WHAT IS AN "ABOMINATION"?



Definition: Webster's 1828 Dictionary: Something very odious; detestable; sinful.

INTRO.: When God created man He took notice that all the animals in His creation had partners but that man was "alone" and He said "It is not good that the man should be alone" and so He created a partner called a "woman" (Eve). Please notice that He did not create another man, but a complimentary partner of a different sex and with a totally different personality, body and temperament. She was to complement him in many ways and make life more bearable and even happy and fulfill his many interests and desires. She was to be man's "help meet" or counterpart. Similar, but different.

NOTES: Adam was no doubt the first man who ever said with 100% complete honesty, when he saw Eve for the first time: "You are the most beautiful woman I have ever laid eyes on."

And of course, the greatest benefit to humankind was their ability to reproduce "after their kind."

Prior to 1962, sodomy was a felony in every state in the U.S., punished by a lengthy term of imprisonment and/or hard labor. In that year, the Model Penal Code (MPC) — developed by the American Law Institute to promote uniformity among the states as they modernized their statutes — struck a compromise that removed consensual sodomy from its criminal code while making it a crime to solicit for sodomy.

Today in the U.S. and many other countries homosexuals are usually permitted to marry even though it may not actually be "legal". However, "gays" are not satisfied with that arrangement, they want "Gay Marriage" to be <u>completely legal</u>. They want their chosen lifestyle to be acceptable and ultimately the only recognized way of life. Therein lies the problem.

I. LEGALIZING GAY MARRIAGE COMES WITH SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES:

A. It Redefines the Concept of "Home":

- 1. Biblically and traditionally the concept of home includes a man, woman and children.
- 2. Homosexual marriages cannot produce children.
- 3. Widespread gay unions would potentially eliminate our future as the human race.
 - a. Activists want to eliminate children as a part of a traditional family.
 - b. It is true that gays can adopt children, but statistics show that a home without a mother and father are unstable.

NOTE: Statistics prove that children placed into homosexual unions are more likely to have unstable futures, crime, rebellion, etc.

- c. Even adoption and foster care are no complete substitute for a traditional home, though both are better than the instability and unhealthy environment of a gay marriage.
- d. Homosexual activists don't simply want to practice unsafe sex, they want government endorsement and social approval!
 - 1) Homosexual behavior is unsafe and increases STDs, AIDS, HIV, etc.
 - 2) The human rectum is not designed for sexual activity, in fact it is a sewer for bodily wastes.
 - 3) The health and life expectancy of gays and lesbians are radically different than in traditional homes.
- e. Since gays cannot reproduce, they must recruit, another danger for children in gay relationships.
- f. They want gay marriage to be equal to heterosexual marriage and traditional homes.
- g. They want their unnatural behavior to appear normal and acceptable and equal to heterosexual marriage.

B. It Endangers the Future of Mankind:

- 1. The health risks alone should discourage the practice!
- 2. There is no such thing as "safe" homosexual sex.
- 3. It is not only against the Bible, but it even contradicts evolution (if you chose not to believe the Bible).
- 4. Homosexuals would end the evolution of our species and even the human race since they cannot reproduce.

- a. Think of all the many species of animals which have gone into extinction...are humans next?
- b. Legalizing homosexual marriage and making homosexual behavior acceptable would eliminate the historical family.
- c. The agenda of these activists threaten life as designed by God, the family unit, male-female love relationships, the traditional home, and society as it has been for thousands of years.
- d. Marriage should not just be for sexual adventure, but to produce children and to perpetuate humankind.

II. WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

A. Biblically:

NOTE: The Bible consistently tells us that homosexuality is an abomination and sinful (<u>Leviticus 18:22</u>; <u>Romans 1:26-27</u>; <u>1 Corinthians 6:9</u>). <u>Romans 1:26-27</u> and teaches explicitly that homosexuality is a result of a continual rebellion against God. When people continue in disbelief, the Bible tells us that God "*gives them over to a reprobate mind.*," allowing them to experience their sinful desires and reap the resulting consequences. <u>First Corinthians 6:9</u> proclaims that homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God. Homosexuality is immoral and unnatural. It is a disruption of the "natural order" and, more importantly, of God's view of sexuality.

- 1. God says that there are only two genders: "male and female created He them..."
- 2. Homosexuality is not a legitimate identity:
 - a. We are males and females by anatomy, only heterosexual and homosexual by behavior.
 - b. We have no choice about our anatomy, we do have a choice about our behavior.
 - c. With that choice comes social, health and class differences and huge responsibilities.
 - d. We have no choice about our gender or our racial differences at birth.
 - 1) People say "I was born that way so I should act that way."
 - 2) Wrong: everyone is born either male of female, the way we act is a choice.
 - 3) We may be born with a desire to kill, but we don't have to act on that.
 - 4) Everyone is born with a sinful nature and thus with sinful desires, but that doesn't mean we should or must act on that propensity.
 - 5) Homosexuals often say that they are born into a body with sexual desires (and nature) of the opposite gender.

NOTE: To determine your gender identity, simply stand in front of a mirror after showering and before getting dressed. That will settle the issue decisively. Scientifically you were born with certain differences genetically to determine your gender. Starting at birth, we are all assigned a gender (either boy or girl) **based on our body parts**. From there, we are expected to speak, dress and act in alignment with social and cultural expectations for that gender. Scientifically, people are born with **two sex chromosomes** that determine anatomical sex — XY for males and XX for females.

Sometimes homosexuals make the argument that it is discriminatory to see them differently (similar to racial discrimination). It is if we are "homophobic", i.e. if we discriminate against homosexuals just like some who are racially biased. (As someone has said, when people resort to name calling they have reached the end of their ability to articulate a rational argument). The problem with that argument is that a person who is born with a certain skin color cannot change that orientation, whereas many homosexuals can and sometimes do become "straight" or begin to live according to their birth-assigned gender.

Biblically, God asks Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Jer 13:23a

Some argue that animals sometimes perform homosexually. That is true, but sometimes animals eat each other also – should we do the same?

QUOTE: "Ignoring your desires can be uncomfortable, but ignoring the natural design of your body can be fatal." - Turek

B. Genetically:

1. Presently, transgenderism (a spinoff of homosexuality) is in vogue, however at this writing, transgenders are openly making statements that they have made mistakes based on media pressure, peer pressure or simply opposite gender desires.

NOTE: In the aftermath of media promotion of the transgender movement, many people now **regret choosing a different gender and have begun detransitioning**.

QUOTE: Dr. Paul McHugh of John Hopkins University says that *trnasgenderism is a mental disorder and said that Hopkins stopped doing* 'gender reassignment' surgery because patients were still so troubled after the surgery that they had a suicide rate 20 times higher than the rest of the population. He went on to say "Sex change is biologically impossible. People who undergo sex-reassignment surgery do not change from men to women. Rather, they become feminized men or masculinized women.... thus contributing to and promoting a mental disorder."

2. Should we also legalize pedophilia?

- 3. About one third of all pedophile cases are homosexual in nature, i.e. man to boy.
- 4. Since homosexuals cannot reproduce, they must recruit!
- 5. Factually, the average homosexual does not want same-sex marriage.
- 6. Those who do marry usually, don't stay married for life, they prefer multiple partners.
- 7. Gay marriage is not about faithfulness, it is about recognition.
- 8. Gays, men and women, average many partners (often hundreds) in their lifetime.
- 9. Those who are molested at an early age, are usually traumatized for life.

ILLUS.: Pardon the personal story, but my closest friend in my pre-teen years was hitchhiking one day (not usually considered dangerous, back in the day) and was picked up by a man who molested him in the car. He was traumatized and my friend never had a normal personal life after that event, nor did he ever enjoy the blessings of marriage and a family, although he tried. (The pedophile was never caught to my knowledge, and there is no way to know how many others he molested.)

C. Politically:

- 1. In Canada and Sweden people (especially preachers!) are being imprisoned for even broaching the subject biblically.
- 2. Our government will no doubt do the same thing in America if they continue to cooperate with the homosexual agenda.
- 3. Again, this is not about equality, it is about a chosen lifestyle that is incompatible with our birth gender.
- 4. It has little to do with simple recognition; that is already a reality, it is about challenging traditional and biblical truth.
- 5. The arguments about being "born that way" are spurious.
 - a) You might ask weren't you born a heterosexual?
 - b) No, I was born a male that is a fact, my choice as to how I choose to live my sex life is a decision I made long after birth and using simple logic and biblical precepts.
- 6. Isn't our attitude or beliefs about sexuality similar to beliefs about interracial marriage?
 - No, ethnicity has nothing to do with gender coupling or homosexual activity; there is only one race, but there are two
 genders.

CONCL.: As a born-again Bible believer, I am to hate what God hates. He hates homosexuality ("**sodomy**" in the Bible), and calls it an "**abomination**". He doesn't hate the homosexual, just his or her lifestyle. I am to do the same. My job as a child of God is to hate the sin but love the sinner and do my best to attempt to win everyone to a saving knowledge of Christ as their Savior and Lord.

Christians are not perfect, but saved, and will finally see Christ and be like Him – **sinless!** A believer has God's Holy Spirit living within him or her and is thus under conviction constantly when sin enters their life. They are to confess that sin daily and receive His forgiveness and cleansing, and with His help and direction live to please the One Who died for him and in his place. Where we fail will be dealt with at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Dear homosexual, lesbian, transgender, or straight friend, please read the above treatise carefully. And PLEASE consider confessing your sin and repenting of *(turning around or turning away from)* your sin and trust what Jesus Christ did for YOU on the cross to pay the penalty for your sin. Experience the peace and satisfaction your new life will provide. Something sin will never be able to do for you. As the Bible says: "Therefore, If any man (or woman) be in Christ, he (or she) is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17