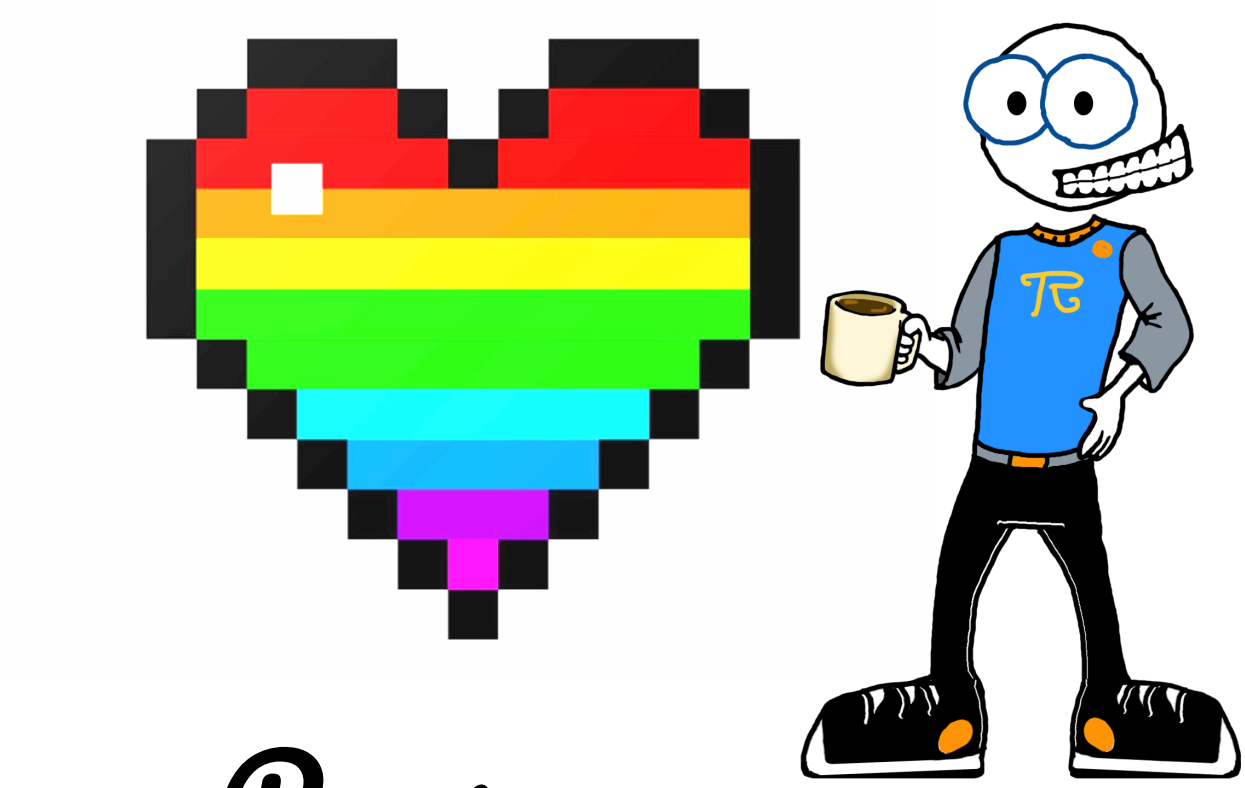

Preachers, Perverts & Pandas

A Gay Debate! Transgenderism! Other Stuff! PG-13!

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He looks hungry.

Somebody get this guy a giraffe…

WELCOME!

Before I begin…

Every socio political topic must die the death of a thousand qualifications, and this one seemingly most of all. And who am I to balk at tradition? So, here goes:

This is NOT about being hateful to any persons of any persuasion, position, or lifestyle. I am NOT going to defend any kind of hate, or attack any kind of love. I am merely attempting to make clear the reasons why both sides have taken the positions they have on these matters so that we can all learn to understand each other better and, hopefully, make choices that will lead to the better health and joy of all people. If you are expecting me to attempt to persuade you to hate homosexual persons, you are going to be disappointed. Because I have no intention of doing that. It would be evil.

But if you're hoping I will be concluding that everyone should just do what is right in their own eyes, you will also be disappointed. I will be making a case for the boundaries God has lovingly provided for us in the Bible. Boundaries are loving, you know. Sometimes people do things that make them happy which they should not do. As one example that might impact most of us, nearly half of American adults are obese- and it's not because we begrudgingly eat a Happy Meal twice a week under compulsion. We eat what makes us happy, even though our cardiovascular systems are sometimes crying out for mercy so loudly that they can be heard by other passengers on public transportation. Also, more than one in ten are smokers, and no one is forcing them to be. They're actually paying their own money for the pleasure of contracting lung cancer.

Sometimes we do things that make us happy, which also kill us. Sometimes loving someone means saying, *"Hey, that thing you like? It's bad for you. You should stop. I want you to have something better."* Sometimes love says **"No."** Sometimes selfish hate takes the form of a parade celebrating suicide. But I digress.

This is a book about learning to love people and love God when neither is necessarily easy to do. But love isn't good because it's easy. Love is Good because GOD is love.

Also: **Parental Content Warning:** Because we are talking about human sexuality, some of the content in this book will, out of necessity, discuss various sexual topics. Read it and consider the age and maturity of those you might choose to share it with. I'll do my best to keep it PG-13, but I can't make any promises.

I can promise no R-rated pictures. It's the best I can do on short notice.

Part I: The Gay Debate over Gay Marriage

Hello friends! I am your Rent-A-Friend, and this series of writings is responding to a good friend of mine named Amanda who is flummoxed by the debate over giving homosexuals the right to marry. She asked me several very good questions about my position via social media. I was further encouraged to reply by her friend, Jonny, who said, *"I want you to post publicly so everyone can see what an idiot you are."* And I'm nothing if not a sucker for fan requests.

So, here we go. For my good friend Amanda, her friend Jonny, and all the people out there who need a friend, A Gay Monologue about the Gay Marriage Debate!

I searched "Gay wedding cake topper" on the internet and these pictures showed up. Who am I to argue with the internet?

Chapter One: Every Debate in a Nutshell

Before we can start with the specifics of this particular debate, we need to look at the foundation of all debates. I know, that sounds like it's going to be wading through six feet of metaphysics with no socks on, but trust me, it's easier than it sounds. What we need to do is look BELOW the level of the specifics.

For this particular debate you have two sides: one FOR the legalization of gay marriage and one AGAINST. As with any side of any debate, both of these sides think they are standing for what is right and good and true. Either they are not talking about the same thing *(in which case they might both be right, but about different things)* or they are diametrically opposed *(in which case one of them is right and one of them is wrong)*.

I told you this would be easy.

This debate seems fairly well opposed. Some want gay marriage to be legal, and some do not. Some want the government to make laws protecting the right of men to marry men, or women to marry women, which of course includes legal punishments for those who refuse to allow, participate, or serve such weddings. Others want the government to protect the traditional definition of marriage which has been the backbone of western civilization for nearly 2,000 years- one man and one woman for life. Those positions can't both be right, so how do we figure out which side to take?

In order to help us all out, I need to compare the basement level foundation of both sides. Before I do that, let me be clear that I am not here to try and defend EVERYONE who is opposed to gay marriage. I am only trying to make sense of the Biblical, Christian position. Even though we may agree on this particular stance, Rush Limbaugh, the Republicans, Muslims, Mormons, and those heretic freaks over at GodHatesFags.com are on their own. Especially that last group. I'd like the earth to open up and swallow them. But I digress. The point is, I am not making a case for the people who defend my position. I am only making a case for my position. I can find child molesting drug

addicts who want federal laws defining marriage for all of us to include two men, two women, or three men and a baby, but I am not going to use those people as part of my case, so don't use their insane, rabid counterparts as part of yours against me. Let's let ideas stand on their own. We'll worry about who holds them later.

WORLDVIEWS

A worldview is the basement level that the rest of a position is built on *(whether you know it or not)*. It's the big picture assumptions that your ideas need to be true in order to stand. The foundation needs to hold up the positions which are built on it, or they fall. For example, if a Christian opposes "gay marriage" on Biblical grounds, their argument will be built on a worldview that assumes that God exists, the Bible is true, and that God gave us the Bible to tell us how to live. When I call these "assumptions" I do not mean that they are not logically defensible. Arguments can be made to prove them to be true. All I mean is that, in the context of this debate, the Christian is not going to include in his argument against "Gay Marriage" evidence for the existence of God. He will assume those things to be true as he makes this specific argument for this specific position. However, because this position is based on that basement level, one avenue of defense on the opposing side could be to try and prove that god does not exist, or that the Bible is not trustworthy, or that the Bible doesn't oppose homosexuality. If the basement falls, the rest of the structure can't just hang there in midair. It falls too.

So before you even ask it, I will not be defending the existence of God and the trustworthiness of the Bible in this book. I did that in other books. I am building THIS case on those existing cases. And I have all of my permits in order, so I am ready to get building! I will be defending my position on what the Bible teaches about gender and sexuality in the last section of this book, so feel free to skip ahead if you want. I'll be here when you get back.

Every worldview (*The basement level*) has four components which need to be defined and made cohesive. I got this idea from Ravi Zacharias, and I steal it here without his knowledge or consent. But he's dead, so not likely to send lawyers after me. Those four components are Origins, Purpose, Morality, and Destiny.

First, let's consider the Christian worldview:

ORIGINS

"In the Beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." This is how the Bible starts, and it's how our worldview starts. Everything that exists is directly or indirectly the result of God's choice to create. What this means for our basement level is, everything has a purpose. God is not chaotic, but does things on purpose and with reason. The Bible tells us this in Acts 17:26, *"From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live."* God has a purpose in where and when you are born. You are not an accident. You were designed- or as it says in Psalm 139, we are *"fearfully and wonderfully made."* Also to be learned from this passage is that all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights. That sounds like the kind of reasonable foundation one could build a nation on. But I digress.

Jesus says this in Mark 10:6, *"But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female."* Your gender isn't an accident either. God made us male and female, and then, pretty much right away, he created the institution of marriage. God made marriage, and sex was part of that institution. After all, HE made us male and female. Some people mistakenly think sex was not God's design, but the first sin. I don't know how these people figured the human race would "be fruitful and multiply" as God commanded. I suppose they could have lived on strawberry mango smoothies and invented algebra, but I don't think that's what God had in mind.

To be clear, sex was part of the original design. God made it, and He has a purpose. His purpose and design leads to the next step- Morality. God, being the creator and architect, has set up some rules so His creation can be used well. We call this the Moral Law. The root of every moral law is doing what is best for us, and avoiding what will hurt us. It's like the driver's manual for a car- you can drive in first gear and never change your oil, but when the instructions tell you to do otherwise it's not because they want to ruin your fun. It's because they don't want your engine to burst into flames. The moral law is the same. When God says "Don't" he generally means "Don't hurt yourself or anyone else."

Our destiny is one of two paths that we choose. In one, we say to God, "Your will be done," and join him in his kingdom forever. In the other, he tells us "Your will be done," and we are outside of his kingdom forever. Neither of these are as cartoons or heavy metal songs would have us believe. Let me sum it up with a mnemonic device:

GOSPEL

G– God made you to have a personal relationship with Him.

O– Our sins separate us from God.

S– Sin cannot be removed with good works.

P– Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

E– Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

L– Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

In case you missed it, that S makes Christianity unique in all the world's history. In every other path you tell God, *"Step aside- I've got this."* The Bible makes it clear- JESUS has it. You either let him take care of it, or your sin will have you forever. You let God adopt you

into the family, or you stay his enemy. Your destiny is you holding onto sin and death, or Jesus taking those from you and giving you life eternal.

It really is that easy.

When the Christians say they are opposed to gay marriage, or polygamy or divorce or infidelity, or anything we call "sin," we mean, *"God made marriage, and THAT (sin) is not His design. His way is better than ours. God made sex and THAT (sin) is not His design. His way leads to more joy than ours. God made men and women, and THAT (sin) is not His design. His way is purposeful and linked specially to His nature- as we are all made in His image."* Or if you like, we mean, *"HE is God and WE are not."* But remember, God is LOVE, so our morality is another way of saying, "THIS is the way of love. Be loving, as Christ loved us."

ATHEISM

What about the atheist worldview? This will be a little easier to sum up:

Origin: Accident

Purpose: None

Morality: None

Destiny: Oblivion *(Both personal and universal)*

Hmmm… It's accurate, but maybe I should elaborate a little.

Origin: Accidental. The universe popped into existence uncaused for no reason. First, there was nothing, and then it exploded, creating all of space, time, matter, energy, and the laws of physics and chemistry and logic and math. Then the matter overcame a lot of those laws to make stars, galaxies, planets, and life. Life sprang into being

accidentally (*And against great odds*) when DNA wrote itself and built a cell to live in, and the cell figured out how to reproduce. The human race is just another bump on the meandering tree of life- not the end nor the goal- just the most recent version of one branch. As a species, we're only a variation on dirt, worms, fish, rats, or monkeys (*Depending on when you join the story*). Quite literally, we are nothing more than an organized mud puddle.

Purpose: None. No one meant us to be here. We have no prime directive while we live, and no one is waiting for us when we die. We are an accident, and we are alone. We are the ghost in the machine. A smoke which came from accidental random chemistry, and which will soon dissipate and be gone forever with no one to even remember us. Someday the universe itself will die and we will be nothing but a forgotten memory with no one to remember, in a graveyard of dead stars, fading forever.
Dang- I am a poet. That gave me chills just then.

Morality: With no purpose and no destiny other than oblivion, there is *no objective right and wrong.* We exist because of a process where billions of things spent millions of years killing each other. With that kind of history, it's hard to say that real objective morals exist. The best you can really do is, *"We have been conditioned by our genetics to be in favor of some behaviors and opposed to others."* That doesn't hold a lot of weight when the genetics of our ancestors used to be conditioned to living in holes and eating dirt.

Destiny: We're a smoky ghost. You know, like from my poetic paragraph above. That was classic.

When an atheist says *"I don't see why you would condemn homosexuality or gay marriage,"* they are being sincere. They don't have a moral code which forbids homosexuality because, on Atheism, Sex is an accident with no purpose, plan, or

destiny. How can an accident be right or wrong? This would be like complaining that a puddle is the ***wrong*** shape.

I don't mean to say that atheists are without any moral code, but I do mean to say they *should be* without a moral code because Atheism doesn't allow for one. Personal preference they can have. They can like slavery or hate it, just as they can like or hate pineapple on pizza. Fashion, they can have. They can support killing babies as long as it's trending on Twitter and legal in New York. But when the whole universe came from nothing for no reason and will die a cold, slow death, and we spend our fleeting short years under the watchful eye of no one-it's hard to justify saying *"YOU should do what I am genetically conditioned to Feel is right."* I mean, correct me if I am wrong, but the pro side of this debate is essentially angry at me because my genetic predisposition is not the same as theirs- which, in a sense, is no different than racism. But don't blame me. Blame the random, blind evolutionary chance that made me.

The question you need to ask is not, *"What's wrong with gay marriage?"* but rather, *"Is anything wrong with anything?"* Because, once you reject God, what standard do you have left? What is the measuring stick by which you judge the world around you? Second hand worm DNA? With all love and respect to my friends, you need more than that if you're going to condone or condemn.

So, to my good friend Amanda, her friend Jonny, and all of their friends who are flummoxed by this debate, let me sum up:

I am not questioning your ability to tell good from evil. I do not doubt that you are all, in your way, kind, generous, and loving people. What I am questioning is your assumption of atheism. If you are right, then I have no basis on which to condemn the homosexual lifestyle, and everything I believe is a lie. But then, if you are right, you have no basis on which to condemn laws against gay marriage, or anything else for that matter. You have no basis on which to choose to be kind, generous, and loving people beyond your own personal preference or cultural fashion. How do you condemn a conservative puddle and condone a liberal puddle when they are both the result of random falling raindrops? Very simply, you cannot. You are only a mud puddle yourself.

Let me be blunt: Atheism is not a foundation on which you can build a moral framework, which means, if you embrace atheism, you have NO PLACE in a debate about right and wrong. Only a Biblical worldview is a foundation on which those answers can be found.

But even if you call yourself an atheist, you know as well as I do that some things are good and some things are evil. You know that some things should be fought for, and some things should be fought against. That's why you care about any of this in the first place. We're not entirely different, you and I. What you might not realize is that this means you are rejecting atheism at its roots. You are realizing that atheism has no solid basement level. You are actually trying to build your atheism and pro-gay marriage positions on a foundation of the Biblical worldview.

What you will come to understand is, I agree with your position more than you, or I dare say even my own camp, readily understand. We're not so different, you and I. This is only possible because of the reality of the Biblical worldview. But I'll explain all of that in my next chapter.

In the meantime, let me end with some well needed apologies:
On behalf of those who hate in the name of Jesus, I apologize. Most of them are heretics, and not real Christians at all- and all of them are wrong. Jesus taught us that God loves the whole world- not just the clean, pious people. *The whole world*. So, for all of them, I am sorry.

On behalf of those who are real Christians but have failed to love you and your homosexual friends- I apologize. Jesus told his disciples to love each other and our enemies- so wherever you fall in that spectrum, we should love you. I am sorry that we have failed in this matter. Please forgive us.

I'm also sorry that there are people who call themselves Christians who are more concerned with their social justice cred than your eternal soul. Whole denominations look at the way God designed us and taught us to live so that we may have joy and they say, "I'd rather support the life you have than encourage you to seek a better life." They let you walk toward death so they can feel open minded and politically correct instead of pointing you to Jesus so that you can have eternal life. That isn't love, and it isn't Christian. It's cowardly and selfish, and I'm sorry if you've been treated like a virtue signal instead of a person by such people.

I hope you can do yourself the favor of learning to judge Christianity on Jesus and not on Christians, just as you should decide the value of recycling based on the facts and not on the guy who collects your blue bin every week. Get to know Jesus. As for me, I love you all. That's why I am your Rent-A-Friend. And far more importantly- JESUS LOVES YOU.

Chapter Two: Building Bridges

(Or, Why the Pandas Should NOT Eat Those Giraffes)

Welcome back to a Gay debate about Gay marriage! When I last left you, I had spelled out the need for objective moral values in order to take EITHER side in this debate. Now I intend to take a minute to explain how much we all have in common. If your mind is easily blown, you may need a helmet. Or a mind diaper.

The debate over giving homosexuals the right to marry is one where both sides want justice- you know, like Batman does. We all want the law to reflect what is right and true and good and we want the Jokers on the other side to stop trying to ruin our metaphorical Gotham City. Remember when I said we're not so different? Here's the first way in which we are all the same: We are all arguing for what we think is right and just.

As a Christian, I believe what God has said about morality based on the purpose in His design, in part because I think it provides the greatest health and happiness for the culture that adopts it. God made the family, which includes sexuality between one man and one woman in the covenant of a lifelong marriage alone. Thus I want the law to reflect what is best for everyone as instructed by God. On the other side are those who feel their homosexual friends would be made happy if they were given the right to be married, and so they feel it unjust to keep such freedoms from their friends. In the end, we all want justice- but we disagree about the proper application.

We all want happiness for ourselves and those we love.

This is universal. Everyone wants total happiness. However…This is one of those times where it's hard to make everyone happy. The pro-side of this debate is under the impression that giving homosexuals the right to marry will make their gay friends happy, and thus decide it is the best choice. In a future post I will explain how making someone happy might not be the same as loving them. For now, just imagine you had the power to turn things into gold just by touching them. It would make you very happy in the short run, but not in the long run. The short version is, you celebrate, get rich quick, and then lose everything and everyone you ever loved until your empire crumbles and you wind up repairing mufflers and breaks. This happened to some guy named Midas. Still, good for him that he can find work in this economy. Just don't shake his hand when you take your car in.

What many people on the pro side of this debate may find surprising is that I have- and have had in the past- friends who are homosexuals. And I don't mean just that one guy at work who I say hello to when I walk past (his name was Brian). I mean I have had diner, gone to parties, exchanged Christmas presents with persons who are living homosexual lifestyles. I and people who agree with me on these matters have friends that we love who are homosexual. So this isn't a matter of *"If you only got to know some gay people…"* This is a matter of some things being more important than just making others happy. Again, I will explain this in more detail in the future. For right now, let's just admit that both sides of this debate have some friends we love who will be affected by its outcome.

Before I move on, let me make an aside. Even supposing I had never met a homosexual person in my entire life- WHY would that matter? My argument is NOT based on my dislike of anyone. My arguments are not anecdotal as if I am making up my mind on the few homosexuals I had met. A moral and ethical question is based on the foundation of your worldview. Countering my rejecting of homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle by asking if I have any gay friends is no different than me responding to your rejection of racism by asking, "Have you ever been friends with a racist? Do you even KNOW any

racists?" If you have any sense, you aren't going to reply, "You're right. Maybe I oppose the close minded hatred and genocidal murder of the Third Reich because I have never taken the time to get to know a Nazi."

I knew a Nazi when I was in highschool. It doesn't change anything. But I digress.

People are PEOPLE. We are HUMAN FIRST.

Aside from the common good we share of wanting justice and wanting happiness, we also have a few faults in common. Both sides of this debate have forgotten something which would help clarify why both of them are often in the wrong: We forget that homosexuals are people. They are human first. And we forget that *homosexuality* is not a person- it's a set of facts about a person, but not ALL of the facts about them. We're all throwing out the babies with the bathwater, and that makes for unhappy babies.

In my experience, this mistake can be traced to those persons living a homosexual lifestyle who, for reasons I do not understand, wrap their identity in their sexuality. These are the people who introduce themselves by saying, *"Hi, I'm Becky- I'm a lesbian,"* or sometimes just, *"Hi, I'm gay."* At least Becky remembered to tell me her name. I can't remember what gay's name was. But that is sort of my point. He wasn't a Tim or a Steve or a Ryan- he was just a *"gay."* At least, that's all he seemed to be to himself. But I want us all to remember that, whatever his name was, he and Becky are HUMAN FIRST. We need to remember that even when they do not.

Some of you will no doubt be countering with the fact that there are people who talk about, think about, and treat homosexuals as if that is the ONLY facet of their person which matters. And I am admitting that errors are made on both sides. I should think of becky as being something other than merely a lesbian. But when that is the only thing she tells me about herself on our meeting, it colors my picture of her in part because she has told me to color it that way. Had she said, "I'm a theater costume design major," then when I learned that she was in a lesbian relationship, I could think, "Becky is that

costume designer who is also a lesbian." But because of how she chose to introduce herself, I am more likely to think, "Becky is a lesbian who designs costumes." I am sure an argument could be made on the other side, but from where I stand, one of the reasons why my wide constantly forgets that homosexual is not the species of the person, but merely one facet of their person, is because they talk about themselves as if that is the most important and defining facet.

Many homosexuals will say *"I AM GAY"* in the same way a certain zoo animal might say *"I AM A PANDA!"* Naming one's species carries with it certain explanatory definitions of appearance and behaviors which are phenotypes determined by inherited genotypes. All of that is nerd-speak for, *"Of course I act like a panda- I AM A PANDA! What did you expect me to do? I can't help what I am! I'm proud to be a panda! DON'T YOU JUDGE ME!"*

Dr. Phil and the Gay Panda

Aside from accepting their lifestyle, the liberal side quickly starts seeing homosexuals as animals determined by their genetics- unable to make any choices. This is why they quickly liken being opposed to homosexual politics to racism. In modern conversation, "Homophobe" is no different than "racist." Even if it's well meaning, it is dehumanizing to the people it supposes to defend. It essentially proposes the idea that homosexuals are not humans who can make choices, but animals who have instincts. I offer as evidence, TV's Dr. Phil.

TV's Dr. Phil had a couple on his show where the woman complained that her husband had cheated with her not once, not twice, but repeatedly with at least three different MEN. The husband had told her before they were married that he had engaged in homosexual activities in the past. Having chosen to marry her, he assured her that his gay life was all in the past. He had promised her before they were married that those days were over. Now, a couple of years and a couple of kids into the marriage, she finds he has been cheating with men.

So TV's Dr. Phil, being trained in the art of Oprah-style morality and relationship counseling SCOLDS THE WIFE FOR EXPECTING HER HUSBAND TO BE FAITHFUL. I could not believe this as I watched it. TV's Dr. Phil flatly told her, because the guy admitted he had been gay in the past, she should not have believed him when he said he would be faithful to her. TV's Dr. Phil delivered this speech in the same manner I imagine Animal Control gives the *"It bit you because it was a wild animal"* speech to people who have tried to bring home a bear they found on vacation.

The cheating husband got the slightest slap on the wrist, but the wife was told that this was basically her own fault. Once gay, still gay, always gay. He can't help himself! He's not a man who can choose to be faithful to his wife- he's… *a homosexual*. They're *different*. According toTV's Dr. Phil, she should have known better.

Imagine this situation with the description "homosexual" being replaced with anything else- Italian, Chinese, a Cub's fan, an alcoholic, rich, fat, tall, blonde… for what else would TV's Dr. Phil have taken this stance? Nothing. Men and women are expected to keep their vows and promises. But homosexuals… they're *different*.

Unless they are human.

What's a Panda to Do?

This line of thinking treats men and women like animals. Not only is "Homosexual" their species, but (some believe) there is a gay gene that determined their lifestyle choice before they were born! The pro-gay marriage side basically feels like the Bible thumpers are hating on pandas *for acting like pandas*. What's a panda supposed to do? Deny his innate Pandaness?

There are a couple of problems with this viewpoint. So far there is no evidence that a "gay gene" exists. After all, twins exist where one has homosexual feelings and one does not. Also, the genetic research that was used to claim thata "gay gene exists"

could not be reproduced. But even if we decide there is a gay gene, that still doesn't mean we ought to embrace the results of that gene. Do we celebrate down syndrome, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia, or color blindness? Can't something be a genetic trait which is also a bad thing which we seek to cure? Knowing something has a genetic cause is not enough to determine something good or bad. To determine that, we have to know the purpose of the affected area. We know color blindness is bad because we know the purpose of the eye- to see the entire visible light spectrum. What was the purpose of sex again?

I used to know, but I think we've thrown it out with the bathwater.

The Bible isn't condemning Pandas for being Pandas. It's condemning Pandas for eating the giraffes when they're supposed to eat bamboo. Even if the Pandas REALLY REALLY feel like they SHOULD eat the giraffes- it's only going to make them ill and seriously freak out the zoo going children. God made a natural order to the universe, and that order included pandas being vegetarian. If a panda tries to eat the giraffes, it is right that the zoo should try and stop him, even if the giraffes are ok with the idea.

Giraffes are into some weird stuff. I'm not going to lie.

Hating Pandas for the Love of Giraffes?

If a panda tried to eat a giraffe, the zoo keepers should NOT say, *"We really hate pandas now. Cuz that's wrong behavior."* And panda lovers shouldn't say, *"We love pandas, so they should be able to eat as many giraffes as they want."* Yet, this is what both sides of the gay debate have done. Neither of them is really in the right. What they should ALL be saying is, *"We love the pandas, but it's not natural or healthy for a panda to want to eat a giraffe. Let's figure out what went wrong so we can help them."* Maybe they need more iron in their diet and can just have some spinach. I'm not a vet. All I know is, if you give the pandas a giraffe, you might make them happy for a while, but you aren't going to

make them healthy. It's fairly certain to kill them. And you certainly won't have many happy giraffes at the end of the day.

We aren't going to be able to solve the gay marriage debate by confusing the person for the lifestyle. First, we all need to stop labeling people as "gay" or "lesbian" as if it is their species. We are all HUMAN FIRST. They are not a sexuality in the form of a person, they are a human with feelings and desires- just as we all are. If we remembered that, we would all understand why Christians can condemn homosexuality without hating men and women, and Christians would understand why we should love men and women, even if they are living a lifestyle which is displeasing to God.

If we're honest, we've all eaten a bit of giraffe in the past. That's why we need Jesus in the first place. And just to be clear, in this context, "giraffe" stands for any sin. I'm not saying we've all been gay. That's certainly NOT true, no matter what the internet says.

Let's end this chapter by reflecting on what we all have in common. First of all, we all agree that some things are good and some things are bad. We are striving to get others to know the truth, for we agree that truth is good. We want justice, and we want happiness, for we agree that they are good. We are- all of us- human. We are not different species of human- we are all simply human. One big, crazy, messed up family of humanity, with our own feelings and desires who each have left teeth marks in the local giraffes. We have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and we all need Jesus to save us from our sin – to save us from the food poisoning that comes from eating giraffe when we were made to eat bamboo.

I hope all of you on both sides of this debate have found some things you share. My goal here is to build bridges. Let's continue the debate as family and burn as few of those bridges as possible.

And remember- Jesus loves you.

And now, a Strange Interlude:

“Peanut, Bitter and Jelly”

Welcome, boys and girls! You’re just in time! Peebs, Buttah, and Jells have just finished watching their favorite TV show and are feeling a bit peckish. Let’s see what they do!

Peebs: I’m going to make Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches for all of us!

Buttah: Finally! I get to have a PB&J!

Jells: No, Bro. I keep telling you guys that Buttah CAN’T have Peanut Butter.

Peebs: But everyone loves the PB!

Buttah: I just wanted to be treated fairly.

Jells: Dude, you are allergic to Peanuts. PB will kill you.

Buttah: You’s just bein’ SELFISH.

Peebs: So hateful, dude.

Jells: I’m not being hateful! I’m trying to keep YOU from killing him!

Peebs: That’s just offensive.

Buttah: If you loved me, you would want me to be happy. Its totes unfair that you can enjoy PB and refuse to let me have it.

Jells: Dude, for me it’s nutritious. For you it’s toxic.

Peebs: So hateful.

Jells: How am I hateful for not wanting him to die? How do you figure you are the loving one when giving him what he wants will KILL HIM?

Peebs: All I'm hearing is bigotry.

Buttah: Totes Bigot.

Jells: OK. I'm out of here. Epi pen's in the bathroom and the number to 9-1-1 is on that post-it by the phone. [exits]

We'll be back right after these messages:

Fighting for homosexuality to be normalized, gay marriage, or trangenderism is like fighting for the rights of people allergic to peanuts to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. It might FEEL like the loving and fair thing to do, but it's really not.

For allergies, consult a doctor. For morals, consult the Bible. And remember, Jesus Loves You.

Chapter Three: The Marx Brothers and Driftwood

(Or, Sex and Violins in the Movies)

If you haven't seen the Marx Brothers movie *"A Night at the Opera,"* then it's possible that, until now, your life has been a hollow lie devoid of meaning, hope, or joy. I suggest you rush right out and buy a copy at once. Aside from lasting joy and cultural education, I bring this film to your attention because of a particular scene.

Near the end of the film, Chico and Harpo slip the sheet music for *"Take me out to the ballgame"* into the score, and then slip themselves into the pit. As the opera starts, the orchestra breaks into *"Take me out to the ballgame"* and Chico and Harpo pull out a baseball and have a short game, during which Chico pitches and Harpo uses a violin to smack the ball into the woodwinds. It's classic Marx Brothers shtick which I will now use for my own metaphysical purposes. But first, let's go to the beach.

Driftwood and Bon Fires

Welcome to the metaphorical beach! Here we find pieces of driftwood washed up on shore. Whatever the wood looked like in the distant past, it has been formed by wind and waves, chance and time to be smooth and aesthetically pleasing. In the 1970's people would use them as home decorations until they ran out of wine and came stumbling down the stairs, squinting in the morning light, only to say to themselves, *"What is that hunk of wood doing in the middle of the dining room table?"* What was once $200 of interior décor is now found at garage sales for as little as 25 cents.

So, imagine you are at the beach, and you look into the water to find one such natural treasure floating your way. Having found some driftwood amidst the waves, you pick it up and you say to your friends, *"Hey! We can use this as a baseball bat!"* And despite the fact that there is no orchestra to be found, you play a rousing game of baseball with your new and all natural bat. As you play, Antonio Stradivari walks by and says to himself, *"How clever! Those kids are using a piece of driftwood as a baseball bat."* And he goes home to watch a movie.

Eventually, you stop playing baseball to go get a Choco Taco. When you return you find that one of your friends has started a fire on the beach, which you think is wonderful until you realize that they have made this fire with your all natural driftwood bat! Mother Nature's own Louisville Slugger is turning to ash before your eyes! The horror! The horror!

"How could you do this to me?" you cry in despair. *"That was my baseball bat!"* Your friends stare at you as if you have bananas in your ears and say, *"It's JUST driftwood. It's a hunk of dead tree that was shaped by the laws of nature plus chance plus time. You decided to use it as a baseball bat, and now we've decided to use it to make a fire. What's the big deal?"*

This is just like that time you found the perfect walking stick in the woods, and then set it down to get a soda, and your friends used it to make s'mores. You begin to wonder if any of them could be trusted to pet sit, or if they would eat your cat.

Meanwhile, at the Home of Stradivari…

Meanwhile, Antonio Stradivari has made it home and is watching the Marx Brother's *A Night at the Opera* with his children. They are delighted and amused until the Opera starts. Then, Harpo- this icon of comedy entertainment- grabs a violin and uses it to whack a baseball! The children gasp in horror. *"Daddy!"* one of them cries, *"What's he doing with your violin?"* But Antonio is unable to find the words to express the shock and disgust as his beloved creation, a Stradivarius violin, valued at $15 million dollars, is used in the same way one might use a found piece of common driftwood!

One of his children suggests that the Marx Brothers must be destroyed. Antonio realizes that this is so, and he grabs the phone intending to call the lawyer who works for him- the one who is known as "The Angel of Death." But another child says to him, *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."* Antonio, seeing the mercy of his child, puts down the phone, grabs the DVD remote, and skips to the next scene.

Which brings us back to the topic of this series- the debate over gay marriage. No, really! This will all tie together in just a minute.

Nature or Craftsmanship?

The defenders of homosexual marriage are acting as if marriage and sexuality are like driftwood- it's the result of accidental chance plus time which we have found and decided to use for one of several uses. When the other side comes along and says, *"You can't do that! That's not what it's for!"* they roll their eyes and try to remind us that it's *JUST DRIFTWOOD*. Just because we chose to use it as a baseball bat doesn't mean EVERYONE has to use it the same way.

And if we're just arguing about driftwood, they are correct. Our baseball bat might be important to us, but it's still just driftwood. It's not really special and important. We just gave it a purpose which made us FEEL like it was special. But it wasn't MADE to be a bat anymore than it was MADE to be a decoration for your dining room table- or firewood for that matter. It's just part of a dead tree formed by nature, chance and time.

The defenders of traditional, Christian marriage are not just arguing about their feelings for driftwood. We are the children of Antonio Stradivari. Our father has made something beautiful and good. That piece of wood was not formed by chance and accident, but by the hands of a loving artist with great purpose. A violin has purpose built into it, which is why you need two different pieces. *You need the violin and the bow.* If you have no bow, it is a beautiful instrument, but it will not fulfill its primary purpose for existing- to make music. If you have two violins or two bows, you still do not have music. Like a key and a lock, a violin must be paired with something different -a bow- to be complete, to fulfill the purpose for which it was made. The two become one and make beautiful music together in a way neither could do alone.

I think the metaphor is fairly obvious, but I'll spell it out anyway. God made sexuality with great artistry and purpose, as Stradivari made violins. As the violin and bow are each a complete thing, made with beauty and purpose, men and women are complete by themselves and made with value, beauty, and purpose. But as a pair of bows will not make music- so a homosexual couple cannot fulfill God's purpose in their design. This goes beyond the mere ability to reproduce, but it does include that. Men and women were made in the image of God, and alone we are not a complete image. Two men or two women also do not complete the image of God. And worse than simply being incomplete in purpose, when one violin is used as a bow on another, both are damaged and neither makes the music it was intended to make *(I will address this subject more fully in a future chapter)*.

From Dining Room Table to Garage Sale Bargain Bin

If you reject the creator God and choose to say marriage, sex, and humankind is all driftwood- matter plus chance plus time- then you can use it as a baseball bat or a walking stick- but here is the point you have to face- you can also use it as firewood. The Nazis did this to homosexuals as well as Jews for exactly this reason. They rejected the Biblical God and the morality that came with in favor of Darwinistic naturalism, and they tried to kill all of the homosexuals in Europe (plus everyone who wasn't an arian Nazi). If you reject the Biblical God and the morality that comes from him in favor of Gay Marriage today, what will stop our nation from using them as firewood tomorrow? Driftwood can be art for your dining room or fuel for your fire and all that keeps one from being the other is fashion. Today our fashion is calling for the legalization of gay marriage, but when our culture ejects the influence of the church and embraces Darwin as Germany did at the turn of the last century, what will keep us from doing away with this evolutionary dead end in the same manner? What keeps the $200 of dining room art from becoming a 25 cent piece of garbage you desire to rid yourself of? It can happen here. It happened in Europe not that very long ago.

And to make this point clear- it doesn't matter what ELSE you use a Stradivarius for- if it is not for music, it is an abuse of the artist's design. Homosexuality is not the only sin. God intended one violin and one bow for a lifetime of beautiful sheet music *(pun intended)*. No trading bows with other musicians, and no using three bows at a time, or two bows and a toothbrush. No beating the violin with the bow like a drum. No filling the violin with beer or floating it in the bathtub. Had Harpo used the violin as a golf club, a football, or as a drumstick, he would still be doing wrong and the children of Stradivari would still oppose it, not because they hate the Marx Brothers, or even because they really believe Harpo intended to offend their father, but because they love their father and they know his work and the purpose for which it was made.

So as a son of Stradivari, I want you to remember that none of us are driftwood. You were made beautiful and with purpose. We are all Human First.

And as humans we are made to make music, love God, and watch the Marx Brothers.

Do yourself a favor- first, read the Bible. After that, get some Marx Brothers movies and watch them all *(Except maybe Room Service. Meh)*. You'll thank me.

As for me, I'm going to grab a handful of change and go garage sailing. I'm looking for a big hunk of wood for the middle of my dining room table.

Chapter Four: The Bad News that No One Wants to Talk About

To modern minds “Good” simply means, “Lacking evil.” And Evil is measured by the physical cost. Thus, smoking is evil because it results in cancer, drunk driving is evil because it results in deadly crashes and Vampires are evil because they result in the Twilight movies. If there’s no body count, we tend to say there’s no evil, and if no evil, then good. Getting drunk, therefore, is good, but drunk driving is bad. I bring this up because almost all of the arguments for legalizing Gay marriage, or even simply accepting the lifestyle, are along these lines:
“What business is it of yours?”
“Why do you care?”
“Who are they hurting?”

But if you get far enough into a conversation, you will find that, for many people, the argument seems to go as follows:

1. I don’t know why you think it’s bad.
2. If I don’t know what would make it bad, then a suitable reason must not exist.
3. If it’s not bad, it MUST be good.
4. If it is good, then those who oppose it are evil.
5. Thus, it is right to hate Christians and republicans.
6. I’m going to burn down a Target and steal a 65 inch flat screen tv.
7. And some Star Wars Lego kits.

Or something to that extent. Before I reply to this argument, allow me to draw your attention to the fact that I have never heard ANYONE who started by saying “Homosexuality is good because…” Like the above argument, everyone I have ever heard begins with an admission of ignorance in the form of a question or an assumption. But

I'm not here to teach the basics of logic and debate. For right now, I'm just going to answer the question:

"Who does it hurt?"

The answer is: It hurts the homosexuals themselves, the children in their care, and the culture that embraces the redefinitions of marriage and love.

Because some of you are already cursing at your book and throwing it against the nearest wall, I present statistical information which sadly supports my reply. I know many of you will say, *"MY gay friends aren't like this!"* and I hope you are right. I hope the same is true of all of *my* gay friends, but even if we are right about our friends, that doesn't change anything in the big picture. George Burns smoked until he was 105, but that doesn't make smoking any less bad for you. I have friends who have driven drunk and made it home safe and sound, whereas I hit an SUV under the influence of nothing stronger than coffee and an unfortunately placed rain puddle. That doesn't mean driving drunk is the better alternative to coffee. It's time to face the bad news and decide if really loving our friends means supporting their homosexual lifestyle, or if loving them would mean helping them out of it. Buckle up kids- this gets ugly. But almost all of this is merely homosexual men and women describing their own experiences. This is a collection of information which comes from them talking about themselves. This chapter is us letting them have a voice, and listening to the parts that many people want to simply pretend isn't there.

1. Like smoking or driving drunk, living a homosexual lifestyle is the cause of serious health risks.

In 1999, 50 percent of all new AIDS cases were reported among young homosexuals. During the year 2003, the CDC estimated that about 63% of newly diagnosed HIV infections in the U.S. were among men who were infected through sexual contact with

other men. The Center for Disease Control estimates that men who have sex with men accounted for just 2% of the population in 2009, but accounted for 59% of new HIV infections and 62% of cases of early syphilis in 2009.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that HIV and early syphilis rates among men who have sex with other men are greater than 40 times higher than those among heterosexuals.

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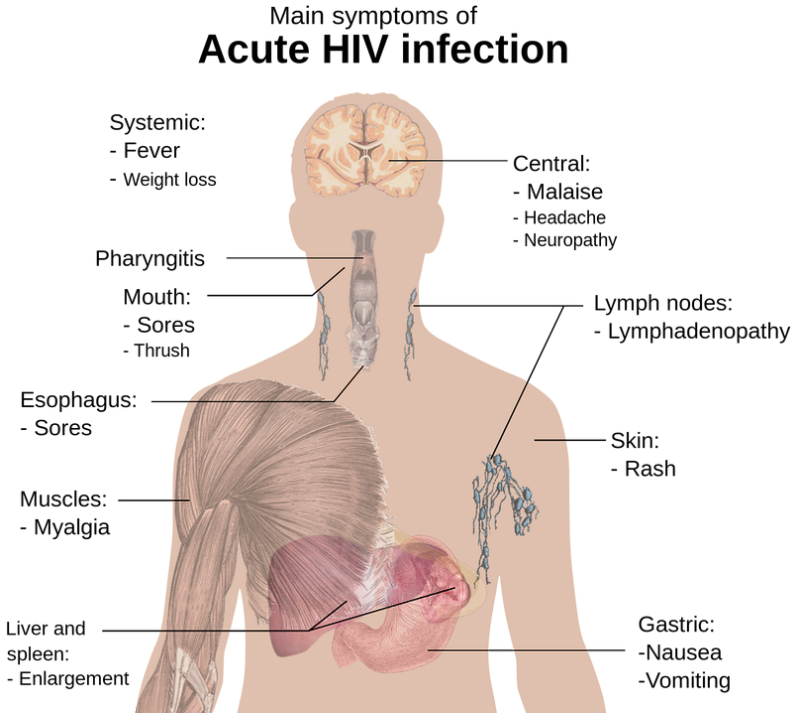


According to a pro-LGBTQ resource reporting on HIV/AIDS, of the 1.1 million people living with HIV in the U.S., roughly 700,000 of them attained the virus through male-male sexual intercourse, which is consistent with the 60+% reported in the first decade of the 2000s. Roughly three out of every four people (75%) in the U.S. who became HIV positive in 2017 were men who have had sex with men. Additionally, among all U.S. gay and bisexual men, the lifetime risk of acquiring HIV is currently one in six.

To put that in perspective, the percentage of men who have sex with men who will get HIV is higher than the percentage of smokers who will get lung cancer. It is literally more dangerous to engage in homosexual sex than to be a smoker, though both present terrible ways by which to die. However, driving drunk is still the most deadly, as it kills around 10% more of those who choose to participate than either Smoking or Sodomy. But then, it's also accurate to say Sodomy is only 10% less deadly than driving drunk. If you're a gay smoker who drives drunk… you might not live long enough to finish reading this chapter.

And just to make sure you have trouble sleeping tonight, it is estimated that 17% of gay and bisexual men living with HIV haven't been diagnosed, meaning they can be spreading the HIV virus to others without even knowing it.

https://www.thebody.com/health/hiv-aids-lgbtq

Wouldn't Legalizing Homosexual Marriage Improve These Stats?

No doubt, some of you are making the somewhat logical conclusion that, were they allowed to marry, homosexuals would be in steady relationships and thus not as likely to engage in the same risky, promiscuous behaviors that leads to these numbers. Sadly, that is not the case. A study by the Dutch Department of Health and Environment (2001), found that 67 percent of HIV-positive men aged 30 and younger had been infected by a steady partner. The study concluded: *"In recent years, young gay men have become more likely to contract HIV from a steady sexual partner than from a casual one."* And as you will see later, long term monogamous relationships are exceedingly rare among homosexuals, even when they have cultural acceptance and the right to marry.

We decided that smoking was bad, not because no one enjoyed it, but because it was killing people. We outlawed drunk driving, not because no one wants to do it, but because it was killing the people who chose to do it, and far too often killed those

around them. In 2020, the whole WORLD shut down and forced everyone to wear masks and stay at home on the premise that, Covid was going to kill people, and taking extreme measures was necessary to save lives. Yet, the same politicians who forced schools and businesses to shut down to protect people from what turned out to be just a moderately aggressive cold and flu virus *(with a lower mortality rate than the garden variety colds and flus that schools kids have been passing around since the dawn of time)* spend taxpayer money every year to put on parades promoting a lifestyle which leads to several terrible and very transmittable ways to die. Yet, across AIDS, HPV, and suicide, among several other causes, homosexual men on average live almost 2 ½ DECADES LESS than heterosexual men. A significantly small percentage of the population is experiencing a significantly shorter life span than the rest. We cannot pretend to love and accept these people if we refuse to take that seriously. We cannot pretend to love and value them if we are content to shrug and let them continue to die young, and in terrible preventable ways. And if we can identify the reason they are dying, WHY ON GOD'S GREEN EARTH are we having annual parades encouraging them to keep DOING THE THING THAT KILLS THEM?

For decades AIDS has been killing homosexuals in disproportionate numbers. From this angle, encouraging people to live a homosexual lifestyle is like turning the car pool lane into the "Drunks Only" lane. Sure, it's giving acceptance, freedom, and even temporary happiness to a formerly imposed upon part of the population, but the death toll isn't going to go *down* on account of your generosity.

If the reasoning used to destroy the economy during the great Covid scare of 2020 was employed with ANY concern for the lives of homosexuals, we would have shut down every gay bar and bath house in America. Instead, many states have gay pride parades and, not to be outdone as the kings of clown world, California has made it perfectly legal to KNOWINGLY have AIDS, engage in sex with others, and NOT TELL THEM THAT YOU HAVE AIDS.

Let me clarify this- from 2019 to 2022, if you had Covid and knew it, but went to work or school anyway, you could be fired, fined, or jailed. Yet, at the same time, if you had AIDS, KNEW you had AIDS, and had sex with other men *without telling them that you had AIDS*, the law of California PROTECTED YOU- not the person you potentially infected with a deadly virus. If the people running California were using this logic on Covid, instead of frequent testing and mandatory quarenteening, we would have set up "Kiss a Covid Patient" booths in every major city on earth, and celebrated "Lick a Stranger's Face on the Bus" Day.

But I digress.

Let's Talk About Sodomy (PG-13+)

AIDS isn't the only lethal disease which is contracted by homosexuals at disproportionate amounts. HPV, the Human Papillomavirus, comes in a wide range of different kinds, including variations which cause genital cancers, anal cancers, mouth and throat cancers. The reasons why this is more likely to be transmitted by homosexuals goes beyond my PG-13 rating, but it is worth addressing to drive home the point that this deadly collection of diseases, like AIDS, is spread and contracted because of the homosexual sex acts themselves. Look, there is no polite, family friendly way in which to say this, so, I shall explain it in these terms:

Homosexual men rape each other's buttholes. We call this behavior "Sodomy," after the town of Sodom described in Genesis 19, where the men of the town wanted to greet new visitors by raping them.

Sodomy causes damage to the anus, because it is designed to be an OUT hole, NOT an IN hole *(as any man who's had his prostate checked can attest to).* The muscles are torn (*causing what is hauntingly called "Anal Leakage"*), the skin is torn, bleeding occurs, and with the open bleeding wounds comes the transmission of infectious diseases. And did

I mention the Anal Leakage? Because the words “Anal Leakage” immediately make me incapable of saying anything but *“NO.”*

Transmitting HIV doesn’t even require the kind of damage I have described above. A pro-LGBTQ AIDS info website explains this by saying “being a receptive partner (or bottom) during anal sex is the highest-risk sexual activity for getting HIV. That’s because the lining of the rectum is thin and can allow HIV to enter the body during anal sex. The insertive partner is still at risk, albeit a lower one. HIV can enter a top’s body through the opening at the tip of their penis or through any cuts, scratches, or sores on the penis.”

https://www.thebody.com/health/hiv-aids-lgbtq

Homosexuals also (*he says mindful of his PG-13 rating*) put their mouths on the parts of other people which can transmit sexually transitted diseases, which explains the mouth and throat cancers which can result, along with the many other lethal and non-lethal diseases which come from such behavior, especially when done with many other people.

No doubt many of you will object to my use of the word “rape” in my description of Sodomy, but it is not meant to imply that homosexual men are unwilling, and that their sexual activity is always forced on another man or boy. So why do I use that word if I admit their behavior is consensual? Consider the description of the consequences I have just provided. Remember: *“Anal Leakage”?* The behavior may be consensual on behalf of the men engaging in it, but the anus cannot and will not consent. It is damaged, and the result is blood, cancers, transmission of the AIDS virus and death. You may consent to having a man you love store his number 2 pencils in your eye, but at the end of the day, your eyes do not consent and you are still going to go blind.

It is an act of violence against the intended design, a violation of its function, and the all too common result is pain, damage and death. Thus the use of the word “rape” to describe it.

Yes, heterosexual people can engage in similar acts and suffer the same ill effects, but definitionally, homosexual sex- Sodomy- is different than natural, healthy heterosexual sex, and more likely to spread infections. As we will see later, the normative rampant promiscuity adds to this significantly, so that the homosexual sex and the homosexual lifestyle increase the likelihood of contracting and spreading these terrible diseases. I am NOT saying that only homosexuals are vulnerable to these diseases, but merely poiting out that their sexual behaviors greatly increases the chance for damage and transmission, in part because certain sexual acts are unnatural, unhealthy, and damaging to the body.

Long before I get to the point of showing you *that* the Bible forbids these behaviors, I can use medical science to show you *WHY* the Bible would forbid these behaviors, and the reasons are in large part to protect these men and women from the harmful and far too often deadly consequences of their actions. Sometimes the loving thing is to say NO. Sometimes encouraging people to do whatever they feel is right is encouraging them to commit a certain kind of suicide, and this is clearly one of those times.

To support my claim that homosexual sex is not only unnatural, but also unhealthy and directly responsible for the disease and death which results, consider these facts together:

In recent decades, the population of men who have sex with other men is less than 2% of the population in the US, but they make up more than 60% of those men who contract HIV and develop AIDS. Furthermore, in several surveys, 80% of homosexual men in newer relationships reported that they used condoms, while nearly 50% of those in relationships for longer than three months reported using condoms regularly, both of which were higher than those reported by heterosexual couples. In other words: a tiny percentage of the population, who report using protection more often than the average, is still getting infected with HIV and dying from AIDS more often than the rest of the

population. The behavior which is distinctly different from those who are not contracting AIDS and thus which is most directly responsible for their deaths is Sodomy.

The reasonable conclusion is that this behavior is literally killing the men who choose to engage in it. And apparently, “responsible” homosexual sex (by which I mean using a condom) is apparently more deadly than “irresponsible” heterosexual sex. The human body was not designed for Sodomy, and it has consequences. This is not MY FEELINGS about it. This is the reasonable conclusion based on the data.

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3334840/

I spent two years (a.k.a. “two weeks to flatten the curve”) shopping at Sam’s Club dressed like I was going in to perform open heart surgery, and keeping my distance from every other person like we were all international assassins trying to keep our distance without looking like we’re trying to keep our distance, in case the person at the checkout ahead of us was a Russian agent with a pocket full of knives. Yet, with these various deadly, and completely transmissible diseases showing no signs of disappearing, the same people who threatened us with jail time if we showed our unmasked faces in an airport, throw parades to encourage homosexuals to engage in the behavior that is killing many of them. If you are a person with homosexual friends or family that you love, maybe you need to think seriously about the most loving way in which to respond to their lifestyle. Flying the rainbow flag seems less compassionate when you see how often it is going to be draped across their casket.

Neither Sex nor Smoking is Love

You'll note I haven't said anything about whether or not these consenting adults love each other, and there's several reasons for that; the foremost of which is that I don't think it matters. It’s literally not relevant to this part of my position. The topic being debated is not founded on one person’s love for another, even though I know this is how

the Left always tries to color the conversation. The answer they give is based on the idea that the Christian right hates love, and that love is the highest ideal and so we are literally the devil of hell. And they tend to present this argument mainly by screaming profanities at the top of their lungs. However, this debate is founded on the fact that men should not be having sex with other men, and women should not be having sex with other women. Each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. One man, one woman, for life.

I love my wife. However, if I was doing something that increased her chances of getting cancer, for instance smoking in the house, you would not ask whether or not I loved her as if proving I loved her would prove my behavior to be acceptable. The fact that my behavior was increasing her chance of contracting a fatal disease would be the only relevant fact. If I was instead smoking in a small apartment I shared with a roommate that I hated, it would still be bad because I would still be engaging in behavior that was giving both myself and another person lung cancer.

Naturally you would hope that I do in fact love my wife, such that I would choose her good over my own personal desires. But no sane person would decide that because I love her that I *shouldn't* change my behavior. Even if for some reason I was smoking in the house *BECAUSE* I love her- even if it makes her happy- it's still coating her lungs in tar like a freshly sealed driveway. Rather if my love for her was relevant it would be a significant reason for me to change my behavior. To deny my own desires and protect her *because* I love her.

So the common leftist answer to deflect to the idea that homosexuals have loving monogamous relationships would be almost entirely irrelevant even if it was true, which it sadly almost never is. Their love, even if real, is not the target of any of my arguments. Our position is based, not on some objection to love, but on the acknowledgment that certain sexual behaviors are harmful, potentially deadly, and absolutely in opposition to the good will of God. Arguing for the homosexual lifestyle based on the believed love

between the contenting adults is not an argument. It's a drastic changing of the topic. It actually shows an unwillingness to address the actual topic. It’s dishonest.

The facts are these: A disproportionate number of homosexuals are infected and dying from tranmittable diseases. Their behavior makes the tranmission so much easier and often that the average honosexual is living a significantly shorter life than their heterosexual counterparts. If you need a reason to oppose the homosexual lifestyle, maybe you can see that one good reason is because we are called to love our neighbor. Sometimes love means opposing the choices that kill people.

But these diseases are not the only things killing these men and women.

2. Homosexuality is linked to other self- destructive behaviors.

Homosexuality used to be seen and treated as a sickness. If I can push my PG-13 rating again- there was a time when trained psychiatrists used to agree that it was unhealthy for men to want to rape other men’s buttholes, and just as unhealthy and unnatural for a man to want other men to rape his own butthole. I don’t feel like you need a PhD to understand this position.

When the American Psychiatric Association started to change their minds about this in the 60’s, it was NOT due to new information. It was due to political pressure. This is what happened to anti-Semetism in 1930’s Germany. The Church said, *“Hate is wrong. Jews are people too.”* Then Hitler applied some “political pressure” until AntiSemitism was rebranded as “follow the science.” And a handful of churches were burned down.

Today’s political pressure keeps pushing homosexuals into an early grave. Ten years ago there were multiple organizations who existed for the single purpose of helping

those who wanted to find a way out of their homosexual lifestyles. Therapists were available to help them deal with their feelings, such as the desire to rape other men's buttholes. Today, many of the "pro-LGBTQetc" politicians have moved to make it illegal to even OFFER these services. As it is illegal in Islamic countries for a person to choose to leave Islam, the left has moved to make it illegal for homosexuals to leave homosexuality. It doesn't matter what those men and women really want. The left has decided for them. "You are a panda. Now shut up and eat your giraffe."

I worked for a college school newspaper for a short while, and during this stint there was a day when various local businesses set up tables in the halls to make their services known. Among these was a table or two where trained and licenced therapists were advertising their services, including therapy for those who wish to deal with their homosexual feelings and leave the homosexual lifestyle. One of my coworkers, who no doubt works for CNN today, bitterly and hatefully called these men and women "NAZIS."

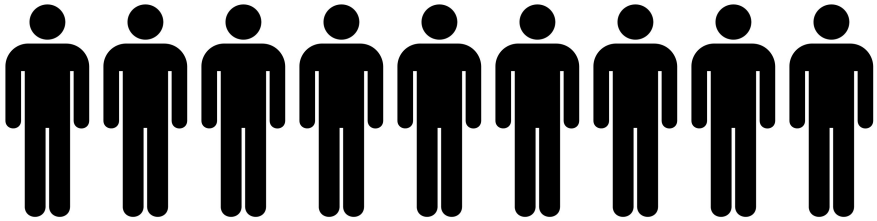
So if a man looks at himself and says, "I desire to rape other men's buttholes with an addictive compulsion. I wish I didn't feel that way," and these people say to him, "We can help you with that so you can find control over your desires and live the life you want to have," the mere offering of that help to the person who wants it is, somehow in the mind of this leftist journalism major, equivalent to the German socialists rounding up the Jews and killing them en mass for being born Jewish. I'll bet he sees nothing wrong with burning down churches. Do I need to explain how AMAZINGLY stupid that is? If so, you are going to LOVE the rest of this book!

That was sarcasm. In truth, I'm surprised you haven't set fire to it yet. If you got this book from the library, please don't set fire to it. That upsets the librarians something awful.

The awful truth is, Homosexuals suffer from addictions and depression more than the average members of their culture, but not for the reasons that many politicians want you

to think. The link homosexuals have with addictions and depression are not linked to social rejection or family rejection, as these stats are consistent in states, subcultures, and countries where homosexuality and gay marriage are accepted and legal. The following info shows that homosexuals are anything but gay (*If you don't get this pun, then look up the word "gay" in a dictionary from before 1960*):

A study in Family Planning Perspective showed: "Among men, by far the most important risk group consisted of homosexual and bisexual men, who were more than nine times as likely as heterosexual men to have a history of problem drinking."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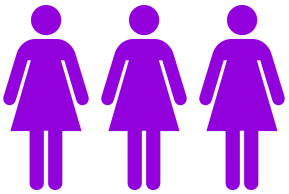
A study published in Nursing Research found that lesbians are three times more likely to abuse alcohol and suffer from other compulsive behaviors than heterosexual women.



In 2007 the Los Angeles Times reported the frequency of methamphetamine use is 20 times greater among homosexuals than in the general population.

Archives of General Psychiatry, found that homosexuals with same-sex partners were at greater risk for overall mental health problems, and were 6.5 times more likely than their twins to have attempted suicide.

A 2008 “meta-analysis” reviewed over 13,000 papers on this subject and compiled the data from the 28 most rigorous studies. Their conclusion was: “LGB [lesbian, gay, bisexual] people are at higher risk of mental disorder, suicidal ideation, substance misuse and deliberate self-harm than heterosexual people.”

The CDC says, “A study of youth in grades 7-12 found that lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth were more than twice as likely to have attempted suicide as their heterosexual peers. Some risk factors are linked to being gay or bisexual in a hostile environment and the effects that this has on mental health.”
https://www.cdc.gov/msmhealth/suicide-violence-prevention.htm

But the problem with trying to ascribe this self-destructive behavior to “being gay or bisexual in a hostile environment” is the fact that the numbers do not change significantly in completely accepting environments. There is no evidence to show that the suicide rate and substance abuse is correlated to an environment of hostility. The only common factor is the sexuality of the individuals.

I would like to add that we often find the thing we are conditioned to look for. These men and women have been told since they were kids that Christians HATE YOU, and want to KILL YOU, just as young black kids have been told the same thing about the police. No, imagine being told that your whole life and then hearing me say, “I do not embrace homosexual marriage.” What you HEAR is, “I hate those people and want them to die.” Among the LGBTQetc are people who are self loathing, who have been told over and over that they are rejected outcasts who everyone hates. How hard do you think it is for someone like that to find examples of rejection?

Here’s a personal anecdote:

I was working as a substitute teacher in a fairly average suburb, and one of my duties took me to be standing in the cafeteria as a general babysitting/adult presence. As I looked around the room I felt a general sense of isolation and rejection. I looked from table to table and thought- they wouldn’t let me sit with them. They hate me. I’ll bet they’re mocking me right now.

I could SEE them, hating me. Laughing at me.

And then I had the moment of clarity that said, ***“NONE of these kids even knows you’re here.”***

And I realized it was true. I was a background element that none of them had any cause to notice like those health and safety posters that are taped to the walls. I had NO reason to have assumed their rejection or hostility, and yet, somehow, I had projected my insecurities on all of them. What’s more, I know from experience that there are plenty of kids that would let me walk up and join their conversation who would be as nice as apple pie. But when those feelings rise up, they find their own evidence. I couldn’t hear them, but I KNEW they were talking about me… For a moment. Before reality chimed in.

I have never had anyone tell me to expect that everyone hates me already. Imagine if I had. That moment of clarity, if it had still come, would have seemed like a desperate lie and I would have rejected it immediately instead of allowing it to calm me back down to earth. We're called to love the sinner and hate their sin, but maybe we need to get better at letting the sinners know we love them. A lot of them have already been told otherwise.

Don't Ignore the Numbers

I'm presenting statics because they represent real people, and they can inform us about the normal experience of many real men and women. Nobody is glad to see these numbers, but if you love your homosexual friends and family, you can't just ignore this info. It does them no good for us to say, *"Oh well, if it makes them happy, then what does it matter?"* What this tells us is, *it DOESN'T make them happy.* Happy people don't do Meth at a rate 20 times higher than the rest of the population. Happy people don't try to kill themselves six times more often than the rest of the population. Happy people don't form a habit of problem drinking three or nine times more often than the rest of the population. These are things people do often because they are already unhappy.

God forbids homosexuality because he has something better- something which leads to joy. God forbids homosexuality BECAUSE he loves those people. These are drunks staggering to their car for a joy ride. Being a good friend is going to be harder than simply shouting, "Drive careful!" Sometimes loving people means wrestling the keys out of their hands before someone dies. And let me remind you, the Democratic left is trying to make it ILLEGAL to even OFFER these men and women help for what may be the cause of some of their addictions and self harm, even if they ASK FOR IT. The Left calls themselves "allies" while snatching away the chance for those men and women to find hope. It's cruel.

NINE TIMES more likely to have a history of problem drinking.

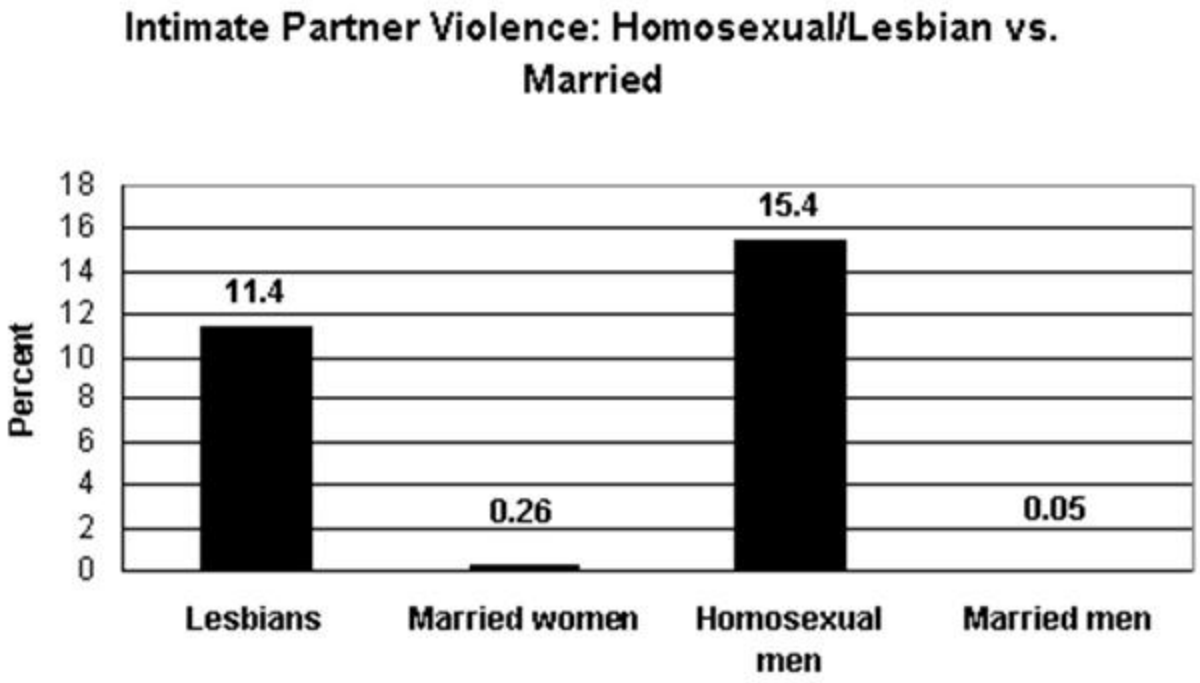
TWENTY TIMES more likely to use Meth.

SIX and a Half TIMES more likely to attempt suicide.

And the answer they get from the “allies” on the Left is to threaten anyone who would offer them the compassionate help they ask for. Part of the reason this battle is worth fighting is because someone needs to stand up for these men and women’s right to have hope. Sometimes even we forget this fact, but the Christian right is the side fighting to keep the door of hope unlocked for these men and women.

3. Homosexuals are more likely to be abused in their relationship by their partner than heterosexual couples.

Sadly, “happily ever after” is not the norm for homosexual relationships. It is far more rare than in the average population. The *Journal of Social Service Research* found that slightly more than half of the lesbians surveyed reported that they had been abused by a female lover/partner (2000). A recent study by the Canadian government states that “violence was twice as common among homosexual couples compared with heterosexual couples.” The American College of Pediatricians who cite several studies say, “Violence among homosexual partners is two to three times more common than among married heterosexual couples.”



The CDC reports, “The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey Cdc-pdf[PDF – 1.72 MB] has shown that around 40% of gay men experienced sexual violence (other than rape) in their lifetime and around 47% of bisexual men experienced sexual violence (other than rape) in their lifetime.

According to data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) conducted during 2001-2009 in seven states and six large urban school districts, 14% to 31% of gay and lesbian students across the sites and 17% of 32% of bisexual students across the sites had been forced to have sexual intercourse at some point in their lives.”
https://www.cdc.gov/msmhealth/suicide-violence-prevention.htm

The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2010 reports:
Violence by an Intimate Partner •
The lifetime prevalence of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner was:

For women: - Lesbian – 43.8% - Bisexual – 61.1% - Heterosexual – 35.0%
For men: - Gay – 26.0% - Bisexual – 37.3% - Heterosexual – 29.0%

According to one of the most recent and representative study reports, almost one-third of Gay or Bisexual males and one-half of Lesbian or Bisexual women in the United States affirmed they were victims of physical or psychological abuse in a romantic relationship. In addition, over 50% of gay men and almost 75% of lesbian women reported that they were victims of psychological IPV (intimate partner violence). Furthermore, bisexual people appeared to be the most abused group compared to the others; bisexual women, specifically, were more likely to be victims of every type of IPV, excluding psychological IPV.

In Italy, two studies were conducted on lesbian IPV. In over one case out of five (20.6% of the total), the interviewee admitted to be afraid of her partner coming back home. Further, 41.2% of women occasionally hid something from their partners because they were afraid of their reactions. In addition, 14.7% of lesbian women declared that they were always afraid of their partners.
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6113571/

A study published in The Journal of Family Violence reported among its participants that "Emotional abuse was reported by 83%" of its participants.This study contributed to the data about same-sex relationship violence with a large sample of ethnically diverse gay men, lesbians, and bisexual and transgendered people. Physical violence was reported in 9% of current and 32% of past relationships. One percent of participants had experienced forced sex in their current relationship. Nine percent reported this experience in past relationships.
https://link.springer.com/article/10.1023/A:1007505619577

The Journal of Social Service Research reported in 1991 that survey of 1,099 lesbians showed that slightly more than 50 percent of the lesbians reported that they had been abused by a female lover/partner, "the most frequently indicated forms of abuse were verbal/emotional/psychological abuse and combined physical-psychological abuse." https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1300/J079v15n01_03

in a 1990 study of 90 lesbians reported that 46.6% had experienced repeated acts of violence.
https://neuro.unboundmedicine.com/medline/citation/7696194/Lesbian_battering:_the_relationship_between_personality_and_the_perpetration_of_violence_

Statistics are valuable, but if you want to see how heartbreaking the reality of these numbers really is, read some of the stories of the men and women who were abused. The Atlantic had an article in 2013 which compiled a collection of them together. I want this book to be educational and funny, because that's my genre, but this stuff will bring you to tears if you have any heart at all. The Atlantic is not a Christian conservative source, so don't expect them to side with me on almost anything. But at least they are willing to shed light on the truth about this epidemic. Underneath all of these numbers are real people- men and women, boys and girls, people made in the image of God who want to be loved but, for some reason, don't know how.

https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2013/11/a-same-sex-domestic-violence-epidemic-is-silent/281131/

I'll admit that there is difficulty in finding this kind of information and just as much difficulty in shaping it into a clear picture. As one example, one of the sources I looked at described "violence" as anything including physical harm, or even merely "aggression." With that kind of ambiguity, it's hard to get clear lines around who has

been hurt and in what manner. Also, some of these reports state that lesbians and bisexual women have experienced high levels of sexual abuse, but those same reports don't indicate if that abuse was experienced through a partner, or at the hands of men before they became bisexual or lesbians. Some of the reports I have read may indicate that some women become lesbians after being abused by men, giving some explanation to the origin of their attraction to other women perhaps reflexively, but of course that's speculation which may apply to some but almost certainly won't apply to all. The point is, sometimes "aggression" means getting angry and jealous when you don't answer your phone at work, and sometimes it's holding a butcher knife to your throat screaming that you're about to die. Those are not the same thing, and when you research these things, please try to separate one from the other.

What is consistent is that, whether in times and places hostile to or accepting of homosexuality, the data constantly shows that homosexual relationships are more often than heterosexual ones to involve partners abusing each other sexually, physically and emotionally. The narrative that homosexual relationships are just like herosexual relationships simply fails to hold up to the facts, and that divide widens even further when the relationships compared involve children.

Who does it hurt? It hurts the homosexuals themselves, it hurts those in relationships with them, and it hurts the children who are raised under their custody.

4. Homosexual behavior and child abuse are linked.

If you are at all inclined to be on the Pro-LGBTQ side of these debates, you are not going to want to know what follows, but the truth matters because these are stats about real people. As I have said before, maybe your homosexual friends aren't like this, and I hope they are not, but from what information can be known,
Homosexual Parents are more abusive.

But you don't need to take it from me. I will let the research speak for itself. Here is a study of children raised by same sex parents reporting on their own personal experiences:

A third of children raised by same-sex married parents report having been sexually abused by a parent or caregiver prior to 6th grade, a rate more than five times as high as children with any other category of parents, and among those who had ever had sex, about two-thirds of those raised by same-sex married parents report having been forced to do so against their will, a rate three to seven times as high as among those raised by any other category of parents. The magnitude of these differences is so great that, despite a small sample size, they are statistically significant, and further research is needed to determine their cause.

https://www.heritage.org/marriage-and-family/report/the-research-same-sex-parenting-no-differences-no-more

As I said above, there is also great reason to think that sexual abuse in childhood leads some to become homosexual or bisexual. One report indicated that nearly three out of every four bisexuals were sexually abused as children, which certainly could leave lasting results on their views of sexuality or themselves.
https://americansfortruth.com/2009/08/21/researcher-74-percent-of-bisexuals-experienced-child-sex-abuse/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Self-Reported Childhood and Adolescent Sexual Abuse among Adult Homosexual and Bisexual Men.

Doll, Lynda S.; And Others

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal, v16 n6 p855-64 Nov-Dec 1992

This study of 1,001 adult homosexual and bisexual men found that 37% reported they had been encouraged or forced to have sexual contact with an older or more powerful partner before age 19. Median age at first contact was 10. Ninety-three percent of participants reporting early sexual contact were classified as sexually abused. (Author/DB)

Descriptors: Adolescents, Adults, Bisexuality, Child Abuse, Children, Homosexuality, Incidence, Males, Sexual Abuse

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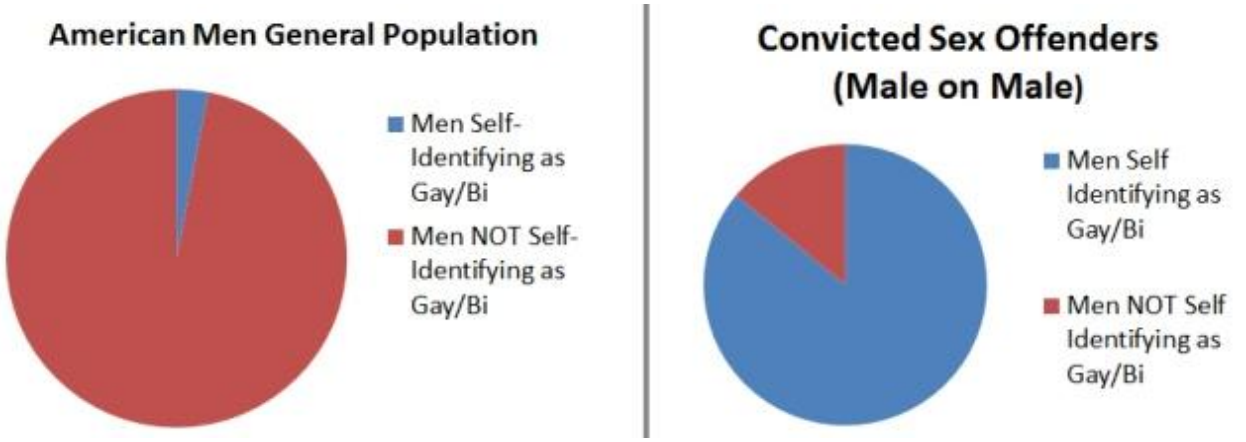
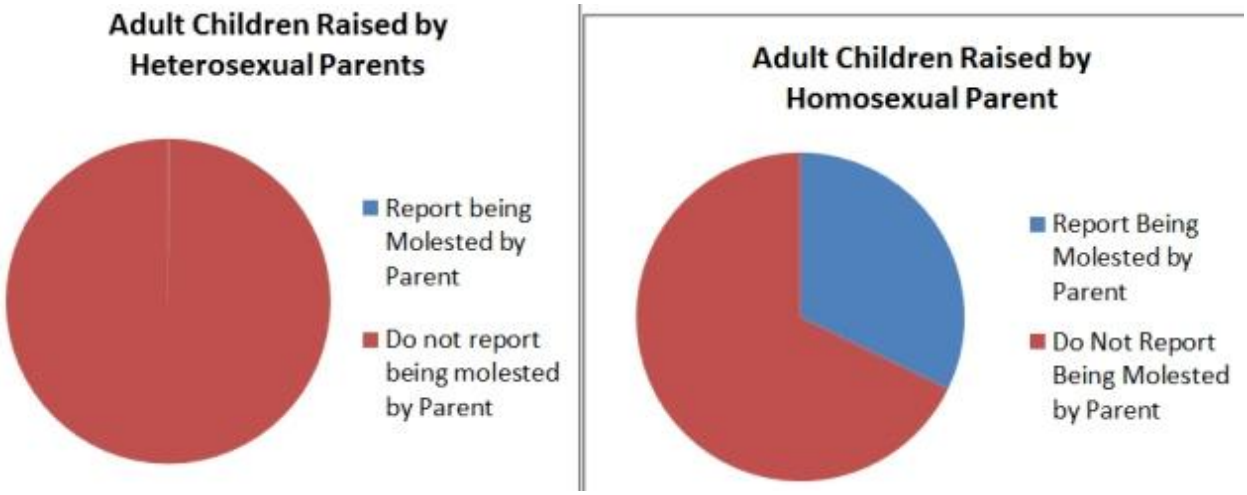
The populations of men incarcerated for sexually abusing children is telling as well, with a clear majority of those men describing themselves as homosexual or bisexual.

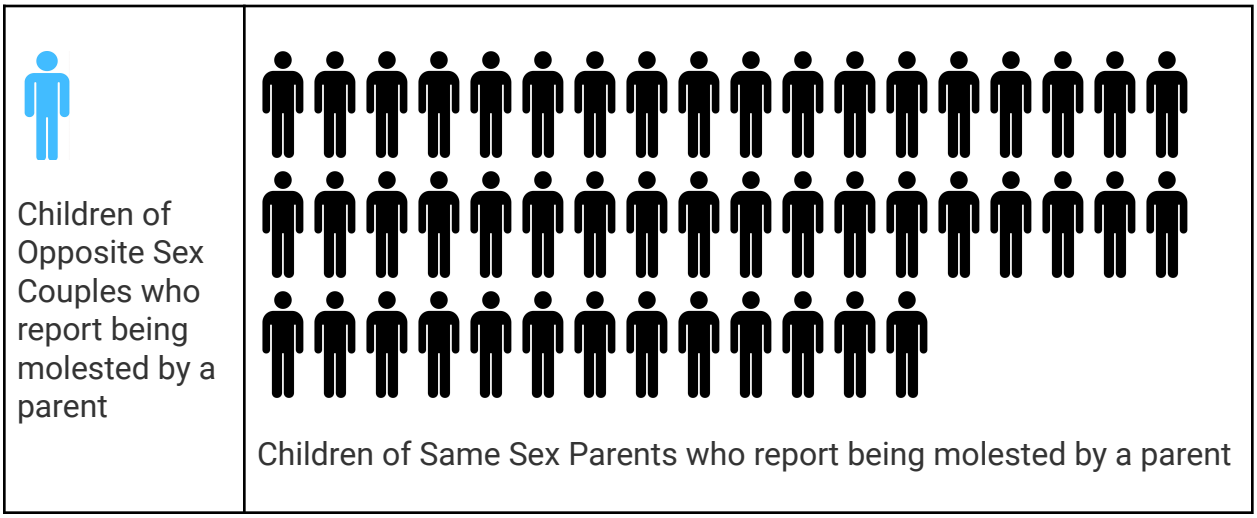


Since almost thirty percent of child sexual abuse is committed by homosexual or bisexual men, but less than 3% of American men identify themselves as homosexual or bisexual, we can infer that homosexual or bisexual men are approximately ten times more likely to molest children than heterosexual men *(one third male-on-male abuse times 86% identifying themselves as homosexual or bisexual)*.



A study in "Adolescence" found: "A disproportionate percentage—29 percent—of the adult children of homosexual parents had been specifically subjected to sexual molestation by that homosexual parent, compared to only 0.6 percent of adult children of heterosexual parents having reported sexual relations with their parent….Having a

homosexual parent(s) appears to increase the risk of incest with a parent by a factor of about 50."



The first group of pedophile abusers are SELF IDENTIFIED bi/gay men, and the 30% of adults who were abused by their own parents as kids had what THEY identified as homosexual parents. So, the common argument that "Just because a man sexually assaults a boy DOESN'T make him gay," doesn't apply here. And let's all admit that it's not the Christian right who has to answer for NAMBLA (National Man/Boy "Love" Association).

Let's make a deal: I'll trade you NAMBLA for GodHatesFags.com. We can ship them both off to Iran and just pretend neither one ever existed.

A 1991 population study by the U.S. Department of Commerce.
"6-8 million boys were abused by age 18 by 1-2 million adult homosexuals, a ratio of 3-5 victims for every gay adult."

"We looked at the leading gay travel guide," Reisman said of her research. "Forty-seven percent of the 139 nations they talked about identified places to find boys. The average heterosexual travel guide is not concerned with finding children."

https://www.baptistpress.com/resource-library/news/homosexuals-more-likely-to-molest-kids-study-reports/

Do you love your homosexual friends and family enough to NOT support their lifestyle choices? Do you love their children?

If we grant the legalization of gay marriage, it will lead to easier adoption for homosexual couples, which will put more children at risk. No one is claiming that *ALL* homosexuals are child molesters, nor drug addicts, nor suicidal, nor abusive to their lovers. But then, not all drunk drivers crash into a minivan and kill a family of five. They're just more likely to. That's why the law does NOT support the decision of drunk adults to drive. It's to protect them and those around them. I suppose the question here is, do you love your homosexual friends and family enough to NOT support their lifestyle choices, or only enough to REALLY HOPE that these stats don't apply to them?

This is a lot to chew on, and there's more to come. For right now, let's sum up. First of all, there is a real good, and that's God. He loves us, and he gave us not only marriage and sex, but the rules governing them because he loves us and because he is good. Homosexuality is bad, not merely because it differs from the good which is marriage God's way, but because it hurts those that live with it. Loving our homosexual friends and family does not mean supporting homosexuality or gay marriage any more than loving our drinking friends means we support laws which allow them to drive drunk. Sometimes you show the most love by taking their keys away and letting them live to curse at you for it. Hopefully, they'll thank you when they wake up sober and alive. If not, you've still done the right thing.

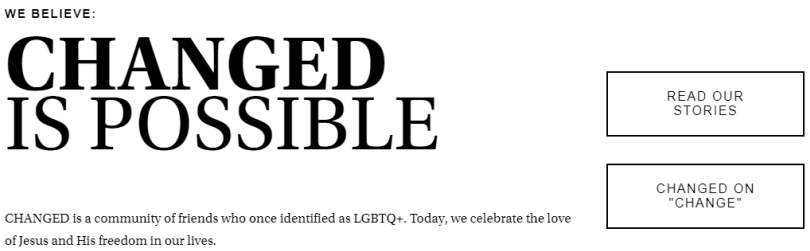
This may be one of the most controversial things I say in this book (but consider it after you've read this whole chapter): If two men really do love each other, they should abandon homosexuality. If a man loves another man he is sexually atracted to- really loves him and wants what is good for him- they should not marry each other. They

should end their relationship and each seek therapy and counseling. And they both need Jesus. And therein lies the good news.

THE GOOD NEWS

Change IS Possible!

If you love someone, you help them leave what is bad for them and learn NOT to want it anymore. Thousands of people have left that lifestyle, and many have since been able to have a perfectly normal life with a spouse of the opposite sex and kids of their own. It's not everyone's story, but it has happened. It is possible. The left stands on their atheism and says "Your sin is your species." But the Bible says Jesus loves you, and there is hope.



1 Corinthians 6:9-11

...do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have

sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Whatever your sin, it is NOT your species. You are human first, and Jesus can wash you clean and restore you to a right relationship with God. You can change, you can be changed.

Chapter Five: Hunting Blinds for Blind Hunters

If you are in favor of extending legal rights and privileges to those members of society who are not accepted as the “norm,” then you will be delighted to hear about what Michigan and Texas have done for their citizens. In many states, those persons who are “blind” are denied many basic rights merely because of their vision-alternative lifestyles, such as the right to drive a car or fly a plane. But the good people running both Michigan and Texas have seen the error of their ways and have made it legal for those without sight to drive a car in those states, provided they wear their seatbelts.

Ha ha! I am kidding of course. Neither of those states allows the blind to drive. When one considers the potential harm which might befall not only those persons exercising their legal rights, but also those who are in the car with them or in adjacent cars, you can see why they would not put such a ‘right’ into law. It’s also unlikely that many, if any blind

persons would WANT to drive. No, Michigan and Texas know better. However, they have both given the blind the legal right to hunt with a firearm or crossbow.

And this time, I am not kidding.

Michigan and Texas are two of many states which have given those who cannot see what they are shooting the right to go out and shoot it anyway. When you consider the fact that hunting involves the use of a potentially deadly weapon, and the fact that a significant number of the blind *(according to recent statistics)* cannot see what they are shooting at, it seems to me that offering this kind of legal 'right' may not be the gesture of freedom and kindness that it was meant to be. My gut instinct: this is a good way to get people killed.

If 2% of Hunters are 61% of Accidental Hunting Deaths…

Before I go on to explain how blind hunters relate to homosexuals wanting to marry, let me draw to your attention the statistics from the last chapter. Just one example: The Center for Disease Control estimates that men who have sex with men accounted for just 2% of the population in 2009, but accounted for 61% of all new HIV infections. HIV causes AIDS, and AIDS is a horrible way to die, for which there is no cure. Already more than 600,000 people in America alone have died from it, and possibly a million more have HIV/AIDS right now and will someday die from it. In the meantime, many are giving HIV to other men.

Blind persons are legally allowed to hunt in at least six states, and I can't find anyone dead on account of this. Not one.

Now, let's pretend that isn't true. Let's pretend that I could show you that not only do an alarming number of blind hunters injure or kill themselves and others by hunting, but that the majority of the blind have no interest in hunting. Would you support the fight to make blind hunting legal? Or would you say, *"We're fighting to protect a legal right that*

most have no interest in exercising! And those that DO go hunting put themselves and others in serious danger." Because, if you did say that, someone would accuse you of hating blind people. I'm just warning you.

The Ugly Truth in Numbers

What follows are stats to show that homosexual relationships do not last, commonly include infidelity within relationships, and do not commonly lead to marriage even when the legal right is given to them. I've shown you the self-inflicted gunshot wounds and the trail of bodies of hikers and other hunters linked to this lifestyle, now you will see that we're offering a legal right that most have no interest in exercising.

Gay Relationships Don't Last

A study from Norway and Sweden (*which have sanctioned same-sex partnerships since the 1990s*) found that within five years of entering a legal union, "gay male relationships are 50 percent more likely to break up than heterosexual marriages, while lesbian relationships are 167 percent more likely to break up than heterosexual marriages." On these stats, does it not seem the fight is ultimately over homosexuals' right to be divorced?

Or to put it another way, is not the fight for gay marriage ultimately the fight for divorce lawyers to get richer? But I digress.

Gay Fidelity is Rare

Perhaps it's just the married homosexuals in Norway and Sweden whose relationships don't last? No, the trend continues around the world. M. Pollak [1] found that "few homosexual relationships last longer than two years, with many men reporting *hundreds of lifetime partners*." University of Chicago sociologist Edward Laumann argues that "typical gay city inhabitants spend most of their adult lives in 'transactional'

relationships, or short-term commitments of less than six months." The Gay/Lesbian Consumer Online Census of nearly 8000 homosexuals (2004) found that only fifteen percent described their "current relationship" lasting twelve years or longer. A study of homosexual men in the Netherlands published in the journal AIDS (2003) found that the "duration of steady partnerships" was one and a half years.

Paul Van de Ven et al.[2], found that, of 2,583 older homosexuals, only 2.7 percent claimed to have had sex with one partner only. The most common response, given by 21.6 percent of the respondents, was of having 101 to 500 lifetime sex partners. To put that in perspective, one in five of those men have had sex with enough other men to fill between 2 and 10 charter busses, or just over 3 Southwest Airlines flights from Phoenix to Baltimore. It's a lot.

Similarly, a survey conducted by the homosexual magazine Genre (1998) found that 24 percent of the respondents said they had had more than a hundred sexual partners in their lifetime.

The Dutch study [3] of partnered homosexuals found that men with a steady partner had an average of eight sexual partners per year. A Canadian study of homosexual men who had been in committed relationships lasting longer than one year found that only 25 percent of those interviewed reported being monogamous.

So for those of you still holding onto the idea that legal gay marriage would lead to less transmission of disease because of less promiscuity, the numbers aren't supporting the idea. When only one in four gay couples are even attempting to be monogamous, and when the average coupled gay man still has at least seven other sexual partners, the idea that these men are no different than the heterosexual couples around them is almost certainly not true. But beyond that, to follow my metaphor, most of the blind don't even want to go hunting.

Gay Couples Don’t Get Married

If homosexuals and lesbians truly desired the same kind of commitment signified by marriage, then one would expect them to take advantage of the opportunity to enter into civil unions or registered partnerships. This would provide them with legal recognition as well as legal rights. However, it is clear that few homosexuals and lesbians have chosen to take advantage of these various unions *(same-sex marriage, civil unions, domestic partnerships)*, suggesting a difference in commitment compared with married couples.

Only 9% of heterosexual couples in California rejected the institution of marriage, while over 80% of the homosexual couples rejected “marriage” when it was offered to them in 2008. In Massachusetts, the number of same-sex “marriages” between 2004 and the end of 2006 represented only 52% of the number of same-sex cohabiting couples in the state identified by the 2000 census. By contrast, 91% of opposite-sex couples who lived together were married. In other words, 48% of same-sex couples rejected “marriage”, a rate more than five times higher than the 9% of opposite-sex couples who did so.

In the Netherlands, the first country in the world to legalize same-sex civil “marriage”, the figures are even more dramatic. A 2005 report indicated that only 12% of same-sex co-habiting couples in that countryhave married, with another 10% in what are called “registered partnerships.” By contrast, 82% of heterosexual couples in the Netherlands (as of 2004) were married. This means that 78% of the same sex couples in the Netherlands have seen no necessity for legal recognition of their relationships at all, while only 18% of opposite-sex couples have similarly rejected marriage.

I think the point here is obvious. To follow my metaphor- imagine that I could demonstrate that most blind persons have no interest in having a hunting license, and that those that do get one are far less likely to ever have it renewed once they get it than the sighted, and that those who go shooting (Licensed or not) wind up injuring or killing

themselves or others FAR more often than the sighted do. Would we be fighting over their right to go hunting? I don't think we would. We'd offer them a fishing license and call it a day. Even if the blind persons we know and love REALLY wanted to go shoot a deer, we'd love them enough to say, *"For your own good, and because I love you- no. But I'd be happy to take you fishing some time!"*

So who loves homosexuals more? Those that are willing to let them go fishing (*Or better yet, help them restore their sight so they can hunt safe and successfully*) or those who say, *"Odds are you're going to kill yourself, but if it makes you happy, then load that gun and get out there and shoot something!*" I would like to suggest that it is those of us who want to see them come home alive *(and who want to see them regain their sight)* who actually are showing them the most love- even if they can't see us doing it. Metaphorically speaking.

[1] In his study of male homosexuality in Western Sexuality: Practice and Precept in Past and Present Times (1991)

[2] In their study of the sexual profiles published in Journal of Sex Research (1997, 2000)

[3] Published in the journal AIDS

Here's some more research from 2016 that covers a handful of related topics.
https://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/executive-summary-sexuality-and-gender

Chapter Six: Livin' La Vida Vader

To conclude this gay debate over gay marriage, I your Rent A Friend, am going to wrap up as any Rent A Friend should- with an overreaching analogy based on Star Wars. You're Welcome.

A Long Time Ago, in a galaxy far, far away,

now on DVD and Blue Ray….

Young Anakin Skywalker had no father. He was raised by a single mother in a poor neighborhood. But he was different from other boys. He had feelings that were… different. One day he was taken from his mother by a man who won him in a bet.

You have to admit that's unusual.

For many years he was raised in the Jedi temple. They taught him that his ‘dark’ feelings were wrong, and taught him to suppress them. They also taught him that a Jedi was not to have any romantic love, and that his desire for romance should similarly be shunned. For a long time he did, and all was well.

An Older Man and a Queen

During this time, Anakin got to know a man who was considerably older than he was- “Tadd” Palpatine. Tadd did not fear the dark side like the Jedi did. Anakin was interested in his point of view, but afraid to go against the establishment of the temple. At the same time, Anakin met a queen with a fabulous wardrobe who loved diplomacy but who wasn’t afraid to kill people with a blaster if she needed to. This queen stirred feelings in him that he had been taught were forbidden. Eventually he discovered that the queen had forbidden feelings for Anakin as well. This was clearly against the teachings of the temple, but he could not help his feelings. He began to live a secret double life with the queen he loved.

Anakin came more and more to question the wisdom of the temple. They seemed like a bunch of self-righteous, religious hypocrites, and after hiding his relationship from them for a few years, he grew to distrust them. They kept him from the person he loved, and they kept him from the power of the dark side (probably because they were jealous of his potential). Then one day he just said, “To Mustafar with all of this!” and he decided to fully embrace his lust for power and dark feelings and he became Darth Vadar. He embraced a lifestyle unlike any the temple had ever permitted, and finally he felt complete- balanced in a way. Then he killed a bunch of children and his wife. But, hey, everyone has a bad day now and then. If the temple hadn’t been so oppressive to his feelings, he might not have killed nearly as many of them. And in typical judgmental fashion, the temple sent his own friend to kill him, but in the end Vadar got a sweet new outfit with a cape and platform boots, and all it cost him was an arm and a leg.

From a Certain Point of View…

Now, there isn't a REAL morality here. The force is the dark and the light, so it's not like Darth Vadar was going against the commands of a transcendent and Good God when he killed a bunch of children. He was expressing his feelings, and his feelings are just as valid as Yoda's happy, tree-hugging feelings. Let's face it- Yoda has cut off a few heads in his day as well. The point is, under the yin-yang of the force, Darth Vadar isn't REALLY evil. He just seems evil if you take a Jedi-centric view of the universe. From Darth Vadar's view, the Jedi are evil.

That said, I think we need to admit a few things. Both Anakin and Palpatine wound up a little uglier for their dark powers. There are certain risks to epidermal quality, eye color, and the respiratory system, as well as the risk of loss of limb once you embrace the dark side. Sith Lords tend to face unusually high interpersonal conflict/violent deaths, and unstable relationships where betrayal is sadly, inevitable. But just because turning to the dark side results in being a deformed murderer with unusual relationships doesn't mean the Jedi were right to condemn it. If it makes them happy to turn to the dark side, then that's their own choice. If an older man asks you to be his 'apprentice' and to go kill a bunch of monks and children, then you should be able to follow your heart and do what your lust for power drives you to do.

And let's not hear any of this rhetoric about protecting the children from Sith Lords. As far as we know, Darth Maul didn't kill ANY children, and it's very offensive to assume that, just because he was a Sith full of the dark side, he would have. The point is, Anakin and Palpatine were two consenting adult men who chose to be in a "master and apprentice" relationship. That's their business. Who does it hurt if it makes them happy? There's no "wrong" way to use the force. The force is just THERE. Like gravity. Saying their use of the force is wrong is like saying they fall down wrong when they slip

on bantha poodo. Besides, they were PROUD of their dark side lifestyle. The two of them could be found leading the Sith Pride Parade for many years.

This chapter of Anakin's life wraps up with some changes to the government which, if you want to be picky, not everyone was in favor of. Palpatine had (thanks to a little 'political pressure') enough supporters in positions of power that the will of the people didn't need to interfere with his desires for the legislation of his new chosen lifestyle. Just because the people didn't want him to be an Emperor didn't mean he couldn't have the law changed. And so, Anakin lost his queen, but as Darth Vadar he was now "Apprentice" to an emperor. An emperor who wore a dress a lot and got very excited about having young, powerful men around him all the time. He's been watching Anakin "with great interest" since he was a small boy, after all, and finally they were together.

Lessons from the Dark Side

If you have read the previous chapters of this debate, I think the metaphors should be obvious. For instance, if there was a God, then he would decide the right and the wrong ways to use the Force. He would explain the purpose for which the Force was created, and then direct us to use it accordingly. Furthermore, the temple would be justified in teaching against the dark side when they see how it results in charred skin, missing limbs, and dead padawans. The death toll is too high to ignore, and I think it's obvious that it's not good for marriages or other relationships. Your master is going to betray you, or your apprentice is going to toss you down an energy shaft. Sith relationships just aren't healthy and happy ones. They don't last.

The one metaphor which is new to my side of the debate is the legalization of the Emperor's lifestyle against the will of the people due to people of influence. The fact is, in the United States the majority of states have had the chance to vote on the issue of legalizing homosexual marriage, and in EVERY state where it is put to the people, they vote AGAINST it. That homosexuals cannot marry is not the result of a religious minority

forcing their morals on the populace, but the result of the majority of voters expressing their view democratically. Where Homosexual marriage has been legalized has been AGAINST the will of the people, or at least without the support of the majority, and has been overturned when the people have a say. When Obama pushed for legislation, it was not be because the majority of voters asked for it. More likely is that a significant number of financial contributors to Obama have been pro-homosexual organizations or homosexual individuals. That's how the game is played. But no one else was in the room when it happened.

Galactic Empire of Wokeness

As the republic loses freedom because of this unwanted legislation, so shall Americans. In one of the eastern states where- without the consent of the people- homosexual marriage was legalized, a wedding photographer refused to photograph a wedding of two men. They sued him and it cost him thousands of dollars to NOT accept the chance to work. And once the federal government passes such laws, how long before churches, temples, and mosques are sued for refusing to marry homosexuals? Religious freedom is already in serious trouble. In many countries where homosexual marriage is supported by government, pastors and churches have faced fines and jail time for merely saying they do not support homosexuality and that the Bible clearly teaches that it, as a lifestyle, is sinful. In some places, merely reading the relevant passages of scripture is illegal. Everything has a cost, and this will cost not just social norms, and not even just money, but it will cost freedoms. In places like Canada, France, and Australia, it has cost religious freedoms, and freedom of speech. And that is just the tip of the iceberg.

What, then, is the answer for us all? The answer comes from Luke Skywalker. Luke comes to realize that Darth Vadar is not just some moral monster who needs to be destroyed, but is his own father. Out of the simple love of a boy for his father, Luke sees past the crimes and the moral choices and the machine he is wrapped in, and he sees

the man underneath. He decides that the answer is not to destroy his father, nor to follow in his footsteps, but- out of love- to try and help him out of the dark side altogether. Yoda had told him, “Once you start down the dark path- FOREVER will it dominate your destiny.” Even Vadar tells Luke, “It is too late for me, Son.” Luke, however, refuses to accept that Anakin is just lost forever. He goes to Vadar in love. Vadar tries to turn it into a fight, but Luke tries his best to build a bridge between them. Ok, Luke loses his cool for a minute there, but ultimately Vadar sees that his son loves him, and in a moment of clarity, he leaves his dark side lifestyle and his “master.” Vadar is one again Anakin Skywalker, father of twins. Sadly, he dies soon after from the abuse suffered at the hands of his former “master,” but I think we all know he would have spent the rest of his days in jail had he lived.

Can You Pray The Gay Away?

This metaphor is about something you have probably only heard described through cynical, Christian-hating films and R-rated cartoons, but it is a very real possibility: Liberation from homosexuality. As I have explained, Homosexual is NOT a species. No one need say of themselves or others, ***“Once you start down THAT path, FOREVER will it dominate your destiny.”*** Certainly it must be maintained that, when you’re a Jet, you’re a Jet all the way- from your first cigarette to your last dying day, but the same is not necessarily true of homosexuals. If they desire to change, they can, and many have. Some live with the attraction all their lives but choose not to act on it, while others are given the grace to get past the lifestyle and the desires entirely. Some even wind up in happy, heterosexual marriages.

The big name in this movement of freedom from homosexuality- out of love for them as Luke loved Vadar- was Exodus International. If you can still find them, you can read stories of those who have left the homosexual lifestyle behind and see that people can change and leave the metaphorical dark side behind for something better. It’s not the weird, gay hating boot camp style thing you see in cynical comedy films. No one gets

kidnapped and sent to brainwashing sessions. This is people reaching out in love to others to offer them freedom from an addiction. There are men who have thought, “I was born this way” and lived as homosexuals for many years, yet still come to discover that they don’t have to. Even after many years, many find they can leave it all behind and live a healthy, heterosexual life. The Gay Pride camp tends to be fairly close-minded to this option- even openly hostile. But this group, Exodus International, and those like it, love men and women enough to say, “You can change if you want to, and we will help you every step of the way.”

Offering Counseling is like Pushing them into the Gas Chambers?

No doubt some of you are already throwing full wine bottles at your computer screen.

As I mentioned previously, I worked for a newspaper once, and there was a group of psychologists nearby offering services for those who desired to leave the homosexual lifestyle. One of the writers on the staff referred to these doctors as “Nazis,” as if there is some connection to be made between offering therapy to those seeking to change their lives and murdering homosexuals by the thousands as Hitler’s soldiers did in the 30’s. Perhaps he thought of Weight Watchers and AA as terrorist organizations, but I digress.

All I’m saying is, some people do not have an open mind toward those wishing to change themselves from gay to straight as they do for those wishing to change from straight to gay. But I am sincere when I say that the Christian position is that of Luke to his father. It is a position of love for our kin. We want them to change because we know there is better for them. Leaving ANY sin behind is freedom, and this one is no exception. That’s why it was Christians that started AA.

Now, I know that we Christians have blown up a couple of space stations, and on occasion made crass and uncalled for jokes about who is “holding Vadar’s leash.” Let me end as I began- I am sorry that our position, while ultimately founded on love, has not always been expressed in love. And our position has not always been held by people

who have the kind of love they should (which is their sin, and we desire them to change). Groups like Exodus International help the family members of homosexuals learn to reach out to them in love as well. Our position is ultimately founded on God's decrees, which are founded on his nature, which is Love. Jesus says, "For God so LOVED the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." What you need is not the right to marry, but freedom and eternal life.

In short, you need Jesus.

So, to Amanda, her friend Jonny, and all of my friends out there in cyberspace, I hope I have explained it all clearly. Why would anyone oppose the legalization of homosexual marriage? Not out of hate. And not because it is wrong for men to love other men. But out of obedience to God, for the defense of marriage, to uphold democracy and the will of the people, and, hard as this may be for some to believe, out of a love for our friends and family who are homosexuals. We don't want to take anything good from them. We want them-our brothers and sisters- to be free of the attractions and addictions which keep them from God's best for them. We want them to have love and sex the way their Creator intended- healthy, happy, and full of joy. We want them to have marriages the way He intended them- with purpose, passion, and a faithful commitment to one person for a lifetime. And most importantly, we want them to have a relationship with their heavenly father- our Creator God, through his Son Jesus Christ.

I realize this was a much longer answer than you expected from such a simple question, but I've always said, "If what you have to say can fit on a bumper sticker, then you don't have anything to say at all." As always, feel free to send me questions. I remain, your Rent A Friend.

Jesus Loves You.

PART II: Gay Pride and the American Church

The American church has not really known what to do about this whole LGBTQ thing. Some people have decided that Jesus loves everyone, and so we shouldn't condemn anyone for anything. Other people have decided that since homosexuality is clearly called a sin in the Bible, that we should release wild dogs on the nearest Gay Pride parade. Most people have decided to sit it out and not get involved.

The purpose of this section is to show how Jesus loves people, sin is still sin, and we can be Biblical and loving at the same time if we have a little common sense and take the time to see what the Bible actually says. I'll be comparing and contrasting both sides of the debate and showing how the truth is found somewhere between two ridiculous over reactions. This is generally the way of the world. As a kid, you tend to think of the adult world as a bunch of men and women who know what's going on, making informed decisions. In actuality, it's a bunch of children over reacting wildly to things they don't know a lot about and hoping someone else will fix things.

Ignorance is bliss. If growing up had a catch phrase, that would be it. Anyway, here's some things the whole Christian Church needs to know about our friends in the LGBTQ spectrum, and some things they need to know about us. And everyone needs to know that Jesus Loves you.

Chapter 7: The One Church Plan and a Mouthful of Cigarette Butts

Another dying church is debating whether or not they want to agree with the Bible. It's a weird blend of sad, sickening, and so cliche that it's boring.

From https://wesleyancovenant.org/2018/08/08/the-one-church-plan we read:

The One Church Plan (OCP) is predicated on two straightforward assumptions… Differences among United Methodists over sexual ethics, the institution of marriage, and ordination standards for clergy are not essential matters for the whole church.

Therefore, it is acceptable for annual conferences, local churches, and pastors to hold different opinions about them and still remain in a united church…First, strike from the UM Church's "Social Principles" the statement that says, "[T]he practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching…Second, redefine marriage in such a way that allows for church sanctioned weddings between people of the same gender, and remove the prohibition against UM clergy presiding as same sex weddings."

A friend on Social Media was lamenting the fact that this One Church Plan had been voted down, and I offered the following combination of confused questions and Biblical insight, and all for free (*with a Groupon*).

Why are you upset that a church is choosing to stand on the clear teaching of the Bible? Are you not asserting that this church should be less Biblical- LESS Christian? If so, why bother pretending to be a Christian church at all? Why not become a coffee shop or a discotheque?
Yes, God loves us all- but it is absolutely NOT true that He "loves us as we are", if by that you mean He will or should merely accept us in our present state and not insist rather loudly that we change.

Love is not some form of lazy contentment.

The Bible says “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” and that “the wages of sin is death.” This is the point of the Bible from the very first page- God loves us MORE than that. If God’s love was simply a contentment to love us as we are and not more, then we would die in our sins and face eternity in darkness apart from Him. But His love was such that he lived a perfect life among us and died for our sins that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

SIN is something so awful that our loving God came to die for us so that we could be clean from it.

This perverse acceptance of LGBTQ (etc) lifestyles which are clearly condemned by the Bible over and over is no different than saying, *“We should love our children enough to never make them brush their teeth or bathe. We should love them as they are.”* or *“We should love alcoholics enough to GIVE them their booze.”*

No, I keep my daughter out of the street BECAUSE I love her. I make her eat healthy food and get enough sleep (when she wants to be up playing all night) BECAUSE I love her. We keep our children from poison and injury BECAUSE we love them.

God is a better father than we can be

and he has told us how we were designed. One man, one woman, for a lifetime, until death do we part. Nothing else is holy marriage or sexuality.

This “acceptance” of other lifestyles is not loving, it is something akin to laziness or hate. A child may be content with a handful of sand and cigarette butts in their mouth, but a loving parent does not ask if the child is happy, he takes the junk out of their hand, washes out their mouth, and gives them what will make them HEALTHY- good food and clean water.

Happiness in sickness or sin is not lasting, and should not be encouraged- it leads to death. These churches who reject the word of God and accept what he has forbidden are lying to themselves and NOT being loving to those people they are lying to.

You don’t love a sinner by accepting his sin.

You love the sinner by helping them be free of it- first by salvation through Jesus Christ, and then by turning their back on their sin and living as God designed us to live. There in is freedom and joy.

You don’t put a child with a mouthful of sand and cigarette butts in charge of the lunchroom and expect them to do well feeding other children, you don’t put a drunk with an open bottle in his fist in charge of the AA meetings, and you don’t put someone who accepts their sin as their identity or chosen lifestyle as a shepherd of a church. This is why God gave us the rules he did for ourselves and our church- because he loves us more than we want Him to. The One Church Plan is a cancer. To want that is to want a smaller, imaginary god. At that point, why pretend to be a Christian? To love and serve the one true God is to love and serve a God who is bigger than what we want, and loves us more than we want Him to. Embrace that. And may God bless you. #JesusLovesYou

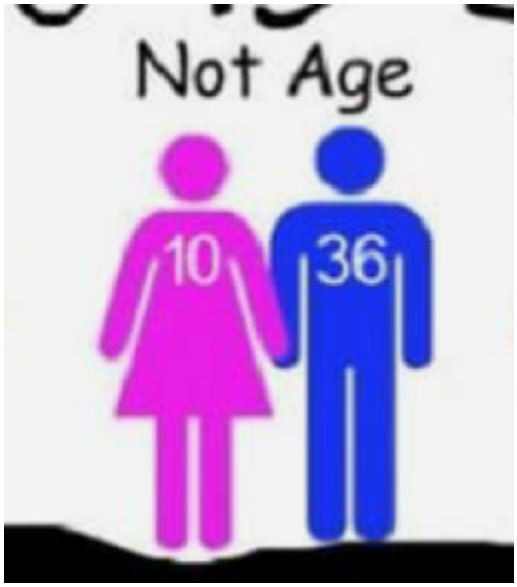
Chapter 8: Pinterest, Perverts, and the Prophet Mohammed

So I found this on Pinterest. Naturally, I was rolling my eyes about the attempt to use a poorly drawn cartoon meme to normalize all kinds of sin, folly, and self destruction*.

And I'm all, "Geepers guys, why can't you just break out the book of Leviticus, flip on over to chapter 18 and figure out…"

Wait…

HUBBA WHAAAAAAA?!?!?



So this is the version of Little Orphan Annie where she *MARRIES* DADDY WARBUCKS?!?!?! Even in Iowa that girl is SEVEN YEARS TOO YOUNG for this to be legal!

The leftists all laughed when we said it was a slippery slope. They laughed. That was before three lesbians demanded the right to all marry each other at the same time and there were still only two genders.

On the other hand, the couple above are still closer in age to each other than Mohammed (age 53) was to his "favorite" wife when he married her- Aisha, who was 6 at the time. Yup. SIX years old.

Just throwin that out there.

As for me and my house, we will let the Creator of heaven and Earth tell us right from wrong. If you're looking to Pinterest instead of to God…

Y'all in trouble.

Just throwin that out there.

And remember, #JesusLovesYou

* *Just for the record, I have nothing against "interracial marriage" especially because I don't believe in 'races.' But there wasn't a good way to work that into the intro.*

Don't email me.

Chapter 9: Homosexuality is NOT the ONLY "Abomination"

If you're like most people, you probably have never read the entire Bible. Or much of it at all. You might have read a few verses from your coworkers inspirational coffee cup, like that one about God lifting us up on wings like eagles', or you may have heard about a verse that says women are supposed to be servants of their husbands from some feminist who can't actually *quote* that verse from memory, but knows she hates it and by extension the church in general. One phrase you may have heard in past years, even if not the actual context, is the idea that in the Bible God calls Homosexuals an Abomination.

That sounds kind of harsh, doesn't it? I mean, homosexuals are PEOPLE, darn it! They deserve respect too! And I totally agree. Oh, but wait…

The Bible doesn't say that Homosexuals are an Abomination.

What it does say, in Leviticus 18:22 is "*You [men of Israel] shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.*" This verse is not condemning *people*, or even necessarily the feelings of same sex attraction, but instead the ACT of homosexual sex- Sodomy. IT is, according to this verse, "an abomination."

Because of the use of the word "Abomination," people on both sides of the isle have gotten the idea that homosexuality is the WORSE SIN there is. But a little searching through the Bible shows that there are OTHER "Abominations." Here's a list of them from the book of Proverbs, ch 6:

16 There are six things that the Lord hates,

seven that are an abomination to him:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue,

and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 a heart that devises wicked plans,

feet that make haste to run to evil,

19 a false witness who breathes out lies,

and one who sows discord among brothers.

Did you read that last one? Talking smack/feeding the trolls/bringing the drama so people don't get along is an ABOMINATION. No one is being accused of being INHUMAN or SUBHUMAN. They are being told that some behaviors- CHOICES TO ACT IN A PARTICULAR WAY- are unacceptable and, in the parlance of our day, "Really Gross." Because that is essentially what Abomination means. More or less.

Also, and this is a key point, that verse in Leviticus does NOT say "You shall not LOVE another male." In John 13:34 Jesus COMMANDS his all male squad of disciples, " Love one another."

What is COMMANDED is to love.

What is FORBIDDEN is sex with *anyone but* your hetero-life-mate in the bonds of marriage. The only reason our culture is trying to defend perverted sex acts under the name of "Love" is because we have, culturally speaking, forgotten that LOVE is more than FEELINGS. Between Hollywood movies and pornography, there are a lot of people who don't understand love *or* sex and have decided they must be one and the same (And also that both are a form of selfishness). And maybe it's just a coincidence that so many of the men in Hollywood are being accused of "Sexual Misconduct" and that the average Hollywood marriage lasts for less time than it takes to rent a movie from RedBox.

But maybe it's not.

The take away here is not, “Homosexuality isn’t so bad!” It’s ALL sins are bad. There are MANY evil things which God has told us are *TOTES GRODY TO THE MAX**. We need to get not only our morality and ideas about marriage and sex from the Bible, but also our definition of love. Because for 100% of the people we meet, God commands us to love them. But for 100% of the people we meet who are not our hetero spouse- God commands you to keep your hands to yourself.

So paint that onto a coffee mug or email it to a feminist. You’ll be glad you did.

#JesusLovesYou

**From The Message Bible translation*

Chapter 10: Was Jesus For the Killing and Eating of Lesbians?

Reading the Bible can be a SHOCKING experience. Just as one example which I felt I needed to share: There is not a single verse in the New Testament where in Jesus commands his followers *not* to murder lesbians!

The secret's in the sauce…

I mean, it should be obvious that if Jesus was opposed to rounding up Lesbians and killing them to make a meaty Lesbian Stew, meatloaf or pasta sauce, he would have SAID so! Right?

It would be a MAJOR oversight to not address this matter if he intended us to not kill and eat them.

But not only does Jesus never explicitly forbid the murder and eating of Lesbians, but none of the apostles do either! Read the book of Acts, or Romans, or any of Paul's letters, and you will never ONCE see a verse that says, "Do not kill and eat Lesbians." There aren't even verses which condemn killing them OR eating them. I mean, if Jesus had said, "The pagans kill and eat Lesbians, but you should not," or "If unbelievers kill lesbain, do not help them eat her," we could make a case for it. But it never even comes up!

When I came to this realization, it was an eye-opening experience that made me realize that I have been choosing my actions and living a restrictive lifestyle based on certain interpretations of Old Testament commands and NOT on the clear teaching of Jesus in the New Testament. But as many modern preachers have pointed out- the Old Testament is for the Jews, NOT for the church! There's nothing in the New Testament that commands me to not murder and eat homosexuals! I have just been reading that

into verses that don't actually SAY it, such as the one where Jesus says love your neighbor as yourself, but isn't that just forcing my cultural norms into the text of the Bible?

Jesus doesn't actually say not to murder lesbians even if by chance they happen to be my neighbor. He really just expects me to love them. Sometimes you have to hurt the ones you love. And bake them into a pie.

The reason this apparent oversight in the teaching of the New Testament came to my mind is because there are a lot of people who have been arguing that Jesus never explicitly condemns homosexuality. Whole denominations have been arguing that, since Jesus doesn't explicitly forbid homosexuality in the New Testament, then we who are followers of Jesus have no reason to condemn it either. The only problem is, Jesus DOES condemn this lifestyle. So, yes, I am saying that whole denominations have failed to read the Bible.

First, in Matthew 5: 27-28 Jesus says,

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

Point number one- Jesus is reminding them of the Old Testament laws on sexual purity and telling them that the bar is HIGHER than they think. Jesus is saying, the Law says DON'T sin, but if you even LOOK sinfully and WANT sinfully, then you're just as guilty even though you didn't touch- because purity is about more than the body. It's about the heart and mind as well.

So, Jesus is absolutely NOT saying, "You know that stuff which is forbidden in the Law? That stuff's cool now. You can do all of it. You should even have parades celebrating it!"

Point number two- The law in Leviticus 22 has a LAUNDRY list of forbidden behaviors. Among those is "'Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable." This chapter begins with an important phrase;
"The Lord said to Moses…"

So Leviticus 22 is not some list of cultural norms which Moses gathered from polling the people at church. This was a list of instructions *from God himself*. But does Jesus agree with these rules? Is Jesus an OT OG, or did he come with NEW rules?

Here is the key point of doctrine which answers this question:

JESUS IS GOD. He wrote the Levitical Law!

So, yes, I am saying that whole denominations have failed to understand basic Christian doctrine. Jesus didn't come to abolish the law and the prophets. He actually says exactly this in Matthew 5: 17:

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

If your denomination or pastor thinks that Jesus was in favor of homosexuality or "gay Marriage" because he didn't explicitly condemn it, remind them that Jesus wrote the Levitical laws, and also that he said NOTHING against the killing and eating of Lesbians.

So let's not go making any decrees based on what the New Testament DOESN'T say. Otherwise those potluck dinners are going to start getting REALLY weird.

#JesusLovesYouEvenIfYouAreALesbian

#Don'tKillOrEatLesbians

Chapter 11: Anderson Trips and All Have Fallen

I recently wrote an article pointing out the fact that Jesus NEVER explicitly commands his followers to never kill and eat Lesbians. I realized later that I probably needed to explain in no uncertain terms that I do not actually endorse the killing and/or eating of Lesbians, or any other humans, because there are many people who seem unable to comprehend humor.

By that I mean, I need to explain that I am opposed to the killing and or eating of ANY humans, including Lesbians, and the reason for my need to explain is that some people have no sense of humor and could have thought I was in support of eating other people. I'm not saying that the reason I do not endorse the killing and/or eating of Lesbians is because some people don't understand humor.

You ever hear the phrase, *"Dying the death of a thousand qualifications?"* This is what it means.

> Killing and eating lesbians is WRONG. But if you're going to do it anyway, I have some AMAZING recipes you need to try...

I also decided I needed to address the killing of homosexuals in general because I saw a recent video from your friend and mine, Mike Winger *(aka: Bible Thinker)*. In this video called "Steven Anderson Vs the Biblical gospel" (1) Mike shows the insane ranting of self-labeled Baptist Preacher Steven "The Steve" Anderson, who is known for being that

preacher every atheist on social media thinks of when they describe what Christians and churches are like. In Mike Winger's recent video, he shows Mr. Anderson publicly declare *(and not as some kind of dark humor but seemly because it is what he really thinks)* that homosexuals should all kill themselves, that he would cause them to corn-flake if he had the glove of Thanos*, and that homosexuals cannot be saved so don't bother telling them Jesus died for them like Jesus told you to.

Mike Winger comes to the rather politically incorrect conclusion that "The Steve" is not a Christian and is not preaching Christianity, on the flimsy grounds that "The Steve" is in fact directly contradicting the clear and repeated teaching of scripture, including the words of Jesus. For example, one of the many scriptures which "The Steve" is either ignoring or rejecting is Romans 3: 22-24 which says,

"For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift.."

Also, if you take a look at the four biographies of Jesus which begin the New Testament, you will see that NEVER does a sinner come to Jesus for forgiveness and get turned away. There is no passage where someone comes to Jesus and says, ""God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" only to have Jesus say, "Oh, Ordinarily I WOULD, but your sin isn't one I cover. Your sin is TOO sinful. Sorry."

The promise of the Bible is that the sinner who comes to God in humility and asks for mercy will be forgiven, and the sinner who is too proud to admit he is a sinner will be lost. So, while homosexuality is a chosen lifestyle which the Bible condemns right along with adultery, incest, murder, theft, lying, and everything else which gets used as shock humor in Kevin Smith movies or on Family Guy, it absolutely declares that ANY sinner can come to Jesus and ask to be saved. On the other hand, if you choose to cling to your sin instead of opening your hands to receive his forgiveness, Jesus respects your choice.

But Jesus loves *you*, and died for *your sins* so that *you could be forgiven*, no matter what it is you need to be forgiven for.

THAT is Christianity. THAT is the heart of the Bible. THAT is the good news we call the Gospel.

Choosing to cling to a sinful lifestyle is just as wicked as choosing to cling to your hate of other sinners. There is no right side and wrong side of this particular debate because there are no good people and bad people. There are sinners and Jesus. If you choose to cling to your sin and use it as an excuse to hate other people, then you're no better than "The Steve." If you're a lesbian who decides to kill and eat "The Steve" for being so hateful toward you, I want to declare unequivocally that I am opposed to the killing and/or eating of any humans. Killing and eating people is WRONG. But if you're going to do it anyway, I have some AMAZING recipes you need to try…

#JesusLovesStevenAndersonAndLesbians

— *He doesn't actually reference Thanos. He says if he had a button that would cause them all to die he would push it over and over. He's not even cool enough to make an obvious Marvel reference. He is a TOTAL loser.

(1) *https://biblethinker.org/steven-anderson-vs-the-biblical-gospel/*

Chapter 12: Monkey Pox is SO GAY…

Remember when the governments of the world shut down almost every business they didn't directly draw income from in order to stop the spread of a rather aggressive cold and flu virus from China? Well, the next big name in pandemic is on it's way! Think they'll be shutting down businesses and demanding quarantining? I'm guessing no. And here's why I think they won't: AIDS.

You see, for literally my entire life, AIDS has been killing predominantly homosexual men. But despite the lethal nature of this disease, and the way in which it is spread through sexual contact, the same politicians who made everyone stay home for 2020 so they could mail in their 80 million votes for Joe Biden, have done absolutely nothing to stop gay men from meeting with and having sex with other gay men. California has even gone so far as to protect gay men *with AIDS* from having to disclose the fact that *they have AIDS* to the other men they are having sex with.

Let me put this in perspective for you, in case you haven't heard me do it before: If you had gone to the public library or an airport during 2020 KNOWING you had the virus which must not be named *(made in China)* you could have gone to jail and every Leftist Karen on Twitter would have called for your immediate public execution. But if you had been a gay man who KNEW HE HAD AIDS, the law of California said, "Nah, you don't have to let anyone know. That's YOUR business."

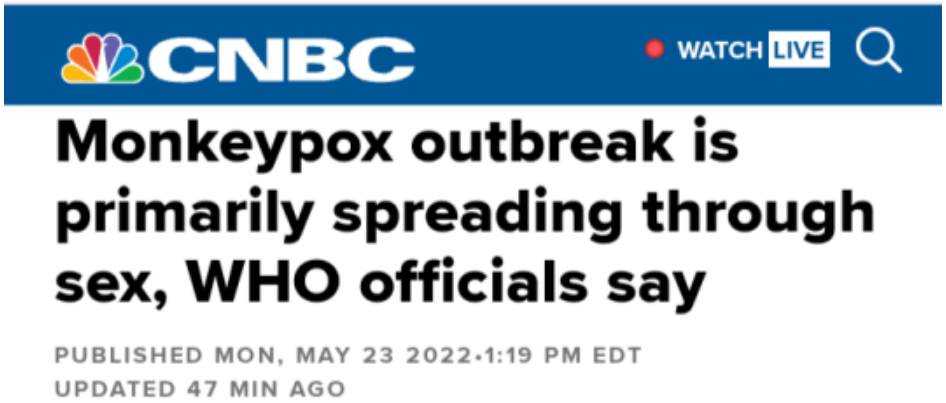
"But if you can't *prove* you've been vaccinated you BETTER NOT TRY AND ATTEND A CONCERT OR USE THE GYM!!!!"

I have said before that the Democratic Left doesn't care about the lives of homosexuals, and merely uses them as a weapon with which to attack the Christians, Republicans and other right wing people who don't watch CNN. They even go so far as to hide information which can be used to help those homosexuals to avoid various forms of

abuse and death because it doesn't help their narrative. Here's just another recent example:

As you can see, they say this about the Money Pox epidemic: "many of the people affected globally so far are men who identify as gay or bisexual."

Here's basically the same story, also from SNBC, but from around *two hours prior*.



KEY POINTS

- European nations have confirmed dozens of cases in what's become the largest outbreak of monkeypox ever on the Continent, according to the German military.

- The U.S. has confirmed at least two cases and Canada has confirmed at least five so far. Belgium just introduced a mandatory 21-day quarantine for monkeypox patients.

- The most recent surge in cases appears to have been spread among men who have sex with other men.

Do you see how the version posted earlier says *"The most recent surge in cases appears to have been spread among men who have sex with other men"*? If you don't understand why this was changed, it's because the original wording connects the spread of the disease *directly with the behaviors* that these men have chosen to participate in. The rewrite almost paints them as victims- oppressed minorities who have been unfairly affected by the most recent epidemic.

The numbers seem to say that men who choose to have sex with other men are getting this disease BECAUSE of that behavior, and so if you actually wanted these men to NOT get a life threatening disease, you would perhaps suggest that they stop having promiscuous sex with other men. But the left doesn't CARE if homosexuals die of

contractible diseases. They only care if they can paint homosexuals as victims of bigotry so they can be used as a weapon against Christian and other non-Leftists *(except for Muslims, who are somehow left out of this conversation even when they are literally throwing homosexuals off of rooftops to their deaths)*.

Which brings us back to AIDS. For literally decades, the stats have been consistent- the only group of people contracting AIDS at nearly the same rate as sodomites is bisexual drug users (*so men who SOMETIMES Sodomize other men and who also inject themselves with illegal drugs*). And how did the Leftist Democrats react to the fact that homosexual behavior is literally killing homosexual men? They buried this information and tossed tax payer money at parades that encourage the very behavior which is resulting in their deaths. This is essentially responding to drunk driving deaths by having auto manufacturers put a keg in the glove compartment behind a giant sticker that reads, *"It's 5 O'clock SOMEWHERE!"*.

So once again a disease is affecting men who engage in homosexual behavior in disproportionate numbers BECAUSE of that homosexual behavior, and the Left is dancing AWAY from telling them that their behavior is putting them in danger. Now it's PRIDE month and the United States has seen cases of Monkey Pox DOUBLE in only two weeks! *(There's eight cases now.)* Clearly the reason why this is happening is because Donald Trump is a racist or something. And his supporters are hateful extremists. Etc. At least that's what they say on CNN.

Recently I stumbled on something related which I have never heard before. There are strains of HPV (*human papillomavirus, the most common sexually transmitted disease in America*) which give homosexual men cancer of the anus, genitals, mouth and throat. In case you can't guess, these cancer locations are directly linked to the locations where they contract the HPV virus, and again these locations are no accident as they are the direct result of the homosexual acts that make these men homosexuals.

I don't know how else to say it without losing my family friendly PG-13 rating.

My point is, the Leftists who pretend to care about the well being of those homosexuals would be far more *ACTUALLY caring* if they encouraged these men to stop doing the things that give them AIDS, Monkey Pox and Anal CANCER than they are throwing rainbow flag parades and hiding this information from the general public.

I hope you can begin to see why it makes sense that God forbids homosexual behavior and other forms of promiscuous sexual behavior BECAUSE HE LOVES ALL OF US. While I will admit that the manner in which it has been done has not always been loving, I will state as a matter of fact that the person condemning homosexual behavior is being loving to those men and women. Their message will save them from disease, death, and maybe even hell. The people encouraging PRIDE in their behavior are pushing them toward their own death, and maybe eternal death. That's not loving. That's not tolerant. Whatever your motivation, *that is hateful*.

Let's stop monkeying around with people's lives and souls. Let's tell them the truth in love. Let's remind them that God wants what is for their GOOD, and that means avoiding disease and death, and trading a self destructive, sinful lifestyle for the saving grace of forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

..do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

PART III: Transgenderism
(Or, when is a Woman NOT a Woman?)

When I wrote the beginning of this book, *this* was not a cultural issue. Homosexuality was the hip new topic of discussion, where men wanted to have sex with and sometimes marry other men, and women wanted to have sex with and sometimes marry other women. Today, apparently, men and women do not exist, and if two men are married they might be a NOT gay couple because one of them is a woman.

I know, this looks like either a collection of embarrassing typos or clear indication that I've taken ALL of my pills at the same time, but I have said it just as clearly as CNN does, which is to say it's nonsense, and if you don't think so, maybe you need to call poison control because perhaps you have taken all of your pills at the same time.

Or you went to a public school. Also, turn off CNN.

Look, when I was your age it was just LGB. Now it's LGBTQiilmnop… The pride flag has so many stripes that the colors can no longer be distinguished unless it's being examined under a powerful microscope and it just looks like a dirty diaper. Which is somewhat appropriate. But I digress.

Enjoy these thoughtful essays about the latest hip trend on social media, which no doubt before you can read this will have been replaced by something else so vile that we will LONG for the days when the worst thing being put in kids movies was lesbians and men who thought they were women.

I'll just predict it here: Disney is going to remake Bambi *(as "Live Action")*, but Bambi is transgender *(keeping his/her name as it is)* and marries the hunter who shot his/her mom, leading them to start a campaign against the second amendment. Together they adopt former vice president Al Gore, who spends the entire movie in a diaper, crying because capitalism is making the poles melt and kill the polar bears. It's a musical. There will be Happy Meal Toys. You heard it here first.

A final note before we dive in: I occasionally use the word "Trannies," which I'm sure someone on social media has labeled "hate speech." As usual, I don't care what the idiots on social media think, and they do not have the authority to tell me what words I can and can't use. I use the word "Tranny" because it is an easy abbreviation for "Transgender person" the way some men named Lawrence are called "Lar," which is the abbreviation for Larry, itself a shorthand for Lawrence. We abbreviate words for convenience, not because of hate and bigotry. People feel the need to constantly increase the list of offensive words because, having declared the world to be full of hateful bigots and racists, they need to invent the evidence that this is so. This is why the politically correct word for black people from last week has already been replaced and anyone using last week's word will be declared to be a racist *(unless they are a Democrat)*.

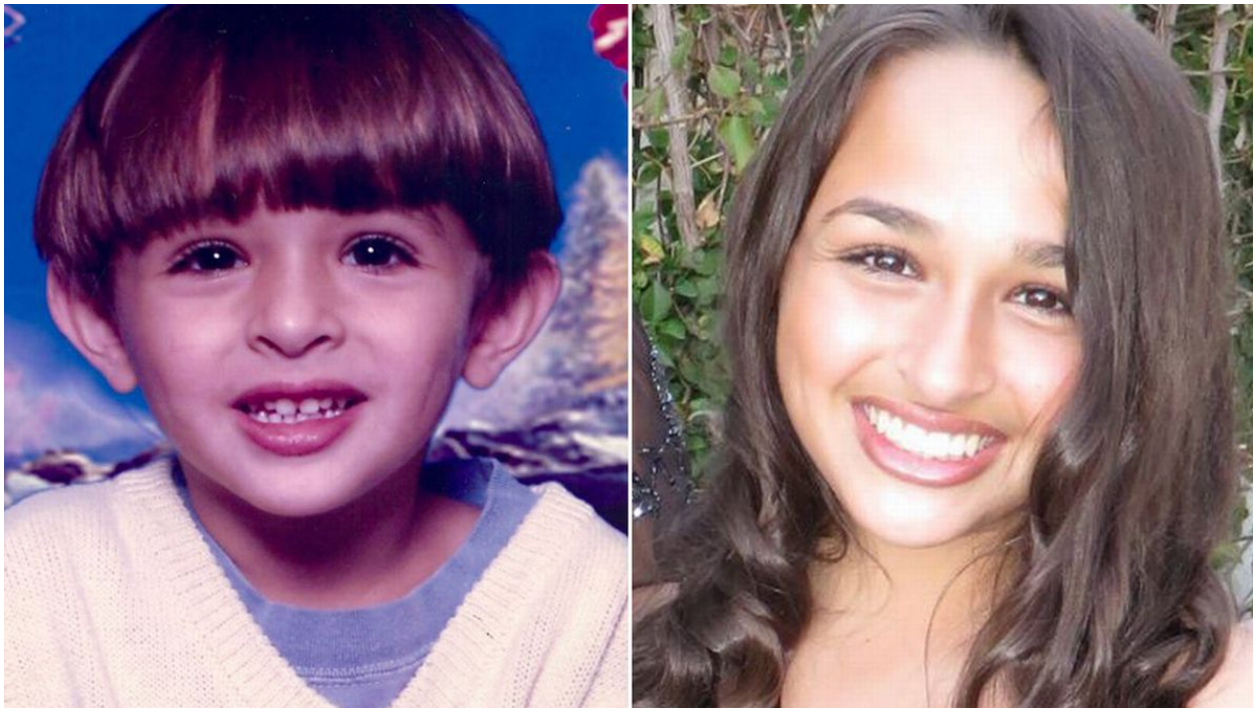
Though, to be honest, calling a man Larry is a pretty hateful thing to do. If that's you, I hope Facebook deletes all of your personal contacts and subscribes you to the Adam Sandler fan page. You bigot.

Another Amendment: Child Mutilation

When I wrote this section, ***this*** was not an issue, but now it is. The funny thing about a slippery slope is that you start picking up speed the longer you fall. See, when I started writing these chapters, the whole Trans thing was about men's right to be referred to by female pronouns. That was kind of it. And then they demanded to be allowed to serve in

the military, which became a whole thing. And then certain places started announcing that they would let men who identify as women use the girl's restrooms and changing areas because, what could possibly go wrong? Since then, the right to choose one's pronouns has become the legally enforced demand to choose your own pronouns, or sometimes species *(you think I'm kidding? I'm not.)*, both on social media as well as in school and on the job. Once they started gaining ground in having people fired for, as one example, referring to high school girls as "girls," they moved onto encouraging those kids to have various personal parts of their bodies surgically removed, even if those kids were as young as four years old.

As an example, there is a TV show starring a kid named Jazz, who apparently decided he was a girl when he was four. At the time, he was Jarred, but having already learned enough about the world to understand the nature of long term decisions and irreversible surgery, he asked to become a girl. Like any rational parents would do when their preschool child asks to have their body irreversibly transformed with major, experimental surgery, they made him wait until he was six to actually have the surgery. I mean, they aren't INSANE. But becoming a girl at five years old apparently went so well that they decided to go ahead and have his very personal parts removed and turned into very different parts through what I imagine to be some combination of origami and black magic.



Here's little Jared then, and Jazz now. I'm guessing there has been a handful of other surgeries to keep up appearances.

The place this story really starts to become a part of the Trans microcosm comes when Jazz recently expressed his anxiety and depression, which has led to an eating disorder, stemming from his regret. He regrets having the surgery, and his mother apparently has been the constant source of pressure making him go on and stay on this horrible journey of self destruction. The big story which has become the news is kids- under age, grade school and high school kids- being encouraged to "transition" by their parents, and often by their teachers without their parent's knowledge. The rainbow flag has come for the children. And it's killing them.

But more disturbing than the mere marketing of experimental drugs and surgeries to kids is the growing underground story which seems to show no sign of slowing. The end of the journey for many is, as it seems to be for Jazz, regret. I have heard MANY testimonials from young girls and boys who realize that they have done irreversible damage to their bodies and can never have back what they threw away. It's

heartbreaking to see girls talking about the day after they had their breasts surgically removed, only to look at themselves in the mirror and realize, “This didn’t fix anything. I shouldn’t have done this.” Or fearing that the time they spent on hormones means they have no hope of ever sounding like a girl again. The stories are heartbreaking, and they will number in the millions before it’s all over.

This mutilation of children’s bodies has been opposed, and the rainbow flag collection has literally turned to violence. Capitals have been stormed. Individuals have been assaulted and kidnapped. A school was shot up, resulting in dead children. But the woke media has ignored the violence and, in a mind boggling act of stupid, chose to voice concern over the “misgendering” of the girl who murdered a bunch of school kids.

It seems that the line between real life and satire has not only been erased, it was erased by Satan himself.

Chapter 13: An INTRODUCTION to Transgenderism

If you are confused by the concept of transgenderism, then you are part of a tiny minority of people in America *(99.99879%)* who fail to understand how a sane, healthy man can look at his body and say, *"Nah. I'm a woman."* As I would of course suggest in any situation like this, you should turn immediately to social media to teach you right from wrong. Let's start with a couple of simple definitions which I guarantee will clear things right up like a dozen pages of tax code.

> *Transgender- An umbrella term for people whose gender identity and/or expression is different from cultural expectations based on the sex they were assigned at birth. Being transgender does not imply any specific sexual orientation. Therefore, transgender people may identify as straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, etc.-*
> https://www.hrc.org/

Got that? So their gender identity or expression is different from cultural expectations. Which somehow makes a man… a woman? Hang on… let me Google it.

According to Google, Transgender means

> *"denoting or relating to a person whose self-identity does not conform unambiguously to conventional notions of male or female gender."*

OK, easy! So a transgender person is merely someone whose self identity veers off of the conventional notions of male or female at all. Huh. Well, I guess in order to see what makes a man Transgender, we have to see what he is deviating from! Let's see how the internet defines MEN.

What are Men Like? (i.e. cultural expectations)

- All men enjoy working on cars
- Men are not nurses, they are doctors

- Men do “dirty jobs” such as construction and mechanics; they are not secretaries, teachers, or cosmetologists
- Men do not do housework and they are not responsible for taking care of children
- Men play video games
- Men play sports
- Men enjoy outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, and hiking
- Men are in charge; they are always at the top
- As husbands, men tell their wives what to do
- Men are lazy and/or messy
- Men are good at math
- It is always men who work in science, engineering, and other technical fields
- Men do not cook, sew, or do crafts

List of Gender Stereotypes | HealthGuidance.org

Wow. The only things I match on this list are “work in science” and “Play video games.” Good thing I bought the Oculus Quest!
OK, so now that we have a list of conventional notions of “male,” we can go back to our definition of Transgender which said:
“..a person whose self-identity does not conform unambiguously to conventional notions of male or female gender.”

So according to Google’s definition… I am “transgender.”

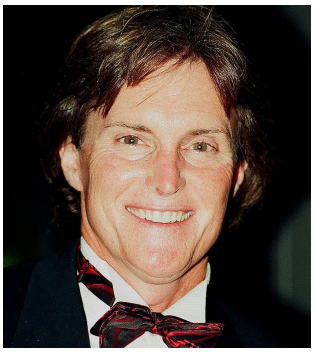
What the WHAT? Is Google saying I am a woman? What just happened here?
Hold up. I need to start over…

> *“Transgender- An umbrella term for people whose gender identity and/or expression is different from cultural expectations based on the sex they were assigned at birth.”*

My driver's license says "Male" but I fail to conform to all but two (if I round up) cultural expectations of male. And I do a bunch of those things it says men DON'T do. I was a stay at home mom for five years! SWEET MERCY! Do I have to buy a rainbow flag now? What are my rights? I NEED A LAWYER!!!!

Let me calm down and think for a moment. I was born male and I remain male. I absolutely don't *"conform unambiguously to conventional notions of male"* and my *"gender identity and/or expression is different from cultural expectations"* but does that make me TRANSGENDER?
Obviously not. I mean, according to those two definitions, yes. But no one uses those definitions. Those definitions exist to muddy the waters by avoiding a definition that actually functions. They actually fail somewhat miserably. And here I thought we could trust the internet to bring us wisdom and knowledge. I guess I have to do this myself.

In order to clarify what a Transgender person is, let's consider sometimes media darling Bruce/Caitlyn Jenner.



Bruce decided he is now Caitlyn, so instead of calling him a "Drag Queen" or a "Cross Dresser" or any of the other former terms for a man who pretends to be a woman, Bruce is called a "Trans woman". The internet helps once again by informing us that "A trans woman is a woman who was assigned male at birth."

Why were they "assigned male at birth"? Because they were born with male anatomy, resulting from male chromosomes. So, by "Assigned male at birth," they actually mean "*discovered to be* male at birth." You know, because of being born a boy, with boy parts. The parts that make a boy different from girls. Don't make me say it.
Go ask your parents.

Bruce was born a boy, and grew up to be a man. And he did some sports stuff. I don't know. I think he wound up on the box of Wheaties or something. I don't do sports. Remember that list of stuff I don't do like other men? I'm not kidding about that. Video games is all I've got. I had no idea what a carburetor was until I was taught by a beautiful redhead named Donna I knew in high school. True story.

Recently, Bruce decided he was a woman, and he got a bunch of plastic surgery and a fabulous new wardrobe, and started calling himself Caitlyn. So when the internet says ***"A trans woman is a woman who was assigned male at birth,"*** in this case it means ***"A trans woman is a man who was discovered to be male at birth who later decides that he is not male, but rather decided that he is a woman."*** Now, you may wonder why I had to say *"but rather decided that he is a woman."* Why could I not just stop at *"later decides that he is not male"*? Because apparently there are 185 other genders now. Remember how back when we were kids there were only three flavors of potato chip? Potato, sour cream and onion, and bar-b-q? Now there's a billion different flavors including loaded baked potato, pepperoni pizza, and garlic dill pickle on a stick. Genders are like that too. According to Facebook anyway.

But the short version is, because Bruce decided he's a woman, we are told that he is SHE, and SHE is a "Trans Woman."

Now let's think about Marvel's Black Widow, Scarlett Johansson. She was also a guitar playing porcupine in Sing and Sing 2.
She was very good in both, in my humble opinion.

Now, I think we would all agree that Scarlett Johansson is a woman. Why is she not a "Trans Woman"?
Because she IS a woman. She was born female, and she identifies as female, and being over 18 years old, a legal adult- thus ***WOMAN.***

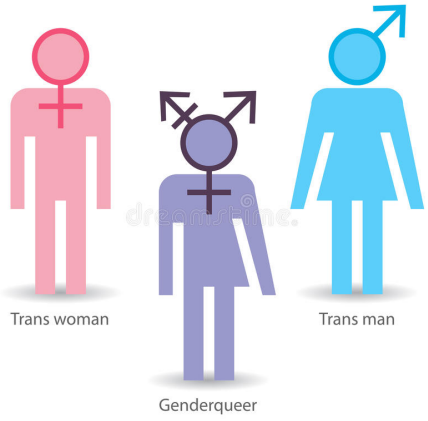
Why is Bruce a “Trans woman”?

Because he is NOT a woman.

THAT IS WHAT THE TERM MEANS.

The ONLY reason you identify someone as *Transgender* is because they are acting/dressing/self-identifying as one gender, but ***you KNOW THEY ARE THE OPPOSITE GENDER.*** The term gives the game away, such that “trans” in “Trans woman” actually serves the function of being a synonym for “Counterfeit”. It’s an admission that the term is a lie. Again, that is the ONLY REASON why the term is applied. No woman born female and identifying as female is called a “Trans Woman.” *Only men are called that.* In other words, by calling Bruce a “Transgender Woman,” the left is admitting that HE is a MAN.

“Transgender” is NOT about GENDER



The Transgender debate is not about what Gender a person is Objectively (Male or Female), but about how a person FEELS or thinks about themselves (Subjective).

But if these two things are different, if how they see themselves is different than what they actually are, then their identity is a lie, just as if a 40 year old man thinks he is still 17, or a 105 lbs girl thinks she weighs 305lbs. When a girl is so thin that she risks literal starvation, but can’t see herself as anything but grotesquely fat, we call it anorexia and we try and help her to see herself how she really is.

If we embraced the anorexic girl’s self image and called her a fatty, she would end up dead. I think we all know that. To agree with her self image would be considered horrible cruelty. We are told that the compassionate thing is to encourage a Transgender person in their self identity, but I will show you that, for the same reason, encouraging their false self identity is horribly cruel and leads to death.

The Lie does Not make one Happy

In a 2018 study of youth ages 11-19, 51% of transgender males (meaning females pretending to be boys) said they'd attempted suicide.
For transgender females (meaning males pretending to be girls), the figure was 30% percent.
https://centerforhealthjournalism.org/2019/10/30/transgender-youth-are-dying-suicide-rates-far-higher-their-peers

Researchers explored trends in suicidal ideation and attempts by race and gender from 1991-2017 using data on nearly 200,000 high school students from the nationally representative Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
The data showed 19% of teens had seriously considered suicide, 15% had made a plan to commit suicide, 8% had attempted suicide and 2.5% had been injured by a suicide attempt.
https://www.aappublications.org/news/2019/10/14/suicide101419

This means that THREE TO FIVE TIMES the number of transgender kids have attempted suicide than their peers. The lie doesn't make them happy. Telling a boy that he is a girl is no different than telling the anorexic girl that she is fat. It's the lie that they want to believe for some reason, but that lie will kill them. The truth sets us free, but lies only kill.

Sex Reassignment Doesn't Work

Dr. Paul McHugh, the university distinguished service professor of psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, explains:
"Transgendered men do not become women, nor do transgendered women become men. All (including Bruce Jenner) become feminized men or masculinized women, counterfeits or impersonators of the sex with which they 'identify.' In that lies their problematic future."

https://sexchangeregret.com/sex-reassignment-doesnt-work-here-is-the-evidence-the-heritage-foundation/

The left will try and argue that these kids are suicidal because they are not culturally accepted, or because they are bullied, but just as in the case of homosexuals, the rates of suicide do not go down significantly in cultures or places where their identity is embraced or normalized. The most thorough follow-up of sex-reassigned people—extending over 30 years and conducted in Sweden, where the culture is strongly supportive of the transgendered—documents their lifelong mental unrest.

Ten to 15 years after surgical reassignment, the suicide rate of those who had undergone sex-reassignment surgery rose to 20 times that of comparable peers.
https://sexchangeregret.com/sex-reassignment-doesnt-work-here-is-the-evidence-the-heritage-foundation/

The cultural embrace of transgenderism is not compassionate. It is Gaslighting. It's a form of mental and emotional abuse.

Gaslighting

Gaslighting is a form of psychological abuse where a person or group makes someone question their sanity, perception of reality, or memories. People experiencing gaslighting often feel confused, anxious, and unable to trust themselves.
The National Domestic Violence Hotline indicate that a person experiencing gaslighting may:

- feel confused and constantly second-guess themselves
- find it difficult to make simple decisions
- frequently question if they are too sensitive
- become withdrawn or unsociable
- constantly apologize to the abusive person
- defend the abusive person's behavior

- lie to family and friends to avoid having to make excuses for them
- feel hopeless, joyless, worthless, or incompetent
- Gaslighting can also cause anxiety, depression, and psychological trauma, especially if it is part of a wider abuse pattern.

https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/gaslighting

Gaslighting: Homophobia

In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) asked all members attending its convention to vote on whether they believed homosexuality to be a mental disorder. 5,854 psychiatrists voted to remove homosexuality from the DSM (The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders), and 3,810 to retain it.

The APA then compromised, removing homosexuality from the DSM but replacing it, in effect, with "sexual orientation disturbance" for people "in conflict with" their sexual orientation. Not until 1987 did homosexuality completely fall out of the DSM.

The World Health Organization (WHO) only removed homosexuality from its ICD classification with the publication of ICD-10 in 1992.

Gaslighting: A phobia is an excessive and irrational fear
“A phobia is an excessive and irrational fear reaction.”
Phobias: Causes, Types, Treatment, Symptoms & More *(healthline.com)*
Fear is a natural emotion that protects people from harm when they face real and imminent danger. A phobia is an excessive fear or anxiety related to specific objects or situations that are out of proportion to the actual danger they present. Phobias cause significant dysfunction or discomfort due to avoidance behavior and the anxiety reaction that occurs when exposed to the phobic object or situation. The object of the phobia nearly always causes immediate anxiety or fear. The phobia causes avoidance of the object or situation, or they are endured with great discomfort. The fear or anxiety occurs at levels excessive for the actual danger posed by the phobic object or situation.

Fear vs. Phobia: What's the Difference? | The Recovery Village
NOTE: A diagnosable mental illness or disorder.

A "Phobia" is an irrational fear, a diagnosable mental disorder which is disconnected from reality.
According to: https://www.hrc.org/resources/glossary-of-terms
Homophobia is defined as "The fear and hatred of or discomfort with people who are attracted to members of the same sex."
Are FEAR, Hate, and Discomfort the same thing?
Are All of them Mental disorders, like a phobia?
What is the normal term used even in the church and on the right? The left has been successful in getting us to adopt this term without considering what it actually means.

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According to Wikipedia, *"Transphobia is a collection of ideas and phenomena that encompass a range of negative attitudes, feelings or actions towards transgender people or transness in general."*
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Homoexuality and Transgenderism used to be considered diagnosable and treatable mental illnesses. Now, the common term for someone who fears, hates, feels uncomfortable with, or has negative attitudes toward trans or gay people or their lifestyles are called PHOBIC- labeled with the name of a diagnosable and treatable mental illness. THAT, my friends, is gaslighting.
The man who thinks he's a woman, HE'S not mentally ill, YOU are for thinking he's a man. THAT is gaslighting.

Telling Someone the Lie they WANT to hear is not loving and compassionate.
It is cowardly.
It is unloving.
It encourages another to self delusion and self destruction.

The word of God tells us not to lie to each other.

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight.
Proverbs 12:22

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.
Leviticus 19:11

The Bible doesn't provide a different moral code if the person WANTS to be lied to. It doesn't say "You shall not lie to one another UNLESS someone WANTS to be lied to." The truth sets us free. Lies only kill.

The side of tolerance offers one more terrible Gaslighting Lie:
"Men can become women, women can be men,
and straight persons can become homosexuals,
but homosexuals and Transgender people can never change."

Here are some of the people who have put their own stories in public, telling how they were CHANGED:

DEAN GREER

AMANDA SMITH

KEN WILLIAMS

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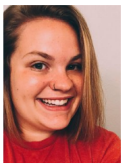

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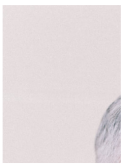

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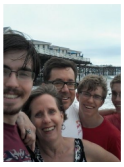

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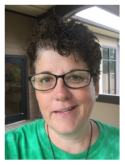

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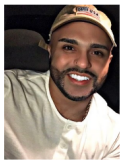

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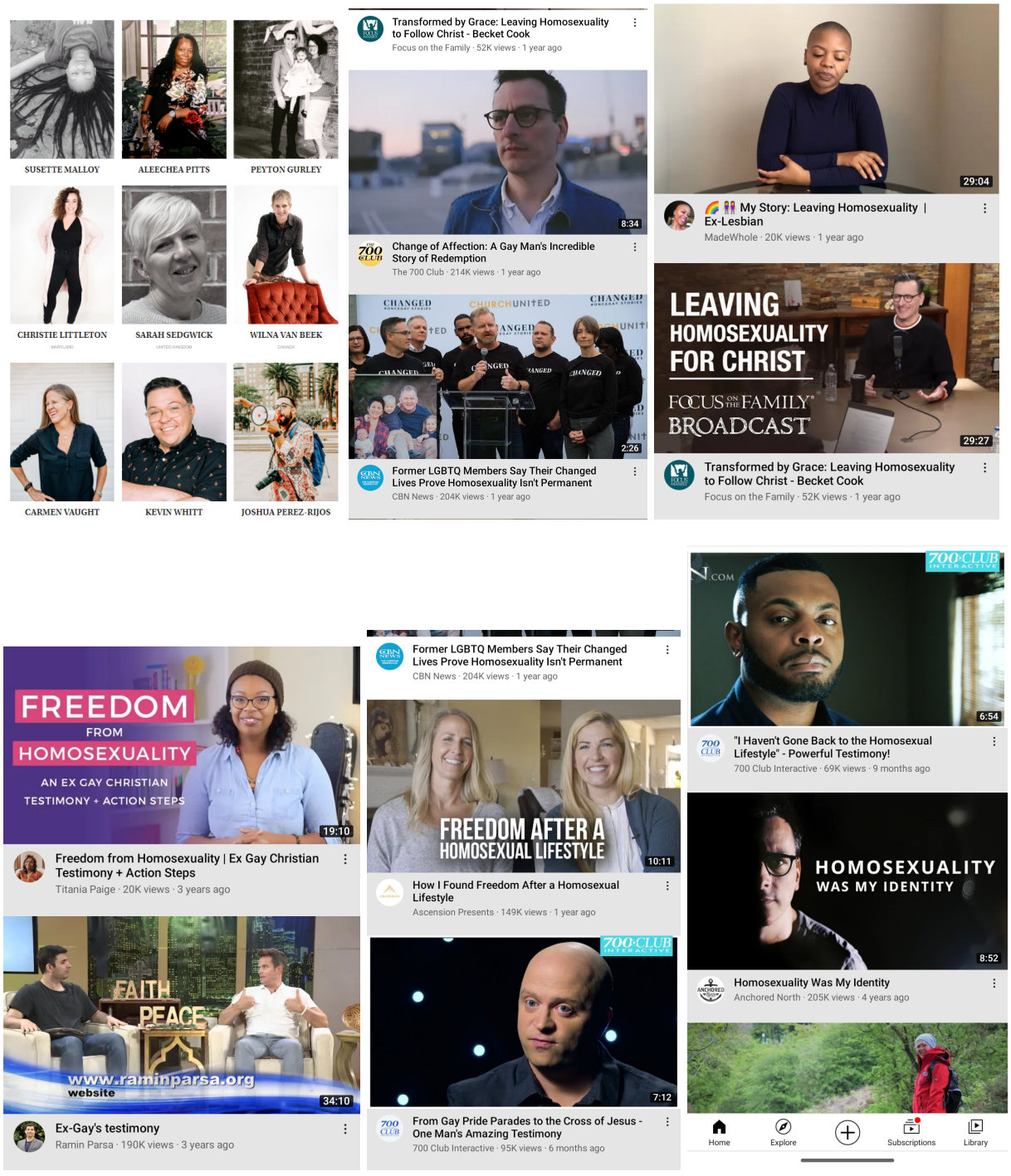

These people and many more like them tell their story of liberation from those lifestyles. And that is how they describe it. They do not mourn the loss of their homosexual days. They feel like they have been set free. People need to know that freedom is possible. They need to be told the truth.

Chapter 14: A Transgender Debate
(Or, Between two Steves)

I wound up getting to Danny's Bar, Grill and House of Rabbelrousing early last Thursday, and as I was waiting for my friends to join me for a giant plate of life-giving Nachos, I overheard the following conversation from two persons at the bar. Steve, I gathered from his speech and "*Make America Great Again*" hat, was a Conservative Trump supporter, and Stephen (*Now going by Stephanie*) is, as he said, a transsexual "woman". Whatever that means. Lucky for me, Steve was wondering the same thing.

Steve: Help me out here. What does it mean when you say you are a "Transsexual woman"?

Stephen: While I may have been born biologically male, I am a woman.

Steve: So you actually ARE a man. Right?

Stephen: I self identify as a woman.

Steve: That isn't what I asked. I didn't ask *how you self identify*, I asked *what you ARE*.

Stephen: My feelings determine what I am.

Steve: Then you were born feeling like a male and later changed how you feel?

Stephan: Uh.. no. I've never felt like I was male. I've always FELT like a girl.

Steve: Then why did you say you were born biologically male?

Stephen: Because I was BORN with… boy parts.

Steve: Are you saying you really HAD boy parts or that you were born FEELING like you had boy parts, but later found out you were wrong?

Stephen: I… I am biologically MALE, but I self-identify as a female. I am a woman.

Steve: So even though you have the body of a man and were born with boy parts, you have decided you are a woman. Do I have that right?

Stephen: I think you do.

Steve: But if you were born male, and biologically continue to be male, then what sense does it make to say you are a woman?

Stephen: I told you, I self identify as a woman. I FEEL like a woman, regardless of my biological body, and I want people to respect how I feel.

Steve: So your whole claim is that you FEEL like a woman?

Stephen: Yes, essentially.

Steve: No disrespect meant, but I don't buy that for a second.

Stephen: What?

Steve: I don't believe you do feel like a woman. I think you are pretending to feel like a woman to get attention, or tick off your dad or something. But there is no way I am buying the idea that you FEEL like a woman.

Stephen: I'm telling you, when I look in the mirror, I see a woman!

Steve: Unless you're naked.

Stephen: That's not… no, I mean, when I think of myself, I think of a woman.

Steve: And when I think of myself, I think of Batman. Hardly seems like the government should be forcing you to call me the Dark Knight.

Stephen: Look, my self identity is based on MY FEELINGS, and not my body or anything else. I feel like a woman.

Steve: No you don't.

Stephen: Yes I do!

Steve: Prove it.

Stephen: Prove it?

Steve: Yes, prove to me that you FEEL like a woman. What tangible evidence can you possibly give that you really feel like a woman and that you are not lying to me?

Stephen: Tangible evidence? I do really feel like a woman!

Steve: And I feel like Batman. And as the hero that Gotham needs, but not the one that it wants, I am just going to call you out as a liar. I say you DON'T really feel like a woman. Prove me wrong.

Stephen: How am I supposed to do that?

Steve: Well, clearly not with a DNA test or a physical exam. Those two tests say you're male. What do you have that says you're female?

Stephen: It's the truth, I swear to God!

Steve: SWEAR TO ME!

Stephen: I see what you did there.

Steve: Thank you.

Stephen: Look, I dress like a woman, and I ask people to call me Stephanie.

Steve: You ever watch Monty Python?

Stephen: Maybe a few times a long time ago…

Steve: Those guys dressed up as women all of the time. They'd talk in female voices, sort of, and call each other by female names.

Stephen: Yes, but they were just actors. They didn't REALLY mean for people to view them as women.

Steve: How do you know?

Stephen: They took their dresses off!

Steve: You shower with your clothes on?

Stephen: Look, my self identity is based on how I feel, and that's the end of it. I FEEL like a woman.

Steve: How do you know?

Stephen: Are you saying I don't know how I feel?

Steve: No, I'm saying that, as someone born male with boy parts, how would you possibly even know what it feels like to be something you've never been? You may dress and act like a woman- or at least the idea you have of how a woman acts and dresses- and maybe you think of yourself as being female, but you've never actually BEEN female. I've never been Batman. I can dress in the costume, or imagine myself in the cape and cowl every time I think of myself, but that doesn't mean I can KNOW what it feels like to be an orphaned billionaire who fights insane criminals at night dressed as a flying mammal.

Stephen: Batman is not a real person!

Steve: And as far as I'm concerned, neither is a woman with boy parts. My point is, however you feel, you can't possibly know you FEEL like a woman unless you know what a woman feels like. And how can you know that when you've never been one?

Stephen sat in silence for a minute and sipped his drink thoughtfully. Steve turned his attention to the tv over the bar. Around this time, my friends started coming in and we went to our usual table, but I'd be interested to know if Stephen ever thought of an answer to that.

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Chapter 15: Genes, Eye Color, and Gender

When I met my wife, her hair was red. But it was red because she had dyed it. She is actually blonde. She was born blonde, and remains blonde. When she dyed her hair, she was a blonde who had dyed her hair red.

Your DNA determines your hair color. That is determined before you were born, and before you even have hair. You can't change it, you can only cover it up.

When I worked for CostCo some years back, they got in contact lenses which were for the purpose of changing your eye color. A blue eyed girl could become a brown eyed girl. Anyone could have green eyes. I could wear lenses that made my eyes look hazel or purple, but under my lenses, I would still have brown eyes.

Your DNA determines your eye color. That is determined before you were born, and before you even have eyes. Colored contacts can't change your eyes. They just cover them.

At the moment of conception, you already have a hair color, and an eye color,

and a gender.

You are either male or female.

A man can wear a dress and lipstick.

A woman can paint on a mustache and wear a tie.

But they cannot change what they are.

What you wear, what you paint on, and how you feel

can never change *WHAT YOU ARE*.

The lie you tell yourself is still a lie. Lies kill.

But when you know the truth, the truth will set you free.

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Chapter 16: TRIGGER WARNING! The truth about GENDER!

If you've made the mistake of wandering into social media as of late, you'll discover that bored and self loathing teens have started asserting the idea that there are a limitless number of genders. This idea ties tightly into the whole Tranny self identity craze where men insist you refer to them as women even though everyone knows they are men. It's like a Monty Python episode which people have chosen to take seriously.

But what gives? Doesn't gender just mean male and female? Uh… yes. Yes it does. But what do we MEAN by male and female? In order to keep my PG rating, I shall say that it involves some anatomical parts (*which in the future shall be referred to by their AOL screen names "Tab A" and "Slot B*") and some DNA. Let's start with the DNA.

Every human has two chromosomes which determine gender. Everyone has one X chromosome. If the second is also an X, you are female. If the second is a Y, you are a male. It is the difference in this one chromosome which causes your genotype (gene type) to be expressed as the phenotype (Physical type) of Tab A or Slot B.

When we ask for your gender, we are asking what your genotype/phenotype are. It's a binary system with only two options: XX/Slot B (Female), or XY/Tab A (Male). This is the point where my readers who learn science via social media will throw a hissy-fit and point out that *there are OTHER options! What about genetic abnormalities like people with a third chromosome or people whose phenotype is an abnormal combination of Tab A and Slot B? What about THOSE people? HUH? Mr Smart guy?!!!*

I wear glasses. The reason I do it is because my eye is built so that the focal point is not the same distance as my retina is. This means I need corrective lenses to alter my vision so the image does get focused on the retina. Does this mean that it would be inaccurate or somehow bigoted and close-minded to assert the idea that the eye's lens is designed to focus light onto the retina? No. What my eyes show is a breakdown in the

design. Mutations have caused the original design to fail. Similarly, the variations in genes or phenotype some people have are, in a word, a disease, just as nearsightedness or diabetes are. They are not a new gender any more than my eyes are a new kind of vision.

So what are these people going on about? I believe they have confused the objective physical expression of genes (and resulting phenotype) with the subjective experience of being unique. The simplest form (believe it or not) is the whole Tranny issue.

If I may digress- tranny used to be shorthand for transmission- the part of a car which shifts gears. I just know every time I write "tranny" I think of a car part. Life is weird.

A Tranny (*transsexual, in this context*) is a man who says *"I feel like a woman on the inside even though I am built as a man on the outside (or a woman who says "I feel like a man on the inside where as I am built as a woman on the outside.")* The problem with that way of thinking is this: HOW do they know? A man has NEVER BEEN a woman. How does he know what it feels like to be one? A man who says he feels like a woman is like a man who says he feels like an African white rhino. It's an entirely unverifiable claim which no one can say with sincerity. In certain circumstances, we can all say *"I feel like a little kid,"* because we've all BEEN children, and so we have memories of what it feels like even when we are older. A man has no experience BEING a woman, and so he can never honestly say he FEELS like a woman. Even if it happened to be true, he could never KNOW that.

So what do they mean when they say these things? No doubt these men mean that they think of themselves as being female- they have an internal self image which is the image of a female (or a white rhino in some cases). But just as in the case of the man who says he feels like an African White Rhino, the man who says he feels he is a woman is simply wrong. He is NOT a woman. A woman is not a man who feels he is not a man.

A woman is a woman. In simple biological terms, a woman has the XX chromosomes and the TabB@AOL.com phenotype.

For those of you who feel I am being sarcastic in presenting a person who self identifies as an African White Rhino, I present: Otherkin. This is the next sad stage in the devolution of mankind. Otherkin are people who self identify as NON human. Be afraid. And in case you think I am making this up, there is a school only a few miles from my home where a girl has identified as a cat, and she thus communicates ONLY in meows. I don't know if she actually has a litter box, but would anyone really be surprised if that was the case? Schools having accepted boys' claims to be girls are now claiming kids' claims to be animals. And the people in charge have allowed the kids to act like animals. There was a time when those administrators would have been arrested.

Where did all of this identity confusion come from? I am blaming atheism. And also you, the American Church. You guys need to get your head in the game! If we had been doing our job for the past four decades, this would not have happened.

In Genesis 1:27 , we are told
"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

The first thing we are told about being human is that we are made in the image of God. We are like God action figures. Whenever you see an action figure, your first reaction tends to be "Oh, man! This doesn't look anything like (*name of actor or actress who played that character in the latest movie*)." The reason you can say that is because there is a real person whose image that action figure is intended to resemble. If there was no actor, then you couldn't say that.

Atheism tells us that God does not exist. Then, in whose image are we made? No one and nothing. Nothing made us, in its image. On atheism, self identity is the surface description or the personal lie you tell yourself. The reason we have a national identity

crisis is because we have a generation being told they are the children of nothing, and they are seeing *that* imaginary family resemblance.

God made us in his image, male and female. In a sense, the difference between male and female are the difference between two pictures of the same person, one taken head on, and one taken in profile. They are very similar in many ways, but very different in others. A man has only one X Chromosome, just as a picture in profile only has one eye. But we are all images of our heavenly father, and made in his image with equal value and worth.

So what do we do with all of these dozens of new gendered persons? Our response should not be one of anger or hostility, but compassion. Our brothers and sisters are so far from their Father that they think they are cosmic orphans with no Father at all, and as a result they have such a hollow identity that they can't even see themselves as they are. Men can't see themselves as men, women can't see themselves as women, and some people can't even see themselves as human.

What does it mean to be human? We are told by those who think they know that human is just another primate, which is the latest version of rodent, which is the latest version of amphibian, which is the latest version of fish which is the latest version of worm which is the latest version of bacteria which is the accidental result of rain falling on rocks, all of which came from an explosion which came from nothing. But all of that is a lie, and here is one of the many ways in which it matters. We are human, made in God's image, and made male and female. Gender is not a social construct, it's a very real part of who each of us are, even if sometimes we don't feel the part. Thankfully, reality doesn't depend on our feelings. I don't feel like being nearsighted, but I still have to wear glasses. I often don't feel like an image of God, but that's what I am even though, like my eyes, my image is significantly out of focus. But that's why we need Jesus. He does the work of making us back into the image of God action figure we were created to be. He sharpens the focus, if we let him.

The solution is to point people back to the bible. We are human, purposefully and wonderfully made in the image of God, our heavenly father. We are male or female, and we are male or female before we are born. Every cell in our bodies tells us what our gender is, and our soul is etched with the image of God either as masculine or feminine. If we forget what we are, or if we simply can't see it, then we need to go to Jesus and let him heal us. Just as I need glasses to see the world, many of us need Jesus to help us see ourselves and each other as we really are. Jesus is the truth which can fix that which has been distorted by lies.

Jesus paid for our sins so we can be reunited to our Father. Once we are adopted back into the family, we will begin to see our father for who HE is, and he will help us to see his image in ourselves.

Whatever you feel, you are human, you are male or female, you are fearfully and wonderfully made, and *you are loved*.

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Chapter 17: The Trick to Understanding Transgenderism: Baseball!

According to Google, *Transgender* means *"denoting or relating to a person whose self-identity does not conform unambiguously to conventional notions of male or female gender."* Nothing like a web based dictionary to clear things up, eh?

I would like to reject this definition out of hand based on the fact that I don't care for ANY professional sports, and I greatly enjoy musical theatre, which means, on this definition, since I don't conform unambiguously to conventions of *male*, I am Transgender. I choose not to self-identify as Transgender, whatever the internet might say.

In short, I think we all get that a Transgender person is a man who self-identifies as a woman, or a woman who self-identifies as a man. Now, the social justice warriors demand that we take a person's self-identity as legitimate and treat them how they self-identify, and not how we might see them based on biology. Their justification for this demand is that, according to their worldview, gender is something you choose not something we are born with.

On one level this sounds all open minded and giving a care (or something like that), but it seems to me that the whole concept gives away the game almost immediately as soon as you give it any thought. Seriously- just forget all of the social media bumper stickers and consider what is meant by Transgender. Just consider what is meant by it.

Imagine a woman who dresses like a woman and who thinks of herself as a woman. Is she Transgender? No, of course not. No one would say she is.

Now, consider a man who dresses like a man and who thinks of himself as a man. Is he transgender? No, of course not. Unless he is me, apparently. Stupid internet dictionary. Grumble grumble…

Now, consider a man who dresses like a woman because he feels that, whatever his biology, he is, inside, a woman. Is this person Transgender? Yes. But, WHY is this person Transgender when the other two were not?

BECAUSE HE IS A MAN.

A woman dressed as a woman is not Transgender. Why not? BECAUSE SHE IS A WOMAN. Do you see what the word *Transgender* gives away? It implies in its very USE the fact that MEN are NOT WOMEN. Inherent in the use of the word is the belief that men and women are DIFFERENT GENDERS. The ONLY reason you identify someone as Transgender is because they are acting/dressing/self-identifying as one gender, but you KNOW THEY ARE THE OPPOSITE GENDER.

If someone thought that gender really WAS something we choose and not something REAL, then we would just call that guy a woman. The word “Transgender” would not have been invented, and it would not be used.

Think about baseball. The team you root for is fairly arbitrary. There may be some connection to your family, or where you grew up, or where you live now, but the fact is, you are a fan of whatever team you decide you are a fan. Even if you live on the North side of Chicago, if you root for the White Sox, no one says of you that you REALLY are a Cubs fan, but you *self-identify* as a Sox fan. There is no TransFanism. If you choose to be a White Sox fan, it doesn’t matter if you live on the moon. You get to choose what team you root for, because there is nothing in Nature which decides that for you.

But when you are born, you are born with some chromosomes and anatomical parts which are themselves very unambiguous. It’s a binary system- either tab A or slot B, but

not neither, and not both, and there is nothing in the middle. It's in your DNA before it's expressed in anatomy or behaviors or feelings. Your DNA is male or female before you even HAVE anatomy or behaviors or feelings.

The very fact that we identify these people as "Transgender" shows that, whatever we profess, we all KNOW that gender is a real thing determined before we are born, and these people are the gender they were born. In calling them Transgender, we are acknowledging this to be a fact. Their gender is not their choice, it is decided by the DNA had from the moment they were first conceived. My love for musical theatre? That could be nature, nurture, or some combination. I'll admit that I'm a little ambiguous about that. It may not be in my DNA, but it is in my soul.

Chapter 18: The Gender Nickel

In college classes with no practical, real world application outside of writing tersely worded blog posts, kids are being taught all kinds of ideas which are so new and silly that none of them can even explain what those ideas ARE, even though they are pushing to make them legally enforceable. One of the most popular is non-binary GENDER.

We are told by face-pierced, pink haired, 20-something girls with degrees in "Lesbian Dance Studies" that GENDER is NOT binary. While we may have been taught by our oppressive stone age patriarchy *(or human anatomy classes)* for the past 5,000 years that humans are either male or female, we now know that this is a horrible lie. There are an innumerable number of genders. Plenty to choose from. Genders are like Pokemon now. There's more every day and the ones you thought you knew keep changing.

Naturally, you may think to yourself, but what about biology? There are only two models, genetically, XX or XY. Right?

NO! There are people who are neither of those! They wind up XXY or XYY or XXX or who KNOWS what else! This is a real fact of science and *does it not PROVE* that people are not just male or female? Doesn't it crush once and for all the binary notion of MALE OR FEMALE? Well…

Consider the nickel.

It has a side which is heads and one side which is tails. When you flip a coin, it will land either heads or tails.

Binary.

One OR the other.Right?

NO! What everyone tends to overlook is the very real possibility that the nickel can land *ON ITS SIDE*. It may land NEITHER heads OR tails, but balance on that ridge around its edge! This is not impossible! So when you are told that there are two possible outcomes when flipping a coin, that's a LIE!

Right?

In a very literal sense, yes. There is a third option. But the likelihood of the third option occurring is SO REMOTE that it would be pointless to calculate the third option as a possibility when flipping the coin. You could literally flip a coin 1,000 times per day for the rest of your life and NEVER see a nickel land on its edge.

There is not a third SIDE. It is not heads, tails, and ridge. It's a surface created by the 3D nature of the coin, but not another SIDE. The odds of landing *heads* is not 33%, it's 50%.

Similarly, people can be born with genetic variations beyond XX or XY, but that mutation is SO RARE that you can live and travel your whole life and never meet one of those people. Also, it is inconsequential enough that you may meet one of those people and never know it. You could even BE one of those people and not know it. For some variations on the XY genes, the result is merely to be abnormally tall. My point is that THOSE PEOPLE for whom this genetic variation is a real issue are NOT the cause of this conversation. We are not being encouraged to include the fraction of a percent who are genetically abnormal. We are NOT being told that, if a person has a body that fails to develop into either a clear male or female body, that the individual should have the right to choose which gender they are.

We are being told that ANYONE can be a different gender, and not just male or female, but any of a countless number of genders.

If you have a XXY or an XYY genome and a seriously indeterminate physiology which cannot be declared male or female even by a doctor with decent eye sight, then I would gladly give you the right to choose your gender. However, when the nickel comes down, it's coming down either heads or tails. You can call it in the air, but if you call "ridge" I'll put all my money against your odds.

However you identify, #JesusLovesYou

Chapter 19: The Dangers of Transgenderism

Transgenderism is when a man decides he is a woman, or when a woman decides she is a man. Today the kids on college campuses and all around the old internet are being taught that sex and gender are NOT the same thing- that SEX is biological, but GENDER is societal or personal or something like that. It's actually REALLY difficult to get anyone to give a clear answer about these things.

And if it was just the acknowledgement that some days you feel like a man and some days you don't, and some days you lay on the couch crying and watching the Notebook while eating strawberry cheesecake ice cream right from the carton trying not to even THINK of the cultural expectations for men back when your grandfather was your age because you know you would NEVER be able to meet them…

What was I saying? I think what I'm saying is that, if the conversation was just concerning how we feel about ourselves, then we would have something to think about. Something to talk about. Maybe even something we could all agree on, because, let's face it, not a lot of men FEEL MANLY ALL OF THE TIME. The number of men who feel manly all of the time is doubtless a very exclusive club. I wouldn't even bother filling out the application. But the way this issue is being treated and talked about is not in this manner. People are PUSHING for legal forms, like your driver's license, to be open to more than two genders. In Canada it is possible to change the gender on your own BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

For the people advocating this, this is a matter of respecting people's self identification. HOWEVER, there are two issues which immediately come to mind that makes me see this as a VERY DANGEROUS thing:

1. Medicine. Men's bodies and women's bodies are NOT the same, and they need different kinds of care and sometimes different kinds of medicine. When

someone's gender is NOT correctly identified- and I mean according to their actual body and not their self perception- then they can fail to get the care they need or they can be given drugs which can harm them. If a doctor treats a man as a woman because the patient's LEGAL gender is FEMALE, and the patient is harmed or killed because of it, or if a doctor fails to give preventative care- say the doctor never suggests a prostate exam because the patient is "FEMALE" but then the patient gets prostate cancer- is the doctor going to be held liable? Will doctors be considered negligent or guilty of malpractice if a patient is treated according to their LEGAL GENDER and comes to harm? It is possible.

2. CSI. When the cops arrive at the scene of a grizzly double homicide and find the DNA of the killer, which is XY, they know their suspect is MALE. But if the killer is capable of changing his driver's license and BIRTH CERTIFICATE and any other legal documents, the search for the killer is HINDERED by this, making it harder to bring criminals to justice. Just imagine this loop hole being used by sex offenders, rapists and child predators.

You want respect? Sure, we all do. But forcing others to accept the lie you tell yourself might get you killed. Or help you get away with murder. Frankly, I'm not in favor of either.

Speaking of child predators, lot of people have been saying that, if we give men access to the girls' bathrooms, changing rooms and locker rooms, that we are putting those girls at risk of being assaulted or raped by men who claim to be women.

Naturally, the reply from the LGBTQ voices have been to declare that NO Trans person has ever sexually assaulted anyone, and if you ignore all of the women who've been raped by men in prisons, and the girls who have been raped at school by boys claiming to be girls, then, sure, Trans persons are hamless.

However, even if it were true that men who identify as women would NEVER hurt the biological females, we all still need to have the sense to realize that SOME men would.

Some men are predatory perverts who would do dishonest things to gain access to girls. Let me just state for the record that- and I don't think my position strains credulity- a man who is willing to rape a girl is also willing to lie about his gender identity in order to get access to girls.

So the reason why we should continue keeping men out of the girls' showers at the YMCA, even if he is wearing lipstick and high heels, is because SOME men out there are looking for a chance to be with undressed girls in a place where her father isn't likely to be. The rights of those girls are more important than the rights of the men in lipstick. The safety of those girls is more important than the opportunity for a man in a dress to feel accepted by girls as one of their own even though he is a man. If the idea of women's rights can be stretched far enough to cover infanticide, it should easily be able to cover the idea that girls should be able to shower at a public pool without men in the room with them. Girls who are born girls deserve rights and protection.

Oh, MY Gender? I identify as "Vocal Binary" which means I only use the pronouns which match a person's biological sex/gender. Asking me to do otherwise is not only disrespectful, it's hate speech. I'm feeling triggered just thinking about it.

I'm going to lie down and eat some ice cream. #JesusLovesYou

Chapter 20: Rights for Men who pretend to be Women, or Rights for Girls who ARE Girls?

Should men who declare themselves to be women be given the freedom to use the women's restroom? Before you answer, consider the following.

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On an episode of Louder with Crowder, Stephen has a conversation with a man who self identifies as a woman. He ain't foolin ANYBODY, but he still insists that he is a woman.

You know, a few years ago, this would be a comedy sketch, like on SNL or something. Monty Python did this for YEARS. Today, this is real talk.

The Trannie guest insists that NO Transsexual has ever sexually assaulted a child. Stephen Crowder disagrees and offers examples of when this has happened, and the guest Trannie says, "Those weren't REAL Trannies." Now, you may be expecting me to go off on the OBVIOUS use of the "No True Scottman" Fallacy, but that would be too easy. Let's just bypass the glaring logical fallacy and assume he is right.

Assume for argument that no transgender person has never assaulted a child and never will. Now, based on this knowledge, assume we give bathroom rights to men who identify as women. Is that all they will get? What about changing room/locker room rights? What about the changing room at the public pool? Or the showers at the gym, or the locker rooms at school? Of COURSE he will be given those rights too! Remember, we are assuming that NO Transgender person has ever nor will ever hurt a child.

Yeah, I know. Just pretend for the sake of argument.

Say, remember that SNL sketch where Rob Schneider played a man pretending to be a college girl so he could move into the girls dorm? He spent the entire sketch trying to get the girls to join him in the shower, with his water-proof camera. Ha ha! It was funny because he was clearly a man pretending to be a girl!

But, what if it wasn't a comedy sketch on tv? What if it was a man at the public pool where you take your daughters?

Men who will assault children do exist. Are they HONEST men of HONOR? Or might they LIE, calling themselves Transgender persons even when they are not? Would they SAY they identify as women merely to get access to girls? Of course they will. Child molesters will lie to get access to children, and this includes claiming to be Transgender when they are not.

This is a no-brainer. The kind of sick pervert who wants to molest children will lie to be given the chance. When a man asks to use the girl's locker room and showers, how are you going to know if he is one of the harmless "real" Trannies or one of these sick perverts PRETENDING to be a man who self identifies as a woman? Allowing them into girls' bathrooms or changing areas is giving them occasion they will take.

How do you protect the girls who are affected by this decision? Don't girls and women of all ages deserve a little protection from the men who would take advantage of this inclusionary legislation?

Whose rights should we protect- a man in a dress or a little girl?

Please make a good choice, and then vote accordingly.

And if you are a Transgender person, consider that protecting children and women from those would be rapists is more important than your right to use the potty of your choice. Instead of selfishly focusing on your perceived sense of oppression, maybe be willing to use the potty that matches your actual gender so that fewer women and children are put in the position to be sexually assaulted. As a husband and father, I would appreciate that.

Chapter 21: Twitter Mob: You can Change your Gender, but NOT Your Menu!

IHOP, the International House of Pancakes, announced not very long ago that they were going to start serving burgers. Not only that, but they were going to serve burgers SO GOOD that they decided to change their name to IHOB.

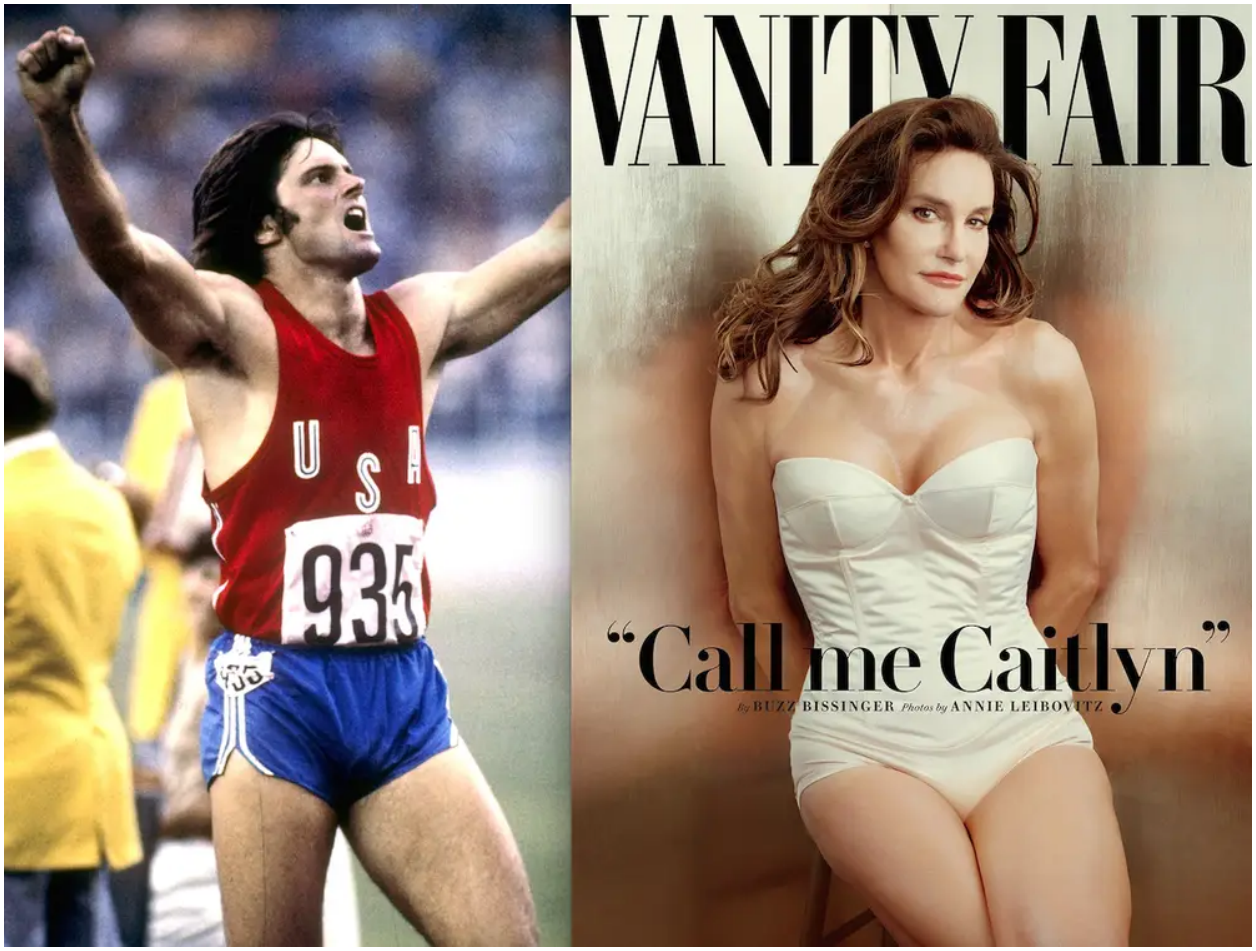
The Internet lost their collective minds.

It's not exactly like the Twitter mob came home from a long 4 hour shift at Walmart to find their favorite cat strung up in the yard like a make shift piñata. It was more like they found their mother hanging their cat as a piñata a so Nazis could take turns hitting it with a crowbar.

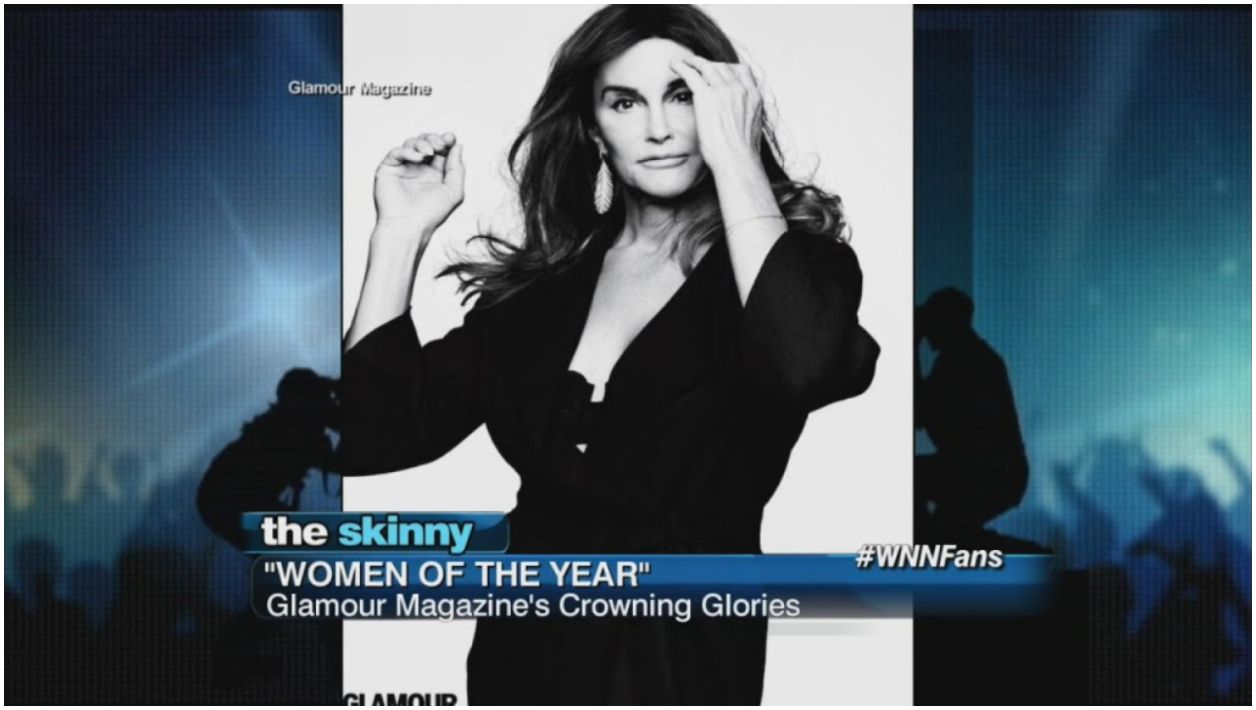
The backlash was…worrisome.

But then Bruce Jenner decides that he is going to be a woman. And he is going to be a woman so fabulous that he was going to be called Caitlyn and pose on the cover of all kinds of magazines I would not read even if I was in the waiting room of my dentist for hours and I'd already read every issue of Field and Stream three times. Bruce got surgery and a new wardrobe, and the internet lost their collective minds.

But not the way you might guess.



The same Twitter mob who felt it akin to blasphemy for a pancake restaurant to suddenly start self identifying as a burger restaurant turned right around and declared Caitlyn Jenner the "Woman of the Year," proving once again that men are better than women at literally everything, including being women. Also, that the Twitter mob is completely insane.



In an amazing addition to this story, Caitlyn was also named the winner of the Arthur Ashe Courage Award. For becoming Woman of the Year, I guess. You wouldn't think being named Woman of the Year takes all that much courage, but maybe there's a battle to the death against other candidates.

Memes began circulating, stating that the runner up was Noah Galloway, who lost parts of his left arm and leg in an explosion while on active duty in Iraq and yet still took third place in "Dancing With The Stars."

Thankfully the fact-checkers on the Internet brought the truth to light. It seems that this story of a man being named the winner of the Arthur Ashe Courage Award for intentionally having

his manhood surgically removed while another man who lost his arm and leg in active combat while serving his country is not a true story. Ha ha! Dumb conservatives will fall for fake news every time. Of COURSE that's not true!

There is no runner up. Noah Galloway was just lumped in with a whole lot of people less courageous than Tv star and woman of the year Bruce Jenner. Duh.

So in case you ever wonder why I'm not on Twitter, just remember: IHOB and Caitlyn Jenner. Its a bizarro clown world which I am not brave enough to face.

And on an unrelated note, I want to know why no one seemed to notice that Bruce Jenner actually turned into Steven Tyler from Aerosmith.

But somehow less fabulous.

Bada! Bada! Dude look like a LAYDAH!

Chapter 22: I Won't Use Your Pronouns Because: Grammar

The woke Left has decided that *pronouns* are a means of expressing our individual experience and self-identity. I'm blaming the public schools because this is entirely wrong.

Get out those #2 pencils kids, because I'm about to clear this whole mess up for you.

A noun is a person, place, or thing.
For example:
Starship Captain.

A Proper Noun is the name of a *specific* person, place or thing,
such as Captain Kirk.

A pronoun takes the place of a noun and places the person, place, or thing in a general category based on their objective physical/material characteristics: Male, female, object, or group; He, She, It, or They.

But this is where the problems start.

A Pronoun is Not Intended to Identify an Individual.

A proper noun is meant to identify a specific individual, and that individual is referred to by the pronoun which indicates which category they are part of. This is why we refer to Captain Kirk by the generic *he*. It identifies *him* as part of the class of *men*, or the *male* half of his species. In order to identify him personally, we have the name Captain James T Kirk. The pronoun is not a unique identifier, the proper noun is.

A pronoun puts a person, place or thing into an objective category: Male, female, thing or group. That's all it is for. A pronoun is NOT a proper noun, but that's what our confused friends on the Left are trying to do. It's not only the wrong way to use it, but it invalidates your warranty.

It does not matter to the use of language how Kirk self-identifies. The pronoun gives us one descriptor of *what a person is*, *not how they identify*. A personal name can be used to tell us how they identify. This is why some people refer to him as Captain and other people refer to him as Jim, or sometimes as Kirk. Or rather, *"KIIIIIIRK!!!!"*

His relationship to different people allows him to express his identity in different ways, but it doesn't change the substance of what he actually is. That's why he is a *he* and not an *it* or a *she* or a *they*.

If you are an inanimate object like a toaster, then you are an it. If you are a group, you are they.
If you are male you are he and if you are female you are she. That's the way that language works.

Can He Be They?

When I was in school, we were taught the rule that the default for an unknown person was "he," but we were starting to accept "they" as acceptable in the case of the gender of the person being unknown, or if we didn't wish to identify the person by identifying their gender. This make sense because we had two options- one of two possible people: *He or she*. Until identified, the person was one of *TWO possible persons*, and so the plural *THEY* made sense. It's like Schrodinger's Cat, but for gender identity.

However, once you identified the unique individual or their gender, they collapsed from THEY into He or She. THEY were no longer THEY once they were one unique individual.

When I hear people on TikTok insisting that their pronouns are They/Them I want to slap their high school English teacher, because she CLEARLY failed to teach these poor kids any grammar. They and them are PLURAL pronouns which refer to a group. YOU cannot be a group. YOU are an individual. There is only one of you. And so you are he or she. You CANNOT be a they or a them.

Also, you are he or she depending on your biological, anatomical, and genetic gender. It is based on WHAT YOU ARE. It has NOTHING to do with your self-identity or personal experience. *That* is why we have nicknames.

Nicknames, Not Pronouns

In college, almost no one I knew or went to class with knew my real name. They knew me as Dr Cheese, and (true story) I was given an award for the fact that everyone knew I was there, but no one knew who I really was. I identified as *a Rock Star called Dr Cheese*, and so that's what I told people to call me. And because it was the theater department, people just did it. They never even asked what my real name was. But if I had a teacher who refused and insisted on calling me by my real name, I wouldn't try and get them fired for it.

Being male, I lived on the all boy's floor of the dorm. People referred to me as "he" because it is accurate. I did not have a different pronoun because, I was not only *NOT* a real doctor, but I was also not an actual cheese.

If you decide to use the English language incorrectly and try to come up with "personal pronouns" to use as proper nouns or nicknames, you are simply using the language incorrectly. Your inability to use grammar does not give you a position by which to be offended when other people use it correctly. You are the person driving the wrong way on a one-way street. You don't get to lay on the horn and scream *"Get out of the way!"* You need to turn around and follow the flow of traffic. If there is a collision, *it is your fault*. Stop pretending that you're the victim and just follow the rules of grammar. And if you want to give yourself a nickname, knock yourself out. But I also might not call you by your nickname. I reserve the right to not. And that's coming from a make-believe doctor called "Cheese."

Chapter 23: Transgenders have the right to serve! Or die!

Note: this was written in 2018, after it was decided that transgender persons should NOT serve in the military, and that being a man who didn't know he was a man was reason enough to not hand you a gun and a fighter jet. Secretly this chapter is about the underlying worldview which woke leftism is built on- Atheism, and exposes its lack of foundation for objective moral values. Although since i've just told you, I guess it's not that secret. But I digress. Let's begin:

Transgender's have the right to serve in the military!

Oh, wait. No they don't. It's been taken away from them. So what sense does it make to say that they do?

Here's my issue with statements like this one; *"Transgender's have the right to serve in the military!"* People were saying this IN RESPONSE to Transgenders LOSING the right to serve in the military. So it kind of sounds sarcastic.

The problem is bigger than this; One of the key reasons for Transgendered persons being kept out of the military is the fact that they are overwhelmingly emotionally unstable. They commit suicide something like 40 times more than normal people do.

Of course the pro-trannie side will argue that those suicides are from the constant rejection from all parts of society. The fact that they are so hated and oppressed is what causes them to get depressed and kill themselves, NOT the fact that they can't reconcile

their self image with their actual physical bodies. No, it's stuff like Trump not wanting them in the Army.

And if I may digress for a moment, does anyone REALLY think that the military is so much MORE accepting of Trannies than the rest of America that they will be welcomed with progressive arms, such that adding the horrors of war on top of normal life for those people will be good with everyone? That suicide rate is really going to drop because of the warm welcome they get from our boys in green even as they are being shot at by terrorists over seas?

But back to the point. We're told that the alarmingly high suicide rate is because America in general, *the welcoming and open minded Military aside*, is SO hateful and oppressive that they have the healthy and normal response of killing themselves at levels not seen since the Nazis were literally rounding up people to slaughter them like cattle. Because, I suppose facing the death camps and gas chambers is somewhat akin to being forced to dress like your own gender, or being called "Sir" merely because you happen to be male. But again I digress.

Let's pretend that is true. Let's assume that SO MUCH of America hates trannies that they kill themselves 40 times as often as anyone else does. In fact, let's blame Trump and Rush Limbaugh *personally* for most of these tragic deaths. If we are going to be a secular culture, free from the constraints of religion, then the solution is obvious.

We should kill them. We should kill ALL of the transsexuals.

We have been told that popular opinion determines moral values. Homosexuality is OK because a majority of Americans are OK with it. Abortion is OK because a majority of Americans are OK with it.

Neither of which is true, but let's pretend so I can get to my point.

Apparently a majority of Americans HATE Transsexuals, making their lives SO HORRIBLE that they take their own lives with the regularity of Jews living in Hitler's East Berlin. So, let's abort them. Apparently they are depressed and living under oppression. I say their lives are not worth living. Killing them would be the merciful thing to do. After all, that's the argument pro-Abortion advocates make about kids born into poverty, or to indifferent parents, or with a disability.

Unless murder is wrong.
Like, not just unpopular, but actually EVIL.

Where are we forced to acknowledge that murder is wrong? And if so, how do we justify abortion? What arguments can be made FOR Abortion which cannot be used to slaughter the Trannies? Can you say they have the RIGHT to live? Why, if babies do not?

Of course, if all human life is valuable, made in the image of God, then we shouldn't be killing babies or trannies. But I wouldn't want to violate that fictional separation of Church and State, so… I guess we should kill them. Transsexuals have the right to die. Or they will if we can get the Feminists on board with this policy. Someone get those ladies on the View to back us. We'll have it written into law within the month.

[*editor's note: the above is droll sarcasm. And the truth is, Jesus LovesYou]*

Chapter 24: The Pride Flag Just Cannibalized Itself

Here's something I have heard in SEVERAL places on the old internet- something a lot of us saw coming.

Transgender lesbians *(by which I mean men dressing as women who want to have sex with women)* are calling cis gender lesbians *(by which I mean women who want to have sex with other women)* TRANSPHOBIC because they *(the lesbians)* refuse to have sex with Transgender women *(by which I mean men)*.

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Did you get that? The T in the LGBT is attacking the L because the L refuses to treat the T as if they are actual women. Now, lesbians refusing to have sex with men is *TRANSPHOBIC*.

The PRIDE flag has created for itself a catch-22. Either Trans-women are actual women, and thus lesbians should be willing to treat them as actual women, OR THEY ARE NOT. But if an L is willing to have sex with a T that makes her a B (bi-sexual), which means she is not L.

So lesbianism is now Transphobic. You cannot be a lesbian without being a hateful bigot. Which means the PRIDE flag should now be the GBTQ flag.

But… G isn't B either, so that's also Transphobic. And all Q means is L or G, so if T is legitimate, then ONLY T and B are acceptable now.

Until we start arguing how many genders there are, because *B assumes that there are 2*, which, according to some, is hate-speech. And since gender is not only fluid, but a spectrum, then B is also transphobic.

Sorry Pride flag, you’re the Transflag now.

One flag to rule them all,
one flag to find them,

One flag to bring them all,
and in the darkness bind them;

In the Leftism of Portland
where the shadows lie.

Soon they will ALL be the Trans Flag!!!!

Part IV: The Bible Study

Also Known as the Part Where All of my Calvinist Readers shout, "FINALLY! He's going to open the BIBLE!"

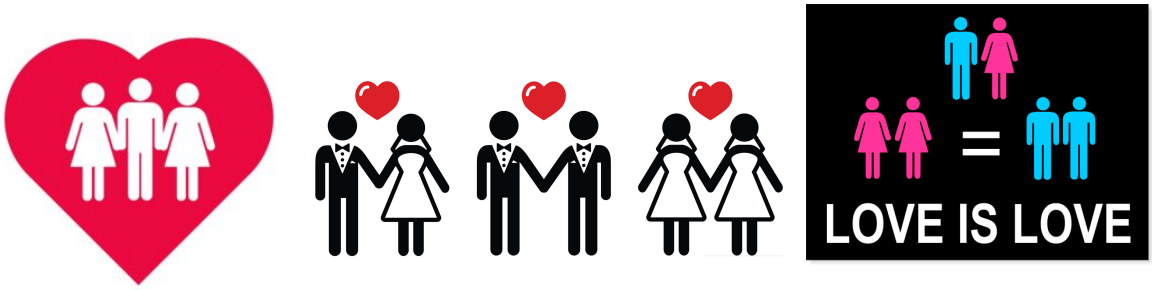
Jesus says marriage is this:

a man will leave his father and mother
and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.'
Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5

Can two MEN do this? Is a "Gay Marriage" a marriage?

Love is Love… right? It seems like the Bible says that LOVE is the greatest.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13



What does Jesus command men to do? Jesus commands his group of male followers to LOVE each other.

[Jesus said,] "A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another: just as I have loved you,
you also are to love one another."
John 13:34

Jesus commands men to love other men, so clearly he couldn't be pushing the homophobic Old Testament laws against homosexuality and gender conformity. So, if Love is Love….

Wait. HOLD UP. Jesus also said this:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.
Matthew 5:16-18

DANG, Jesus! We were all about to start flying that PRIDE flag!
Why you gotta be an OT OG?
It looks like Jesus wasn't trying to get rid of the OT laws. But what was that business about loving other men? Could it be…. Maybe… is it POSSIBLE that Jesus and the writers of the Bible don't use the words "Love" and "Sex" interchangeably like everyone in Hollywood seems to do? We better look at some more New Testament Teaching to see what it has to say.

"...each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband."
1 Corinthians 7:2

An elder must live a blameless life. He must be faithful to his wife…
Titus 1:6

Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife…
1 Timothy 3:2

“a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh”
Mark 10: 6-9

Jesus answered, “Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”
Matthew 19:4-6

The Bible is Clear: Marriage is One Man, One Woman, and it seems pretty clear that it’s meant to be a lifetime commitment.

While all of this has been the focus of political attacks for several generations now, the Bible doesn’t change with the times. We’re not meant to toss off marriages like old running shoes when we want something new. We’re not supposed to collect women like they are sports cars. We’re supposed to preserve our sexuality for our spouse, and it’s only ever described as one man with one woman for a lifetime. But don’t take my word for it.

God Made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve (Classic!)

Let's see what Scripture says about Homosexual Behavior.

If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.
Leviticus 20:13

You must not lie with a man as with a woman; that is an abomination.
Leviticus 18:22

There shall be no harlot of the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a sodomite of the sons of Israel.
Deuteronomy 23:17

Then the Lord said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me.
Genesis 18: 20-21

Sodom was a town which was so rampant with homosexual men, that when they received visiting travelers, all of the men of the town came out to rape them personally. Today, it's a fruit basket, and in Hawaii it is a pineapple. In Sodom, it was gang rape.

Today, Sodomy, named for the town, is a word which refers to homosexual sex, or what I referred to earlier in this book as "Men raping each other's buttholes." But again, even if it is consensual, it's Sodomy, it's unnatural, it's forbidden by God, and it leads to physical damage and disease. Love is love, but Sodomy is not love. Pretending that the words "Love" and "Sodomy" can mean the same thing is an act of heinous marketing that only

the devil of hell could have come up with. Satan was an advertiser from the start, and when he lies, he's just speaking his native language.

A lot of people look to the Levitical law and say, "Hey, WAIT a minute! OK, maybe it DOES say men shouldn't "lie with another man" but it ALSO says you're not supposed to eat pork or shellfish. You Christians LOVE bacon! If you gonna eat bacon, you may as well be gay too!"

Geepers! Eating bacon is the moral equivalent of being gay? I guess all Christians are hypocrites! Let's forget all of those stats about homosexual relationships being abusive, suicidal, addicted to drugs and alcohol and spreading sexually transmitted infections far more often than heterosexual relationships and START FLYING THAT RAINBOW FLAG! Because I'm not giving up bacon.

But wait… Maybe there's a reason why we treat the laws against Sodomy differently than we treat the laws against pork and shrimp.

Actually, there is. I'm glad you asked.

First, there are different KINDS of laws. There are the MORAL laws, like don't lie, steal, kill, commit adultery, or Sodomise. Then there are the KOSHER laws which have to do with distinguishing yourself as a part of the Nation of Israel. It is not IMMORAL to eat pork. It's unKOSHER. Similarly, it's not IMMORAL to have fabrics of different kinds woven together, or to have unregulated tassels on your cloak, or to eat with unwashed hands, or to cook with unwashed kitchen wares. These things were illustrations of how the Jews were to remain clean before God, not mixing His commands and ways with those of the evil people around them.

And then, Jesus said "Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their

mouth, that is what defiles them." ***And he explains it to his disciples by saying,*** **""Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."**
Matthew 15: 11, 17-20

When Mark records this teaching in Mark 7, he adds, **"In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean."** So, the KOSHER laws do not apply to us.

And because Peter was a slow learner sometimes, Jesus taught him this lesson personally in Acts 10: 14-15. Peter says **"I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."**
But Jesus says to him, **"Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."**
So the Kosher Law was fulfilled by Jesus, and those things that were "unclean" were made clean by Jesus. Bacon is sanctified!

So, what about Sodomy? Even if you try and wedge those sexual sins into the Kosher law, the writers of the New testament do not allow you to make that mistake:

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness…

God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.
Romans 1: 18, 26-27

In terms of the risk of being infected with AIDS, Previous research has shown that sodomy is 18 times more risky than normal heterosexual sex.

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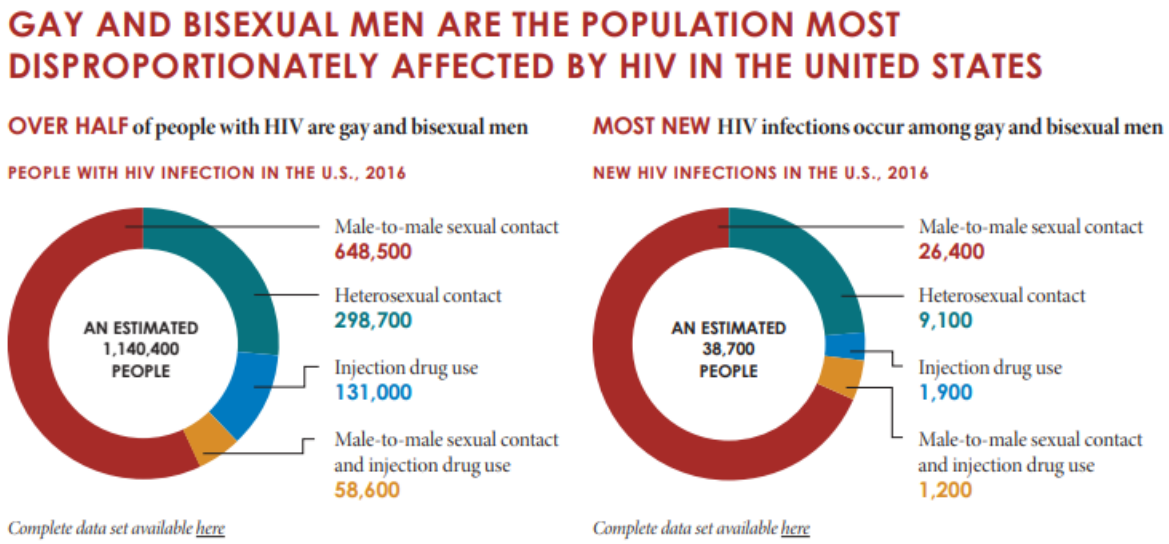

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Is this the "Due Penalty" Paul talked about? Historians think that, even in the first century, homosexual behavior was known to put those persons at higher risk of sexually transmitted disease. While Paul probably wasn't talking about AIDS in specific, he was almost certainly talking about the natural results of these behaviors. But what about the spiritual results of embracing these lifestyles?

Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

Jude 7

We know that the law is good if one uses it properly.

We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.
1 Timothy 1: 8-11

...do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

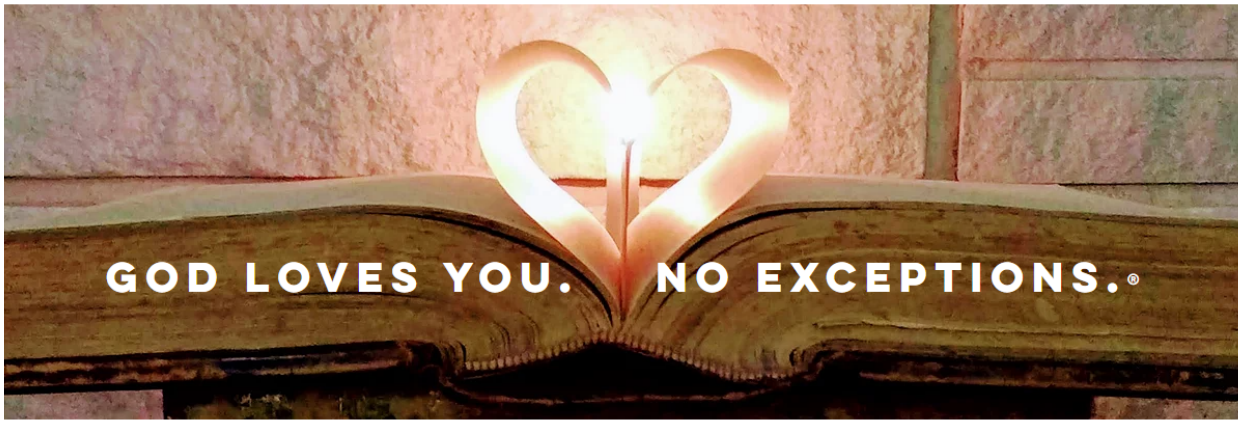
In this section of 1 Corinthians, Paul specifically lists homosexual behavior as being sinful, but he also adds this about the Christians in the Corinthian church:
And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Homosexuality is not the unforgivable sin. It is not an inescapable lifestyle. It is yet another sin that Jesus can free us from, and wash us clean, and present us to God as sons and daughters.

God's moral law has not changed, and the reasons why he forbids certain things is clear. God forbids some things because He loves us. We are to love one another, but we are ONLY to have sexual interaction with our spouse- one man committed to one woman for a lifetime. That was how we were designed to live, thrive, and love. That is what brings us the most joy.

Pro-LGBTQ propaganda in “churches”

I taught an apologetics class to high school students, mostly Seniors, and I wanted to present to them some of the ways in which “churches” pervert scripture to defend homosexuality and transgenderism. I did a little Google search and came up with the following website which did exactly what I was looking for- making arguments to try and prove that the Bible is flying that rainbow flag. But then I noticed something which brought this from a distant hypothetical topic to a local, real world issue. I expected this church was somewhere dark, depraved and far away, like California. It turns out that this church is less than a mile from the school where I was teaching that apologetics class. This was a local church. So let’s see what THEY have to say!



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY, SAME-SEX ATTRACTION, & BEING TRANSGENDER?

This collection of scripture was compiled by several members of our congregation whose LGBTQ family members have experienced hurt and rejection from people who told them that God condemned them because of who they were. Our goal is to highlight some of the many messages of love and inclusion that are in the Bible, and to help people consider the original meaning of the passages that have been used to condemn LGBTQ people

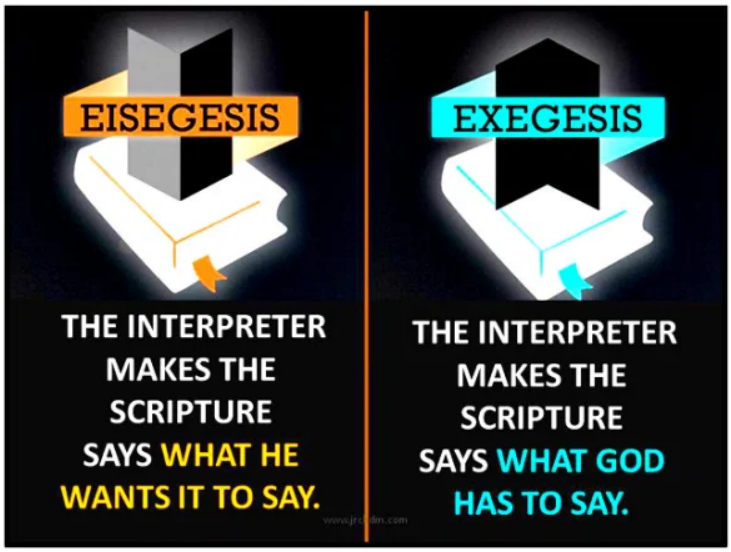
https://www.sthugh.net/lgbtq-affirming-scripture

Note the way homosexuality is used, not as a lifestyle, or a temptation, or a set of behaviors, but as an identifier: "...people who told them that God condemned them because of who they were." Also in that last sentence, "...LGBTQ people." Already we are changing the subject of this debate from "What does the Bible teach about homosexual behavior," to "does God hate people for the way they are born?" The topic is sinful behaviors, but they want to defend PEOPLE and not talk about the difference between sin and holiness.

Of course the reason why this resonates for some people is that there have been people who have used the Bible to justify hate. People have been twisting and perverting the teaching of the Bible for thousands of years to justify all kinds of evil that the Bible actually clearly condemns. The problem with this church's position is not only that they are REACTING to those people, instead of seeking the truth of scripture on these topics, but also that they are using the same horrible distortion of scripture that is used by the people they are reacting to. Two wrongs don't make a right, and the opposite lie still isn't the truth.

Liberal Churches use Horrible Eisegesis

Exegesis is when you try to BRING OUT the intent of the writing and its author. You ask, "What does it mean?"



Eisegesis is when you try to FORCE IN the meaning you want to find in the text. You ask, "What can I MAKE it say?"

Liberal churches, as you will see, use horrible Eisegesis to twist the scripture into saying what they want it to say. Like Atheists trying to prove the Bible

contradicts itself, they depend on you being ignorant and lazy. Their arguments are emotional and not logical. It's more than a disagreement over the meaning. As you will see, this is flagrant dishonesty. There is no respect for the text of scripture, but instead it is used as a tool to push the narrative and position they decided on.

Let's go through their use of scripture and see what we can learn. I'll put their statements in little boxes and then provide my commentary and occasional sarcasm.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God. (Rom 8:38) This message is for all people, including LGBTQ individuals.

In one sense, they are right. God doesn't reserve His love for people who are sinless, or none of us would be loved. But right off the bat, there are a handful of problems here.
First, they don't actually quote the Bible, they just tell us what they think it means. Romans 8:38-39 says, For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

So this verse is not about God's love of all people, but about how those who are "in Christ", meaning those who are saved, can never be separated from the love of God. But Paul doesn't talk about those who are IN Christ as living a sinful lifestyle, but rather he says (*and specifically about those who were homosexuals*) And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Paul is distinguishing between people who ARE homosexuals (*and will NOT inherit the kingdom of God*) and those who WERE homosexuals, and have been washed clean.

But we don't even have to leave Romans 8 to see how this church's eisegesis is misleading. Paul starts the chapter by saying, "There is therefore now no condemnation for *those who are in Christ Jesus*. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." And he clarifies the distinction between those who are forgiven and *in Christ*, and those who are still in their sin and apart from God, "For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God." Paul is making clear that those who are still in their sin ARE condemned by God. It is those who are IN CHRIST and NOT their sin who now have no condemnation.

Paul makes very clear that his purpose in this chapter is not to assure us that *no one* can be separated from the love of God, but rather that ONLY those who are IN CHRIST can be assured of never being separated from the Love of God. In the end, those who are worshiping their sin instead of God will be separated from Him forever.

In short, this sloppy use of Romans 8 is trying to provide an assurance to all people which Paul is very clearly ONLY making for those who are saved by Jesus and have given up their sin. Remember when I said they need you to be lazy and ignorant? And then how they failed to actually quote the verse? I don't make this stuff up you know.

> God did not make a mistake in creating LGBTQ people. *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139:113-14)* Sexual identity and gender identity are components of a person's personality, and as such are part of who God made each of us to be.

This is a simple logical fallacy. This verse is about the fact that humans are made special by God, as is described in Genesis. There is absolutely no way to use this verse to defend the idea that simply ANY characteristic of a person was made by God, and is therefore wonderful. Racism and hate are part of some persons' identity and personality. Should we use this verse to claim God affirms racism and hate? Obviously

not (*although if you check the Klan websites, I'll bet you find somebody who does exactly that*). This twisting of scripture forgets or ignores the fact that we are sinners who have characteristics and personality traits that are evil. This would only be legitimate if they had already established the idea that the Bible affirms LGBTQ lifestyles, and they have not. They have merely assumed it and forced it into their reading of the text. This is how cults work, kids. Once we assume our position, then we can cram it into verses where it isn't found, and use those verses to defend our position!

All people are justified through Christ, including LGBTQ people. "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (2 Corinthians 5:19), therefore, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand." (Romans 5:1, 2). This is not to say that being LGBTQ is a sin, but if it were, it would certainly be forgiven.

This is also not to say being LGBTQ is NOT a sin. Other verses clearly do, so we already know that. The deeper problem here is that this church doesn't understand the idea of salvation. They want to claim that IF being LGBTQ were a sin it would be forgiven, but then also claim that those people do not have to give up their sin. What does Jesus say about the sins which he forgives?

Jesus healed a man who could not walk. He says to the man, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." He does not say, "Keep sinning!"

In John 8 when he saves a woman caught in adultery from being stoned, he says to her, "Now go and sin no more." He does not say, "Just don't get caught next time."

Jesus always pairs forgiveness with repentance- turning AWAY from sin. You cannot serve two masters. You cannot be cured of a disease and keep it.

When we consider what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 6, we see that they SHOULD have said, "All people CAN BE justified through Christ, including formerly LGBTQ people."

The way they have written it, they are claiming that EVERYONE is already forgiven and does not need to repent or turn away from their sin. Remember when heresy was a thing? When did that stop being a thing?

The Bible says Jesus died for all people in the sense that he did what was needed to offer salvation to all people. It does NOT say that salvation has been applied to all people, as if it's weed killer that God can just spray all over the earth. It's like the Ark. The flood is coming. Get on the ark or get swept away. The provision has been made, the ark was built for you so you could be saved. And you can't swim that long.

God welcomes people of all genders and sexual identities. *"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)* Also *"…God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean." (Acts 10:28)* Jesus gladly socialized with people that the religious establishment disapproved of. *(Matt 9:11)*

Galatians 3 doesn't list "Sexual identities." This verse is about the equality of all people in Christ, not about the acceptance of all sexual behaviors. This is about the church not respecting the different values people assign to things we are both with, like our gender, nationality, or our family's economic status. Sexuality is not mentioned, and forcing it into the text is simply dishonest. Again, just toss in racists, or cannibals. Are they, maybe, impure or unclean? Calling a person UNCLEAN is a reference to the Kosher law again. Gentiles (non-Jews) were considered unclean, but Jesus taught his disciples that God makes people clean when they repent. That unclean state is not an objective value, it's a disease state that needs healing.

And while Jesus did in fact gladly socialize with people the religious establishment disapproved of, he NEVER approved of their sins, but rather ALWAYS called them to repent and leave their sins behind. Jesus would have loved homosexuals, but he would have called them to repent, just as he did with the woman who was caught in adultery. He showed her compassion and offered her forgiveness, but he also told her to stop living that sexually sinful lifestyle. Just as he would have with racists and cannibals.

The Church needs its LGBTQ members. *"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)*

This is one of the times where we can just replace "LGBTQ" with "RACIST" and you should immediately see why their argument here is stupid. This works most of the time, so if you just want to speed things up, replace "LGBTQ" in all of their comments with "RACIST" and you will see that their arguments don't change at all. It's fun!

1 Corinthians says nothing about accepting sinful behaviors. It is saying that every member of the church is valuable, but Paul has also said that if someone is living a lifestyle of unrepentant sin, that he should be thrown out of the church. In 1 Corinthians 5:9&11 Paul says "I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people…I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality …not even to eat with such a one."

Paul does not say to accept people living in sin as part of the church, but to the contrary, he comands that those sexually immoral people be thrown out! Can you see how that's different? Because it is different.

I'm just going to say it. These people are liars. You really want to tell me that they got to chapter 12 without having gotten through chapter 5 here? I don't think so. They read this. They just decided to ignore it and pervert a different passage.

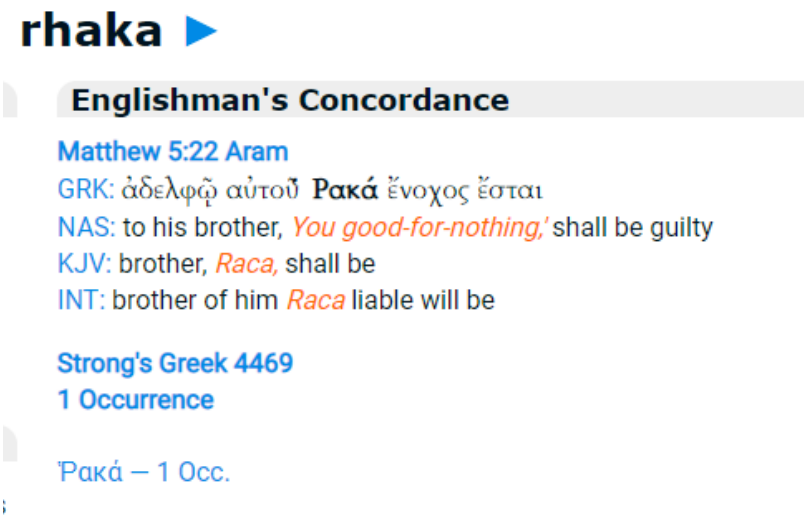
The early church welcomed non-gender-conforming people. One of the first recorded baptisms by the apostles was of an Ethiopian eunuch. *(Acts 8:27)*

I'm going to call them liars again, because I can't believe anyone is this stupid. A EUNUCH is not a "non-gender-conforming person." He is a man who was made a slave, and had his man parts forcibly removed against his will so he was physically incapable

of fooling around with the women of the royal court for whom he was forced to work. A Eunuch is NOT part of the LGBTQ. They don't have a stripe in the PRIDE flag.

Jesus warned against using anti-gay slurs. The NIV translation of Matt 5:22 reads *"anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court"*. The original Greek text does not include "sister", and the word "raca" is most likely a transliteration of the Aramaic word "rakkah", which is the feminine form of the adjective that means "to be tender, weak, or soft", so this would be comparable to calling a man a "sissy" (or worse).

The main problem with this is (*see if this sounds familiar*) it is a lie. Rhaka means "Empty Head," which, unsurprisingly, means "Stupid." It is not and never was a "anti-gay slur." Also, calling a man "sissy" or "feminine" is NOT the same as calling him a Sodomite. Aside from intentionally mistranslating the Greek, this also ENTIRELY misses the point that Jesus is making. He is teaching against hate, NOT against bullying LGBTQ people. This was NOT about what words were chosen- slurs or otherwise- but the fact that the words communicated hatred. See for yourself:



Strong's Concordance

rhaka: empty (an expression of contempt)
Original Word: ῥακά
Part of Speech: Aramaic Transliterated Word (Indeclinable)
Transliteration: rhaka
Phonetic Spelling: (rhak-ah')
Definition: empty (an expression of contempt)
Usage: empty, foolish.

HELPS Word-studies

4469 *rhaká* (apparently related to the Aramaic term *rōq*, "empty") – properly, *empty-headed*. This term expressed contempt for a man's *head*, viewing him as *stupid* (*without sense*) – i.e. a "numbskull" who acts presumptuously and *thoughtlessly* (*TDNT*).

Love is a gift from God: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23)*

But as I have said before, "love" is not "Sodomy," against which there ARE laws, which Paul would know because he was a Jew and a student of the law for most of his life.

God made us to be in relationship with Him and with each other: *"it is bad for man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18)* It would be inconsistent with God's loving nature to create people who were gay and then condemn them to a life of loneliness. Heterosexual marriage is presented as an example (rather than a definition) of how God puts people in relationships; in *Genesis 2:24: "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."* The clause "that is why" points back to 2:18.

Yes, it would be inconsistent with God's loving nature to create people who were gay and then condemn them to a life of loneliness. This is why *HE DOESN'T MAKE THEM GAY*. Again they are FORCING their pro-LGBTQ stance into the text without cause or reason. Pretending that Heterosexual marriage is merely an EXAMPLE of a relationship, and not the very definition of marriage as made by God, is an amazing combination of stupid and dishonest. The Bible NEVER offers a Homosexual relationship as equivolent,

and condemns homosexuality MULTIPLE times. Again, they rely on their audience to be lazy and ignorant.

Examples of love between people of the same gender in the Bible:

> David and Jonathan. "*After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself*." (*1 Samuel 18:1*) David says of Jonathan: "*Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women*." (*2 Samuel 1:26*).

Again, NOWHERE does the Bible even TOLERATE the idea that Love and Sodomy are somehow equivalent. Our culture has devolved to the point where a lot of people cannot understand love and affection separated from sexuality. The Bible does not make this mistake, and it is perverse to try and force that into the Bible. It's appalling that I have to even say this, but two men can love each other fondly WITHOUT having ANY desire to rape each other's buttholes. SODOMY is NOT LOVE. David doesn't say "Sex with you was wonderful." David was a man whose wife was scolding and unsupportive, but his friend Johnathan risked his own life to help David. This is not an admission of Sodomy, but a criticism of his own wife at a time when he needed friends, and a praise of his friend who was there for him when he needed a friend. Also, this is part of a song David wrote about the end of the civil war that led to him becoming king. Johnathan is dead, and David is lamenting the loss of his friend- NOT THE LOSS OF GAY SEX.
WHY? Why do I have to say this? Who THINKS like that? These people are porn addicts.

Ruth and Naomi - Ruth expresses her devotion to Naomi with, "Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God . Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." (Ruth 1:16-17).

Uh… Ruth was Naomi's daughter in law. There's NOTHING LGBTQ going on here.

This is one of MANY passages that this church tosses out having apparently forgotten the topic of this webpage. And again, they hope you are too lazy to look this up and find out who these women are. NOT lesbians. Nope. Not at all. I feel like we need to have the police look into these people's families. What is going on in this church?

> The Centurion and his servant (*Matt 8:5-10*). The word used for "servant" here, "pais", was commonly used to describe a servant who was a romantic partner of the master.

Uh, Nope. Again, this word "pais" means boy. A boy, that boy, the boy. This is 100% false and I'm afraid to ask where they got the idea that a man with a young servant boy would COMMONLY be raping him. The phrase the Centurion uses is something akin to "My Boy" which, since it is not his son, carries with it the meaning, "My boy servant." NOTHING sexual is implied here, especially since Jesus ays of this man, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith." He would not praise a man who was sodomizing a child. This whole thing is just sick.

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Englishman's Concordance

Matthew 2:16 N-AMP
GRK: πάντας τοὺς **παῖδας** τοὺς ἐν
NAS: all *the male children* who were in Bethlehem
KJV: all *the children* that were in
INT: all the *boys* that [were] in

Matthew 8:6 N-NMS
GRK: Κύριε ὁ **παῖς** μου βέβληται
NAS: Lord, *my servant* is lying
KJV: Lord, my *servant* lieth at
INT: Lord the *servant* of me is laid

Matthew 8:8 N-NMS
GRK: ἰαθήσεται ὁ **παῖς** μου
NAS: the word, *and my servant* will be healed.
KJV: and my *servant* shall be healed.
INT: will be healed the *servant* of me

Strong's Concordance

pais: a child, boy, youth
Original Word: παῖς, παιδός, ὁ, ἡ
Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine; Noun, Masculine
Transliteration: pais
Phonetic Spelling: (paheece)
Definition: a child, boy, youth
Usage: (a) a male child, boy, (b) a male slave, servant; thus: a servant of God, especially as a title of the Messiah, (c) a female child, girl.

HELPS Word-studies

Cognate: 3816 *país* – a child *under training* (*strict oversight*), emphasizing their *ongoing development* necessary to reach their *highest* (*eternal*) *destiny*. See 3813 (*paidon*).

JESUS. Would. NOT. praise a man who was SODOMIZING A CHILD. NO.

Somebody needs to investigate this church's sunday school program IMMEDIATELY.

I fear for the kids in this church if this is their attitude.

> There are several characters in the Bible who were non-gender-conforming, meaning that they did not behave according to traditional gender roles, or that they were not physically typical of men or women.
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> > Jacob preferred to be with his mother at home, enjoyed cooking and was smooth-skinned, in contrast to his brother, who was hairy and preferred to hunt and be outdoors. *(Genesis 25)*

This is where the left has, yet again, attacked its own doctrine. We used to be told by feminists that women could do ANYTHING that men could do, and conversely, men could do anything women could do. In the 1980s, this meant that women could be car mechanics and construction workers, and men could be nurses and grade school teachers. Now, the woke left has decided that some things ARE actually "girl things" and other things are "boy things," so that a boy who prefers to cook over hunting is called non-gender-conforming.

WHAAAAT? A boy who likes to COOK? In the KITCHEN?!?!? He's… acting like a GIRL! He is TRANSGENDER!!!

The fact is, there has NEVER been a culture or a time when men did not cook. This is actually pretty sexist so assume that, because Jacob liked to cook, he was not manly or masculine, or that he was Transgender. This is nonsense. And again the Left eats itself.

> Joseph, Jacob's son, was given an "ornate robe" by his father (*Genesis 37:3*); the Hebrew word used here for the robe (ketonet passim) is used elsewhere to mean "the kind of garment the virgin daughters of the king wore" (*2 Samuel 13:18*).

Joseph's Trans Coat of Many Colors? They are claiming that Jacob dressed Joseph like a princess? I don't think so. Again, they are depending on you being ignorant and lazy. Fear not, I did the homework for you. Just look at the Hebrew words in these two passages.

so he made

וְעָשָׂה (wə·‘ā·śāh)

Conjunctive waw | Verb - Qal - Conjunctive perfect - third person masculine singular

Strong's 6213: To do, make

him

לֹו (lōw)

Preposition | third person masculine singular

Strong's Hebrew

a robe

כְּתֹנֶת (kə·ṯō·neṯ)

Noun - feminine singular construct

Strong's 3801: A shirt

of many colors.

פַּסִּים׃ (pas·sîm)

Noun - masculine plural

Strong's 6446: Flat (of the hand or foot)

Genesis 37:3

That word, “ketonet,” simply means an upper body garment. It can be translated as robe, shirt, jacket or vest *(depending on how it is made and worn)*. Passim means it is colorful. Neither word even implies that the item was clothing for women.

The WORD is a feminine word, but the object is not a feminine object.

If you’re new to the concept, a lot of languages have gendered words, meaning that a noun is considered masculine or feminine, which affects the spelling and sometimes how it’s conjugated. But while the word “Robe” is feminine, that doesn’t mean it is a feminine robe.

Note that the description, passim, is masculine, but that doesn’t mean the princess’s robe of many colors in 2 Samuel 13 was men’s clothing. It’s just the way the language treats the word, which again, has nothing to do with who normally uses the object in question. We don’t have this stuff in American English, so it sounds a little weird to us.

Now look at 2 Samuel 13:18

Now Tamar was wearing

וְעָלֶיהָ (wə·‘ā·le·hā)

Conjunctive waw | Preposition | third person feminine singular

Strong's 5921: Above, over, upon, against

a robe

כְּתֹנֶת (kə·ṯō·neṯ)

Noun - feminine singular construct

Strong's 3801: A shirt

of many colors,

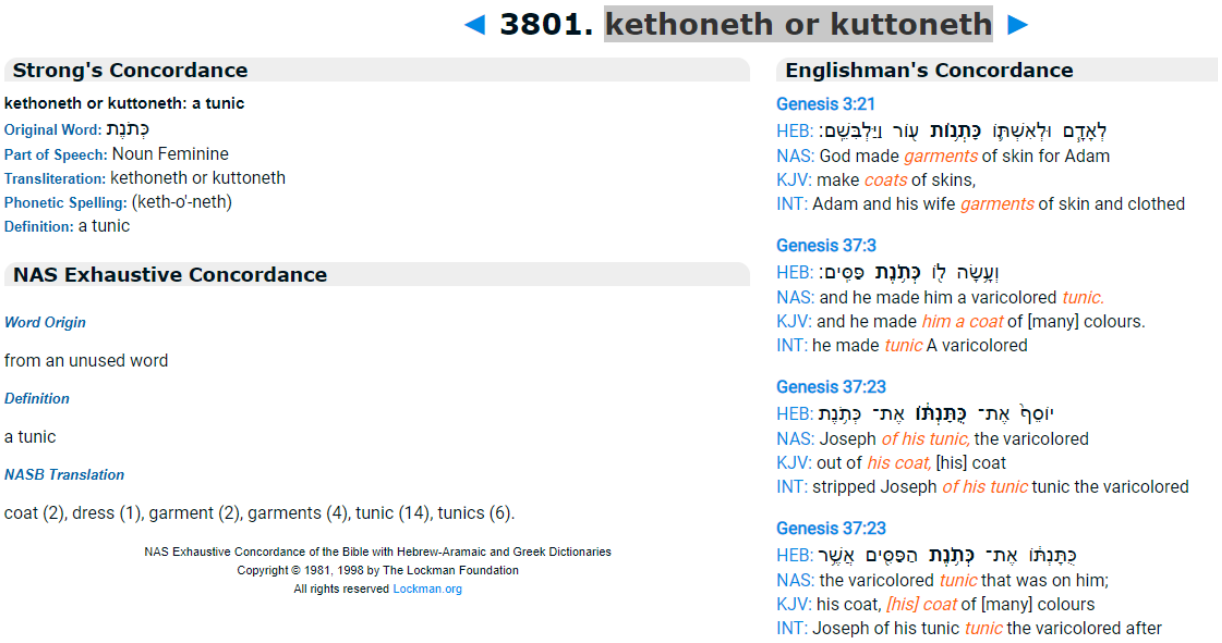
פַּסִּים (pas·sîm)

Noun - masculine plural

Strong's 6446: Flat (of the hand or foot)

Kethoneth (or kuttoneth) doesn’t MEAN women’s clothing. It is a generic term. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia says this about the word:

For several kinds of Similar clothing. The ordinary "under garment," later worn by all classes--certain special occasions and individuals being exceptions--was the "shirt" (Hebrew kethoneth) which, as we have seen, reappears as chiton in Greek, and tunica in Latin It is uniformly rendered "coat" in English Versions of the Bible, except that the Revised Version, margin has "tunic" in John 19:23.



◄ 3801. kethoneth or kuttoneth ►

Strong's Concordance

kethoneth or kuttoneth: a tunic
Original Word: כְּתֹנֶת
Part of Speech: Noun Feminine
Transliteration: kethoneth or kuttoneth
Phonetic Spelling: (keth-o'-neth)
Definition: a tunic

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

from an unused word

Definition

a tunic

NASB Translation

coat (2), dress (1), garment (2), garments (4), tunic (14), tunics (6).

Englishman's Concordance

Genesis 3:21
HEB: לְאָדָם וּלְאִשְׁתּוֹ כָּתְנוֹת עוֹר וַיַּלְבִּשֵׁם׃
NAS: God made *garments* of skin for Adam
KJV: make *coats* of skins,
INT: Adam and his wife *garments* of skin and clothed

Genesis 37:3
HEB: וְעָשָׂה לוֹ כְּתֹנֶת פַּסִּים׃
NAS: and he made him a varicolored *tunic.*
KJV: and he made *him a coat* of [many] colours.
INT: he made *tunic* A varicolored

Genesis 37:23
HEB: יוֹסֵף אֶת־ כָּתָּנְתּוֹ אֶת־ כְּתֹנֶת
NAS: Joseph *of his tunic,* the varicolored
KJV: out of *his coat,* [his] coat
INT: stripped Joseph *of his tunic* tunic the varicolored

Genesis 37:23
HEB: כָּתָּנְתּוֹ אֶת־ כְּתֹנֶת הַפַּסִּים אֲשֶׁר
NAS: the varicolored *tunic* that was on him;
KJV: his coat, *[his] coat* of [many] colours
INT: Joseph of his tunic *tunic* the varicolored after

But consider the CONTEXT of this passage:

"She was wearing an ornate robe, for this was the kind of garment the virgin daughters of the king wore."

2 Samuel 13: 18

The text specifies what she was wearing, indicating that the phrase "ornate robe" did NOT already carry the idea that "this was the kind of garment the virgin daughters of the king wore." If "ketonet passim" MEANT *the kind of clothing worn by a princess*, then the verse would not have to clarify by SAYING it was the kind of clothing worn by a princess. Essentially, their claim is that this verse says, "The princess was wearing a princess dress, because this was the kind of clothing worn by a princess."

Let me remind you, here was their argument: "Joseph, Jacob's son, was given an "ornate robe" by his father (Genesis 37:3); the Hebrew word used here for the robe (ketonet passim) *is used elsewhere to mean* "the kind of garment the virgin daughters of the king wore" (2 Samuel 13:18)."

Do you see the dishonest sleight of hand? They claim that the Hebrew word used here for the robe (ketonet passim) is used elsewhere to mean “the kind of garment the virgin daughters of the king wore” but in fact it is followed and clarified by the phrase “the kind of garment the virgin daughters of the king wore.” This is simply dishonest, because they are making a claim which is verifiably false merely by reading the passage they are quoting.

Maybe I was hasty. Maybe they really ARE this stupid. Because even if they are trying to be deceptive, they REALLY didn’t try very hard on this one.

I have a few more complaints here. First there is a thousand years between these two passages. To pretend that the colorful robe of a shepherding family in 2000 bc is the SAME colorful robe of THE royal family a thousand years later is just silly.

Next: Description is NOT Prescription. Even if Joseph was put in girl’s clothing, this is NOT God’s affirmation of it as a good thing.

That a person- even a good person- does something in the Bible which is not explicitly condemned, that does NOT mean that the Bible is affirming their choices as accepted or approved of by God. Genesis is full of sinners who don’t get explicitly called on their sins. This doesn’t mean we can adopt every such sin as acceptable lifestyle choices. This is NOT a legitimate way of interpreting scripture.

When seeking to understand any Bible verse, it is important to know the context of the verse, as well as how the verse has been translated from the original language.

I just… I mean, you’ve been reading along, right? I’m just amazed that they would say something like this, especially when they apparently REFUSE to follow their own advice. It’s jarring, like hearing Hitler say we should be kind to animals. But I digress.

Nowhere in the Bible, taken in its original language and context, is there a prohibition against loving, consensual same-sex relationships, nor against people living as their authentic genders.

Ah. Here it is. They expect you to be IMPRESSED with their dedication to Exegesis, so

you can let them do the thinking for you. Remember, they need you to be lazy and stupid.

Since this will apply to a lot of these, let me start with a reminder that “loving” or “consentual” DO NOT MATTER to these discussions. Just as the laws that forbid incest or adultery, the question of loving or concentual doesn’t enter into it. If a man lovingly has a consensual sexual relationship with his neighbor’s wife, or his own mother, it is still adultery and it is sin. It is an abomination no matter how loving he thinks he is being.

Also, by “authentic” they mean “counterfeit.”But let’s see what they say so I can demonstrate this to you.

Genesis 19:1-13 The Sodom & Gomorrah story is preceded by examples of Abraham and Lot being very welcoming to strangers. The lack of hospitality and the desire to do violence to the visitors were considered grave transgressions, regardless of the gender of the visitors. The reference in Jude 1:7 to “strange flesh” likely refers to the fact that the angels they wanted to assault were not human. *“Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy.” (Ezekiel 16:49)*

Funny they left out verse 50 of Ezekiel 16 which says, “They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it.” Abomination? Where have we seen that word before? Also, they were not merely *inhospitable*. They wanted to RAPE the visitors. That’s a little worse than forgetting to put out snacks and drinks. And as it was the MEN of the city, wanting to RAPE the visitors they believed to be other MEN… Sodomy.

The reference in Jude 1:7 to “strange flesh” absolutely does not refer to the fact that the angels they wanted to assault were not human. Since they conveniently forgot to share that verse with you, here’s what it says, “..Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire…”

Far from criticising their desire to rape strangers because those strangers were angels, Jude is clearly criticising Sodom because of the Sodomy, or as he calls it, “sexual immorality and unnatural desire.” Not all of the modern translations use the phrase “strange flesh,” (though it is technically accurate) because that phrase in normal American English doesn’t carry the kind of meaning the original intended to imply. Instead they say “perversion,” “every kind of sexual perversion,” “other flesh,” or

“homosexual activities.” In context, it probably means the promiscuous desire to have sex with new bodies, new flesh- not strange in the sense we use it, like weird or odd, but strange as in strangers.

But about the word “abomination”...

Leviticus 18:22 The NIV translation of this verse reads: *“Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.”* The literal translation of the original Hebrew, however, is “*And with male you shall not lie lyings woman.”* The word translated as “lyings” is found elsewhere only in *Genesis 49:4*, where it refers to incest. In Leviticus, this verse comes in a list of prohibitions against having sex with family members, so it is reasonable to conclude that it is a prohibition against incest.

Sure, some translations say “detestable,” but what do MANY of them say? “..it is an abomination.”

So to interpret this verse, we’re skipping all the way over to Genesis. OK. The problem is, they claim the literal translation of the original Hebrew, however, is “And with male you shall not lie lyings woman.” First, this doesn’t make any sense grammatically so it’s just a garbage translation. There is a reason that NO BIble translation says this.

Second, the word they are sending you to Genesis for is *mishkab*, and it doesn’t mean the same thing there, but the contexts are both about sexual sin. In short, the word literally means a place to lie down, or the act of lying down. It is a metaphor for sexual activity, just as “knowing” can be, depending on the context. What the phrase means is, “do not lie with a man in the way of lying with a woman,” which means “don’t have sex (go to bed) with a man the way one lies (goes to bed) with a woman.”

Look, translation is tricky sometimes, and you can’t always just take the first common definition for the word and replace it with that English word to figure out what was being said. All that to say, their attempt to change the meaning by being hyper literal is not a legitimate method of translating, as can be seen by the phrase “*you shall not lie lyings woman.”* That’s not English. That’s not even literate. If someone you know says “*you shall not lie lyings woman,”* they may be having a stroke.

But let’s tackle the second part of this argument where, yet again, they expect you to be lazy and ignorant. They say, “In Leviticus, *this verse comes in a list of prohibitions against having sex with family members*, so it is reasonable to conclude that it is a prohibition against incest.” Well, let’s see what the context says around verse 22!

You shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness while she is in her menstrual uncleanness. And you shall not lie sexually with your neighbor's wife and so make yourself unclean with her. You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion.

Leviticus 18:19-23

So, not so much *"in a list of prohibitions against having sex with family members,"* is it? No, that was a lie. This is immediately before "don't have sex with animals," and right after "Don't murder your children as human sacrifice to demons." So they totally lied about the context, which is why they didn't provide it. The lesson here is, look up the context for yourself. Don't be lazy.

And also, this verse is 100% telling the Jews that God forbids men having sex with other men. There is no other way to interpret this based on what it actually says.

Romans 1:26-27 Here, Paul is condemning the sinful and harmful acts he perceives in Roman culture at the time. Since same-gender and non-heterosexual attractions are natural, this condemnation is not directed at LGBTQ people. (Also, in Romans 2:1, Paul condemns those who misuse God's teachings to judge others.)

I feel like they know they are desperately grasping at straws here. This one FEELS like, even they are thinking, "No one is going to buy this. Let's just say it and move along as quickly as possible. *Paul totally didn't mean what he said AND DON'T JUDGE!* Ok, next…" Since they refuse to, I'll quote the verse:

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

Romans 1:26-27

I mean, do I need to even say it? Paul is describing people who are embracing sexual

desire for their own gender. These are homosexuals. He's calling it unnatural, and dishonorable, and shameless. I feel like this one is self explanatory.

Their only argument is the statement, "same-gender and non-heterosexual attractions are natural," which they take NO effort to defend. But you tell me. If Paul is not CLEARLY describing homosexual and lesbian behavior, what else could that be?

This is pretty pathetic.

And since they're fond of lying about what the Bible says, it will come as no surprise to you that they lied about Romans 2:1. They say "in Romans 2:1, Paul condemns those who misuse God's teachings to judge others."

But Paul actually says this:

"Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things."

He is NOT saying that they are *misusing God's teaching to judge others*. He is saying that the sinners who are condemning other sinners are sinners. His point is NOT that using the Bible to condemn sin is wrong, but that no one has kept the law perfectly, and so all stand guilty before God. In Romans 3 he says "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.." You know who judges sin? God does. The fact that we are not supposed to put ourselves in His place does NOT EVER mean that we are supposed to accept sin as being ok. It means, GOD HAS JUDGED. Our job is to accept his judgment. But this church is doing the exact opposite. They are looking at the judgment of God and saying, *Nah. We don't care for that. We're going to change what God says and lie for Him, to help Him get it right…*

1 Corinthians 6:9 and 1 Timothy 1:9-11 The NIV translations of these verses read, respectively: *"Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men . . ."* and *"We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, . . ."*

The words translated as “homosexuals” and “men who have sex with men” more accurately translate to “men who sleep with enslaved male prostitutes”. The word “homosexual” is not found in the Bible in translations written prior to 1948, implying that it was likely added as a result of the translators' own prejudices.

Wow! They have just LOADED the word like a baked potato at Sizzler! “OH NO!” They are saying, “It’s NOT a criticism of Sodomy! It’s a criticism of Sodomy of prostitutes… uh, WHO ARE SLAVES! Yes. THAT is where it goes wrong. Obviously.”

The problem is, yet again, the actual words found in the Bible. The greek words Paul uses clearly designate what LGBTQ circles refer to as the “Top” and “Bottom” in Sodomy. Paul is essentially saying, “Men who rape another’s butthole and men who let their buttholes be raped.” He literally refers to both parts of this action, just to make it clear that both men are doing something sinful.

Now, these terms were used to describe male prostitutes, because being that “bottom” was their job- literally. But that doesn’t mean that the word carries with it the necessary implication of slavery or even prostitution. Also, not all Roman world or ancient male prostitutes were slaves. Neither in Hebrew nor Greek is the idea of slavery automatically part of referring to prostitutes. Most of the time it was not. This passage is NOT a criticism of slavery, nor of the abuse of slaves, as if Sodomy was acceptable as long as both men were free men- especially when taken with all of the other times Paul refers to Homosexuality as sinful, which, remember, he learned in the Old Testament.

In 1 Timothy 1:10, it is true that the word translated “sexually immoral” can mean a prostitute, but it can also simply mean someone who is sexually immoral, just like the modern usage of the word “whore.” Sometimes that’s literal, and refers to one’s method of making money, or it means someone is ACTING like a prostitute but not for money. It does not refer to slavery. Those greek words like “pornois,” words with “porn” at the root, are not specific sexual acts, but a general word of condemnation of sexual sin.

Immediately following this general condemnation of sexual sin (and maybe prostitution) is arsenokoitais, which is made of the words for man and bed so that it simply means “A man in bed with another man.” This is clearly a homosexual, and it does not carry with it any reference to slavery.

So why didn’t the Bible use the word “homosexual” before the second world war? Very simply, it’s because that word was not in common use before then. The word existed,

but wasn't one English speakers were familiar with. We had the word "sodomite" which was used in older translations, and various translations used different ways to say it which could be understood, such as the phrase "as one lies with a woman." That the liberal churches are pretending that homosexuality was not condemned in the Bible until hateful bigots forced their prejudice into it, is somewhat baffling. Clearly these people do not care WHAT the Bible says. They want to use it to support their own position no matter what kind of twisting and perversion it takes.

THIS is how cults get started.

Slavery gets mentioned in that section of 1 Timothy though. Immediately after condemning homosexuals, Paul condemns slave traders. So, in Paul's mind, homosexual behavior is just as sinful as slavery and murder. He's not flying that PRIDE flag. Also, he condemns pride as a sin too.

Matthew 19:4 *"Haven't you read," [Jesus] replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female'?"* In the same section, in verse 12, Jesus says, *"For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven."* It is evident that Jesus was aware that gender variance existed, and he does not condemn it.

"Gender variance." Again, if you look up that word, eunuch, you will not find it being used to describe men who dress as women, or who identify as women. A Eunuch is literally a man who has had his manhood removed. It was not "gender reassignment surgery." It was castration. Here Jesus is using it as a metaphor, thus the translation "those who choose to live like Eunuchs." As Jews, they knew that the scripture taught that sexuality was for a man and his wife, and only those two and only within the confines of marriage. All sexuality outside of that heterosexual marriage was condemned as sinful. Thus, a man who chooses to stay single is here said to "choose to live like a Eunuch."

Get it? A eunuch was not having sex because he had certain vital parts removed. A single person who is living without sin is acting like a eunuch, because he is also not having sex. As one example, Phil Robertson of Duck Dynasty fame has a hired man who works on his property, and who, as a Christian man, has decided not to get married. As a Christian man, he is not sexually active, because he is not married. Phil calls him "The Eunuch." It's still a thing.

Again, the Eunuchs do NOT have a stripe on the PRIDE flag. Pretending that this has anything to do with gender identity is just dishonest.

Deuteronomy 22:5 *"A woman must not wear men's clothing, nor a man wear women's clothing, for the Lord your God detests anyone who does this."* The word translated as "clothing" here, keli, is translated elsewhere as "armor", and the word translated as "man", geber, actually means "warrior". This implies a prohibition against intent to deceive by pretending to be a warrior, or for a warrior to deceive by disguising himself as a woman.

In short- nope. God is clearly telling people to present themselves honestly and not lie about their gender. The word translated "clothing" here actually just means "Articles." It's a pretty generic term which requires context to define it. Yes, it is used to mean the articles of a warrior, but it is also used to mean the articles of jewelry worn by women. This is about context.

The word translated "man" doesn't ACTUALLY mean warrior. Again, context matters. In generic use, it simply refers to a male person. In the context of a group of soldiers, for example, "One of David's men," the generic terms man or men indicate a warrior, but this is never the case outside of that context, just as in English. The word "Man" in English has been used as shorthand for "manservant," or "butler." My Man Jeeves is my BUTLER Jeeves. In that same sense, the word for MAN in the Hebrew can mean a man in a particular position of service, including a soldier. But to insist that the word ACTUALLY means warrior, is a lie.

The context defines what the "articles" or things are that should not be worn. It literally says, "Women should not wear men's things, and men shouldn't wear women's things." It's a condemnation of cross dressing. Nothing in this passage is about soldiers.

Jesus says nothing indicating that being gay or trans is a sin.

John 8:7 *"Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."* Throughout the Bible, God warns against casting judgments upon others.

Hey, you know what else Jesus never explicitly condemns? White supremacy. And you know what else? Killing and eating of lesbians. Jesus NEVER tells his disciples to NOT murder lesbians. Not once. So… guess what's back on the menu!

Jesus DID say this: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." Matthew 5:17

Funny. It seems like Jesus, a Jewish Rabbi who knew the law- the law which included prohibitions against cross dressing/gender swapping and homosexuality- seems to say he did NOT intend to get rid of those laws. Also, Jesus claims over and over to BE GOD, and it was God who gave those commands against cross dressing/gender swapping and homosexuality. And it was, therefore, Jesus who destroyed Sodom for Sodomy.

He's hardly flying that PRIDE flag, is he?

While it is true that the Bible warns us against judging others, it is a gross perversion of this idea to then turn around and say *the Bible intends us to embrace and celebrate sin.* Why do we not judge? Because it is GOD who judges. And what has God said about the LGBTQ lifestyles? To *not to*.

John 6:39 *"And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me. . ."* God would not want LGBTQ people to be driven away from the church or lose their faith.

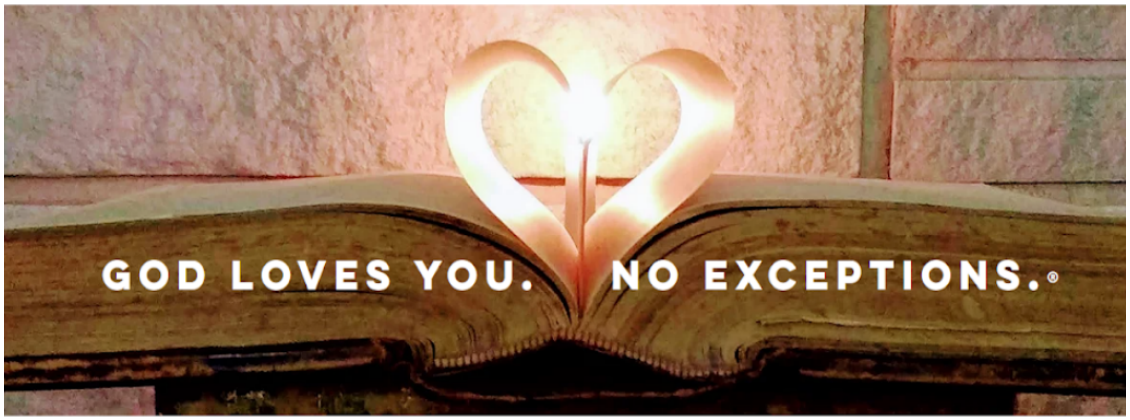
He would also not want them raping other men's bottholes. NEVER does Jesus tell anyone that it's ok to keep sinning. Over and over, he tells people to *sin no more*. If someone chooses their sin over Jesus, then it is not the church which has driven them away.

And again, God would not want RACIST people to be driven away from the church or lose their faith. So we better not condemn racism. You see? Anytime you can slap RACIST over LGBTQ, all you are saying is, "Sin is OK with us." But it's NOT ok with God. That's kind of the point. That's why Jesus died for our sins. Not to approve of our sins, but to cure it like a disease.

All of these arguments rely on your ignorance and laziness.

Have the integrity to seek out the truth, to learn good logic, and to ask good questions.

Now, to prove the point, Imagine a similar church…



GOD LOVES Racist PEOPLE

Nothing can separate us from the love of God. (Rom 8:38) This message is for all people, including Racist individuals.

God did not make a mistake in creating Racist People *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139:113-14)* Racist feelings and racist identity are components of a person's personality, and as such are part of who God made each of us to be.

All people are justified through Christ, including Racist People "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (2 Corinthians 3:19), therefore, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand." (Romans 5:1, 2). This is not to say that being Racist is a sin, but if it were, it would certainly be forgiven.

ON INCLUSION

God welcomes people of all Racist and supremacist identities. *"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)* Also *"...God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean." (Acts 10:28)* Jesus gladly socialized with people that the religious establishment disapproved of. *(Matt 9:11)*

The Church needs its Racist members. *"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)*

I can do this all day.

CRITERIA BY WHICH GOD WILL EVALUATE OUR LIVES

For those who might feel it is "better to be safe than sorry" in sticking with the "traditional" teaching on Racism issues, consider that the Bible does not tell us to judge or make life difficult for other people. There are seven passages that have been used to justify bias against Racist people, but there are over a hundred about love – so it may be safest to focus on love! Scripture has been used to justify slavery, to exclude divorced people from full participation in the sacraments, to exclude women from ministry, and to persecute left-handed people; if the church has been wrong in its treatment of Racist issues, this would not be unprecedented.

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John 8:7 *"Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."* Throughout the Bible, God warns against casting judgments upon others.

Matthew 18:6 *"If anyone causes one of these little ones--those who believe in me--to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."* Consider this in the context of Racist people who lost their faith because their church told them God did not love them.

John 6:39 *"And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me. . ."* God would not want Racist people to be driven away from the church or lose their faith.

See what I mean? This is how cults get started. This is how cults retain members. Some people are lazy and stupid. They are the bread and butter for a cult. And this LGBTQ thing is a cult.

The only honest thing is to let the text say what it says. If you don't like it, fine. Let's talk about why. But this dishonest attempt to CRAM the LGBTQ agenda into the Bible with lies and other marketing is stupid. I was trying to find a nice way to say it, but in this case, I don't feel being nice is the same as being accurate. It's evil and stupid.

Again, this kind of abuse of scripture DEPENDS on you being not only ignorant, but lazy. If you bother to read these in context, you will see that many times they simply straight up lie to you. Some of these are a matter of examining context to see what word usage is proper given the ranges of meaning, but other times they just lie to your face and then REALLY HOPE you don't look up the passage to see what it says.

Maybe these people are stupid, maybe they are not, but they are absolutely dishonest.

If you want to know what Jesus thinks about LGBTQ people, let's let him speak for himself. Here's what Jesus said:

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

John 3:14-21

Jesus says that God loves all of us, but he also says that those who choose their sin over the love of God will get what they want. If they want their sin and not God, they will be separated from God forever. Jesus loves LGBTQ people, just as he loves racists, people who pollute, people who drive too slow in the fact lane, drug addicts, slave traders, liars, thieves and murderers. But Jesus calls ALL sinners to leave their sin and be forgiven. You can’t be cured and keep your disease at the same time. You have to make a choice.

Churches like this one make the horrible mistake of thinking that being loving means telling the sick to embrace their disease. But the truth is, love sometimes means offering someone a difficult surgery, to let the physician cut out those things that are bringing sickness and death. In Mark 2:16-17 we read,

And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Jesus doesn’t show compassion by embracing disease. He calls the sinners *SINNERS*. He admits that their condition is one of sickness, in need of help. The church who put out this website thinks they are standing up against the Pharisees, on the side of Jesus, but the opposite is true. They are the new Woke Pharisees, judging those who would

read the Bible for what it says, instead of what they WANT it to say. And I promise you, if any of them read this, they will HARSHLY judge and condemn me in exactly the way they say we should not. Their call to accept people as they are does not extend to people like me. I will be hated and called names. I will be rejected and excluded.

But I can live with that. I am bringing the truth. Truth sets people free. Truth can set LGBTQ people free. Because LGBTQ people are not some strange new and rare species, like pandas. They aren't pandas at all.

They are people. We are all HUMAN FIRST. Made by God in His image.

Jesus loves them too, and he calls them to repent, just as He calls all of us to repent.

And Jesus Loves you.

So repent and be saved.

And thanks for letting me be your Rent A Friend.