind in anything He does, though some might from their finite perspective view it as overly strict. Would mankind have been annihilated long ago by AIDS, had Sodom and Gomorrah's influence continued unstopped?

Observe the consistency throughout the Word in its condemnation of homosexuality in Lev. 20:13, 18:22, Deut. 23:17, Judges 19:22-24, II Kings 23:7, Isa. 3:9, Romans 1:24-28, 1 Cor. 6:9, 1 Tim. 1:9, 10, and Rev. 21:8. Several "Christian" denominations now "bless" so-called "committed" gay relationships and are even ordaining gay ministers and priests. Gay activists think this shows that what the Bible says about the subject is highly debatable. No, it is not! "Be not deceived: neither fornicators . . . Nor effeminate (do you doubt what this means?), nor abusers of themselves with (men) . . . Shall inherit the kingdom of God" 1 Cor. 6:9, 10. Unrepentant homosexuals do not enter heaven!

There is no serious debate about what the Bible says on the subject. There are simply those who are deceived and choose not to accept the very clearly revealed truth in the Word and those who choose to believe and accept the finality of God's written Word. Many of the same pastors who would "bless" gay couples would also argue against the inerrancy of the Word or the divinity and resurrection of Christ. Bible believing Christian leaders speak, with little exception, as one voice on the subject. This is the voice of God as well!

Lie #4: Homosexuals cannot change their behavior: When those who used to be gay change, marry, and begin living a normal heterosexual life, gays argue that such were never truly gay. They must take this defensive viewpoint, because if there is one single homosexual "born gay" who reforms, this would forever disprove the foundational argument to accept homosexuality. But, the fact that homosexuals can change is simple to prove. I personally know a gay man who "reformed", married, had children, and is living a happy, successful heterosexual life. There is a national

organization called "Exodus" (see their website), formed by reformed gay men and women who, through Christ, are seeking to help others discover the way out of their promiscuous and destructive gay lifestyle. They offer many testimonies of transformed lives proving homosexuality is not innate and irrevocable.

Your nature can change! Even if a gay could argue successfully that he was born gay, the Bible would still have this to say to him-"Unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Through the new birth, Christ's transforming power changes a person's nature. I may be "born" with a bad temper, a desire to hurt people, or an enjoyment of gossip: But, I must be "born again", and allow Christ to transform this "behavior" and change. Alcoholic's Anonymous teaches "accept the things I cannot change". Well what kind of sex one prefers can be changed by the power of God. And, whether one's "sinful nature" prefers adultery, fornication or sodomy, if there isn't change, it may cost him his soul: "Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God." (Ps. 55:19). The fear of God, which is the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 9:10), produces repentance, which brings salvation, resulting in change (II Cor. 7:10). Changed by Christ is what salvation is all about (II Cor. 5:17).

Governor McGreevey argued for his homosexuality by claiming he "felt different" in high school, as though our feelings represent our identity and are unchangeable. While we are considering sexual "feelings", I'm reminded of the time we held a crusade in Cheyenne, Wyoming. My wife and I were ministering to a young woman. She wore jeans, hadn't done much with her hair and didn't have a feminine appearance at all. We discovered that she had demons which we cast out. Imagine our delight the next night when she came to church in a dress, with her hair fixed nicely, and joyfully reported, "I feel feminine".

Woman is God's last handiwork and His crowning creative masterpiece. She was intended to be lovely, feminine, and to be sexy. Man was created to be manly, to be masculine, and to be so magnetically drawn to a woman's feminine mystique, that he'd unhesitatingly brush aside his fellow man's sexuality to pursue a lifelong sexual relationship with his female soul-mate, like a starving man would brush aside a withered lettuce salad to dig into steak and potatoes! The thief, Satan, has robbed America of this wonderful gift of heterosexual love, by blurring God-given clear-cut lines of sexual identity. Let's pray against the spirit behind this evil stratagem of Satan who wants kill people through AIDS.

He also wants to stop the continuance of strong heterosexual families which has been the foundation of our American society since it's inception. And, Satan is also hoping to once again bring the judgment of God upon our nation, as he so succeeded with Sodom & Gomorrah! Let's contend for Satan's failure in this homosexual strategy.

Capital Punishment

I'm amazed at how many Christians don't believe in the death penalty. They argue that the death penalty was under the Mosaic law and since we are no longer under the "eye for an eye, and tooth for a tooth" regulation of Old Testament Law, we should no longer use the death penalty. Let's get this settled once and for all: the death penalty was initiated by God himself, centuries before the law was ever given! "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God created He man" (Gen. 9:6). Capital punishment is not "cruel and unusual punishment". It is our loving Father's idea! Why? Because man is "created in the image of God".

Each person on earth is singularly created by God with high destiny on earth and a purpose that extends even into eternity. We are like God in that we are eternal beings and are born with pro-creativity-that awe-inspiring privilege of bringing other lives into this world as well as individually creative talents which allow each of us to leave our personal contribution to and to stamp our unique imprint forever upon our planet. No one has the right, nor can he be allowed with impunity, to premeditatedly eradicate anybody's life-long opportunity of such immense potential. If he does, God himself and this nation for over two centuries have deemed death as the entirely appropriate penalty and the only penalty that demonstrates adequately the infinite worth of an individual and the evil magnitude of the taking of a life.

Never mind if virtually every other first-world nation has outlawed the death penalty. We are not like other countries! The United States has always stood alone in modern history as a nation founded upon moral and Biblical principals. One man, one woman or one child is of such eternal value to both God and to our American society, that we both agree that capital punishment best expresses this truth and must remain a viable penalty for capital crimes. It's argued that the death penalty is not a deterrent to murder. Oh yes it is! Whoever is executed will never kill again!

Why not ask the opinion of the Oklahoman prisoners who commandeered a van transporting them in Texas. As they prepared to escape, one of them suggested they had better kill the guards before fleeing. But, one of them reminded them, "This is Texas!", and they agreed they had better not kill them! Texas is a death penalty state and reputed for being tough on crime. Severe penalties are a deterrent to crime! If not, why do criminals fight in courts to the 12th hour to stay their execution? Capital punishment would be far more effective if we'd halt the decades long appeals process! The Arab's method of summary execution is arguably merciless and barbarian, but does get its message across!

Perhaps the strongest argument against the death penalty is that from time to time an innocent man is put to death for a crime he didn't commit. This is true. But, America is at war: against crime. In any war there is always "collateral damage"-innocents who die in order to win a war to save other lives. During WWII, we dropped 2 atomic bombs, which killed about 200,000 Japanese- a horrible loss, indeed! However, it is estimated that by doing so, 1,000,000 lives were saved; those Americans and allies who would've died in house to house combat to end hostilities against a nation that honored suicidal warfare (i.e.: Kamikazes).

America must take a strong stand against crime, of which murder is the most heinous. Collateral damage is regrettable, to say the least, but still a necessary ingredient of crime control. And I personally am willing to take the slight risk of one day being put to death, though innocent, in order to keep in place a God-conceived and time honored method of punishment!

Those against capital punishment claim it is "inhumane" to kill a human for any reason. What hypocrisy! Most of those who argue this would also argue for abortion rights, which is nothing less than murder itself! Can't they at least be consistent? Capital punishment is in the best interests of everyone: the criminal (who might have never considered his eternal soul until faced with his own impending death); closure for the victim's family who through execution have the ultimate justice provided them in honor of their loved one; and those people who will certainly be spared any future crime the murderer might have committed while in prison or if paroled or (God forbid!) escaped. It is entirely humane to execute murderers. Remember, God Himself says so!

Apostle Paul believed in the death penalty. He claimed, "If I have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die." (Acts 25:11). It is obvious from Paul's word usage "any thing worthy of death" that it was clearly understood in New Testament times that the Old Testament usage of capital punishment was not abrogated by the cross. Until Christ sets up His kingdom in Jerusalem and rules with a rod of iron, we'll need to continue to use the death penalty to help stem the tide of the "spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."(Eph. 2:2).

Spanking, churches, the Word & the death penalty: all are God ordained deterrents to crime!