



**IS HOMOSEXUALITY,
CHRISTIANITY?!**

Background

- Homosexuality is something ancient, mentioned in the OT and the history. It is not a new age fashion.
- It was practised and still on a large scale even was more prevalent in the past.
- Over the last few decades it has been a strong movement of people who call themselves “Revisionists” to normalize or even Christianize Homosexuality.
- They “Revised” Biblical texts explanations advocating that Homosexuality is a natural form of relationship that should not be against Christianity and not a sin as people thought. A Person can be a Homosexual and still a good faithful Christian!

Background

- The core of this presentation is to examine the logic and the Biblical evidence of “Revisionists” if it is really Christian and Biblical?
- We are not here to criminalize Homosexuals. It is evident that everyone has the right to do whatever they think it is right!
- But, as Christians we need to know, should this be stuck to Christianity as a norm! If it is a norm!
- We will run through certain Biblical texts that has been used for the argument for both “Revisionists” and “Christians” and you will be the JUDGES!!

Background

- Generally speaking one of the main arguments of “Revisionists” is that regardless of the interpretation of the Bible text it doesn’t have to apply to our current life!
- They also argue that Homosexuality as we know now is different than back then. People in the past lived inside certain borders of moralities and regulations. Nowadays, people reason and challenge these borders mentally and decide which way to go. In a current western society people do have the choice!!
- This might sound reasonable, but why this applies only to the Bible in our current age. Meaning, why person should not be able to decide on what he feels right as far as traffic rules or taxation. Why do we have to follow A LAW

- The reality is, we all follow rules and laws but it depends which ones we take and which ones we reject!!
- However, the question is, if the Bible is not relevant to us now, so what is Christianity is all about? People don't have to believe in the bible or be Christian, But if they decide to, then they need to abide by the Bible. People can decide to be Homosexual but there is no need to chuck that down our throats as Christians.
- The following slides will discuss a sample of the commonly controversial Bible texts that referred to Homosexuality. The opinion of "Revisionists" will be initialed as "*R*:" and the opinion of Christians initialed as "*C*:" all through the Bible verses debate.
- Then we'll touch on the "natural" or "genetic" theory of Homosexuality and the opinion of the Catholic Church.

Genesis

- “²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply;” Genesis 1
- *R*: the purpose of this verse is just explaining reproduction. It does not forbid or mention the same gender love. This same gender love can be even a friendship. The statement is very general!

Genesis

- **C:** of course the purpose is not just reproduction. Because God blessed animals too and told them to reproduce. The point is creating Man in God's image. This image is complementary by the male and the female not just one of them. This how God intended the creation of Man.
- The uniqueness of Eve's creation over all female animals is amazing! Being created as a part of Adam, a helper like him signifies the intention of God towards the unity between Adam and Eve.
- As all other female animals, she did not need to be formed from their partners to reproduce!!

What was the sin of Sodom!!

- Few hours before Sodom was burnt down the Bible tells this story about the two angels visited Lot to get him and his family out of there. “⁴ Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. ⁵ And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*.”
⁶ So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, ⁷ and said, “Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! ⁸ See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.” genesis 19

What was wrong with Sodom!

- *R:* Who said that Sodom's sin was homosexuality. The word "know" in the original Hebrew is "yada" which can mean knowing someone and talk to him plus meaning sexual contact.
- The majority of the times the word was mentioned in OT, it meant a knowledge of someone. Why should it be interpreted here as sexual contact?
- We believe the great sin of Sodom that ended with its destruction, was aggression and inhospitality against strangers. Who said they were practising homosexuality or intending to do so with the two guests?

What was wrong with Sodom!

- **C:** What about being logic and taking things into context. If men of Sodom just wanted to be introduced to the angels, what is aggressive or inhospitable about that and why Lot called it a wicked action and tried to protect them?
- Look into Lot's compromise to protect his guests, it is clear that it was meant to be a sexual compromise. Lot described his daughters as **"they never knew a man"**, obviously, men of Sodom knew the daughters personally very well.
- It is very clear that all men of the city were in deep desire to have a homosexual relationship with the two strangers to the degree of threatening Lot if he continued to protect them. Hours before the Fire!!

The Law given to Moses

- “²² You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It *is* an abomination... ²⁴ ‘Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you.’ Leviticus 18
- “¹⁷ There shall be no *ritual* harlot^[b] of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted^[c] one of the sons of Israel.”
Deuteronomy 23

The Law given to Moses

- **R:** the passage does refer to Homosexuality but 1st this was set as a Jewish tradition that it doesn't particularly apply to us now! 2nd it refers to ritual homosexual prostitution which was not happening back then anyway and it doesn't apply to a current homosexual couple setting which is of a more of a loving nature!
- **C:** 1st the words "abomination" and "defile" are very clear that it is a lot more than setting a tradition. The Lord referred to how this was the cause of destruction to the other nations even they knew nothing about the Law. 2nd it is known historically that pagan worship in the area e.g. A bearded Venus etc. Instituted male prostitutes who traditionally dressed in women's dress and served male worshippers! So there was a presence of Homosexuality prior to this time.

What did Jesus say about homosexuality?

- *R:* Jesus never condemned homosexuality, even when he referred to the sin of Sodom!
- Jesus and the apostles, changed a lot of Jewish purification rules and so homosexuality. It was an impurity in OT but not in NT!!
- We understand Jesus actions through His love so why would He condemn homosexuality.
- We can't limit our understanding to Christianity by what was written in the Bible some 2000 years ago!!

What did Jesus say?

- **C:** Jesus did not say anything about stealing too! Is it ok to steal in the NT!!!
- Jesus attacked purifications rituals used to be practised by the Jews because it was a bodily ritual with no purity of the heart!!
- “²⁷ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men’s* bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” Matthew 23

What did Jesus say?

- Jesus even increased on Moses' Law as it was obvious that just the Law is not sufficient to enter the Kingdom of Heaven but he never changed the Law (which is different than Jewish tradition)
- “¹⁷Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”
Matthew 5
- “²⁷You have heard that it was said to those of old, ^[c] ‘*You shall not commit adultery.*’ ^[d] ²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” Matthew 5
- So how would Jesus allow homosexuality, the abomination by the law? Because of His loving nature?

The disputed Romans' text

- “²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is **against nature**. ²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the **natural** use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.” Romans₁
- There is no bible text about homosexuality that was attacked by “Revisionists” like this passage from St Paul’s epistle to the Romans.
- It helps to know that the epistle was written to the church which had both Jews and Gentiles and was sent many years before St Paul physically arrived to Rome.

The disputed Romans text

- **R:** Paul is condemning here heterosexuals who practise homosexuality against their nature but he did not condemn people who are naturally homosexual!
- Paul expressed his point of view being a Jew, it is a Jewish impurity but who said that he meant that it was a sin for the Gentiles too! He was talking to Jews.
- **C:** what was the knowledge of St Paul at that time about the 20th century theory of genetics in homosexuality? Strange!!
- And how would St Paul expect Gentile Christians in Rome who he had not seen, to have a distinction in their understanding between a traditional impurity and a sin!! Gentiles who had just been into Christianity supposed to tell that this does not apply to them!! Very theoretical, isn't it!

But is Homosexuality natural or genetic

- As far the **Christian faith** is concerned **IT IS NOT NATURAL** because again it was not the Devine intention from the beginning of creation.
- And if it is **genetic**, which gene, what mode of genetic transmission and why would the majority of homosexuals practised or continuing to practise heterosexuality as well or at least has some desire for it!
- And if it is genetic why all these woes in the Bible, would not God the creator in His Divine knowledge appreciate that people can't help it because of their genes!!
- And why homosexuality it is the only abomination in the Bible that people argue it is genetic. Murderers, thieves, rapists and sociopath can argue the same in a court setting!
- “Born for Porn!!” If you has an Egyptian accent it wouldn't make sense!! Just a joke!!

How do homosexual advocates see homosexuality?

- This a cut and paste adopted from the Australian Greens Party website, <http://greens.org.au/policies/care-for-people/sexuality-and-gender-identity>
- *The Australian Greens **believe** that:*
freedom of sexuality and **gender identity** are fundamental **human rights**.
people have the right to **assume** their **self-identified** sex.
- **Measures**
*The Australian Greens **will**:*
remove convictions for **consensual** homosexual acts from legal records.
establish **intersex** as a gender recognised by the legal system.

That is not Christian hey!!

- Sounds like all these arguments about the Bible were a waste of time! The true core of Homosexuality as mentioned by the Greens as real advocates is a **human decision to assume** their sexual identity. Even homosexual prostitution is to be **protected**
- **So, NOT CHRISTIAN, NO MENTION FOR GOD'S PLAN IN HIS OWN CREATION. SIMPLY, WHO CARES ANYWAY!**

The true face of Homosexuality from the Christian point of view

- Homosexuality violates the creation order and patterns for male and female roles and for marriage. It arises from the **same rebellion caused the fall of Man.**
- Rebellion and arrogance to be **like God**, knowing the good and evil, meaning taking the role of God on **deciding** which is good and which is evil
- **NEVER WORKED AND IT WILL NEVER WORK!!**

It is Christian and not Egyptian!!

Pell lashes out after gays refused communion

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The Catholic Archbishop, the Most Rev George Pell, yesterday refused Holy Communion to openly gay and lesbian parishioners, coupling his first Sydney confrontation over the issue with an attack on homosexuality.

Quoting the new conservative mantra of the church, Dr Pell told the congregation at St Mary's Cathedral: "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve and important consequences follow from this.

"Our Judeo-Christian religious tradition allows men and women sexual expression within the bounds of family life, a sexuality which is life-giving. Homosexual acts are contrary to the natural law, they close the sexual act to the gift of life."

Dr Pell's rejection of about 20 parishioners marked the first time members of the Rainbow Sash movement had sought communion from the archbishop since he moved to Sydney a year ago. As archbishop of Melbourne, he refused Sash members communion at least 10 times.

Of the church's stance on homosexuality, he said: "The protesters must realise that the church's teaching on this matter cannot, will not, change."