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Homosexuals and Lesbians.

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Thank you for clicking on this topic, my aim in this study is not to change anyone's mind to a particular view, but rather to dispel some of the antipathy and hostility there is toward those who love Christ, but happen to be born for whatever scientific or medical reason with a natural attraction to a partner of the same sex. Please take the time to read the title, "About the Author and Testimonies" to understand the motive and intent of my heart in writing these articles.

Homosexual Nature.

By nature: means that which is unchangeable about the way each person has been created. A person may be male or female, white or dark skinned, right-handed or left handed, have blue or brown eyes or be heterosexual or homosexual. Many psychologists and psychiatrists accept that one's sexual orientation, gay or straight, is part of a person's nature and it cannot be changed. Obviously there are heterosexuals experimenting for various reasons with same sex relationships, but they are not what this study is about, the focus in this article is on people who are born homosexual, meaning their natural sexual orientation is toward those of the same sex.

For a homosexual man or lesbian woman to have an intimate relationship with a person of the opposite sex would be both repulsive and repugnant in the same way that a heterosexual man or woman would feel repulsed to have a sexual relationship with someone of the same sex (obviously there are exceptions to this statement, but in all things there always exceptions to the general rule of the majority and the collective whole of a thing).

The following should be noted: down through history same-gender sex was universally considered to be acts by heterosexual people who had chosen to engage in sex with someone of the same gender, but advances in human science in the past century have shown that not all people are heterosexual; some are homosexual (a nature that is unchangeable). For these people being in a same sex relationship is not about the sex, but sharing a life with another person they care about and are committed to just as heterosexual couples desire to share their life with someone of the opposite sex.

Putting exceptions aside, no heterosexual man or woman marries for sex only, people marry to share their life with another human to have a companion and friend they can share the joys, hardships and experiences of life with, obviously the pleasure of sex is a very important a part of this companionship, but it is the desire for friendship and to share one's life with another that is the dominant reason for wanting to commit our life to another and not sex. Men and woman worldwide can have sex without commitment or sharing their lives with each other, but no-one can build a bonded friendship without commitment to each other and sharing their lives.

It is evident there are those who abuse sex and use it for their own lustful pleasure in both homosexual and heterosexual groups. Heterosexuals who are in a committed loving relationship are never condemned because there are other heterosexuals who, rape, force themselves on children, sleep with multitudes of partners, have orgies and commit adultery, yet those who have medically been born attracted to the same sex (homosexual) no matter how faithful and committed they are to their partner are immediately condemned to eternal hell-fire, not because they have broken any laws, but because of those who have abused sex in their community. This obviously shows a clear bias in the heterosexual community against those who for whatever medical or scientific reason have been born homosexual.

The first appearance of homosexuality: the Bible is silent on people who have been born with an orientation and natural disposition toward people of the same sex who are in a loving and caring relationship, devoted to God and the Lord Jesus Christ, are not breaking any laws and are showing kindness to others. Whenever the Bible condemns same sex relationships it has in focus heterosexuals who chose to be sexually active with each other, who deny God are violent and rebellious and in many context worship idols.

Consider for a moment: when we reject and condemn to eternal hell-fire those who love the Lord Jesus Christ simply because they are born with an orientation and disposition toward the same sex maybe we are in danger of bringing judgment on ourselves since we all have dwelling within us our own particular sinful aberrations and dysfunctions and no-one stands before Christ free of sin and not one of us is saved without God's abundant grace.

The concept of a homosexual nature first appeared in print in Europe in 1869 and in the United States in 1889, because of heterosexual revulsion to same-gender sex, general acceptance of the concept has spread very slowly. In 1973 the American Psychiatric Association officially recognized that homosexuality for many, was natural and not a mental illness or a disease. The American Psychological Association followed with similar action two years later.

Helmut Thielicke, a highly respected theologian whose book, "The Ethics of Sex," written over forty-years ago and often quoted recognized in his work that at least some gay men and lesbian women have constitutional homosexuality (meaning it is a their general physical and psychological make-up) and therefore it is incurable this fact must be accepted since sexual orientation is part of everyone's nature and cannot be changed, it is not a choice. Should any heterosexual man or woman doubt the impossibility of changing sexual orientation just try and change your own sexual orientation for two or three weeks. Following are further evidences that homosexuality is unchangeable: -

- Ten thousand suicides of homosexual youths each year, who are unable to change and unwilling to face life without being accepted by society and living with the enormously hurtful mental torment this causes.
- The high percentage of homosexuals who go to psychotherapists desperately wanting to change their orientation.
- The very small percentage of homosexuals reportedly being changed after hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars being spent in psychotherapy.
- The millions of homosexual people who live in the closet, not wanting anyone to learn of their orientation.

Forgetting all the medical and scientific jargon surely we have to ask ourselves if this sexual orientation was just a simple choice that these people have made, why would they suffer such enormous rejection and hostility by their parents, family and society to such an extent it brings them to the point of suicide, or as it did with Chely Wright sitting in absolute despair and mental darkness holding a gun in her mouth. To see Chely's testimony, see the title, "About the Author and Testimonies" on the index of these articles.

Changing a person's sexual orientation: in 1998 the American Psychiatric Association adopted a position opposing any therapy designed to change a person's sexual orientation, the President stated that there is no scientific evidence that conversion therapy and the methods used to achieve this is effective in changing a person's sexual orientation, but there is clear evidence that this type of therapy can be emotionally and mentally destructive.

Fundamentalist Religious Groups.

Some fundamentalist religious groups have programs they claim produce "ex-gays", but no long-term studies of their claims have been made, but there is a vast amount of evidence of many relapsing and scientists discount any claim of changes being made. Some who call themselves "ex-gays have a similar experience to the story of the following man, who told of his desperate attempt to change in one of the Christian therapy programs.

He was told if he just had faith and "believed," he would be changed, so he believed, he says he really did believe and for a brief time he was certain that he had been changed, but before long he realized that nothing was changed. He was inescapably gay, this man's story is the testimony of many who have honesty endeavoured to change their sexual orientation believing it was the only way they could be accepted by the Lord Jesus Christ and live before God without guilt and shame every-day.

Remember: this study is not about heterosexual men and woman having sexual encounters with someone of the same sex; obviously they can change since their natural sexual orientation is heterosexual and not homosexual.

True Homosexuals are Homosexual by Nature; it is never a Choice for Them.

Some Christian people accept that a homosexual's orientation may be unchangeable, but deny that it is their nature they say it is only a predisposition meaning they simply have a tendency to behave in a particular way like a person who has a predisposition to alcoholism. They liken it to a predisposition an alcoholic may have and say that an alcoholic is not to blame for being an alcoholic, but since acting on it can be so destructive, they are responsible for acting on it and for becoming an alcoholic, because they did not take steps to recover. New Testament professor Jeffrey Siker considers this analogy "not only useless but dangerous."

First, he points out that the damaging effects of active alcoholism are readily apparent whereas there is no clinical evidence that homosexual activity resulted in any more destructive behaviours than was the case for persons engaging in heterosexual activity. Further alcoholics need to "recover," but there is nothing in the nature of homosexuals that can be changed or needs to be recovered from. Finally, alcoholism is a disease triggered by the act of drinking; the focus is on the act of either drinking or abstaining from drinking. Homosexuality is not an act; it is a nature. Scientists do not know what causes homosexuality just as they do not know what causes heterosexuality, but they are convinced that whatever the cause the orientation is unchangeable.

Homosexuals and dehumanization: it is unfortunate that heterosexual people often focus on sex when they think about homosexuals, but to do so is to miss the point of the larger context of the relationship. It is to dehumanize and depersonalize gays and lesbians, caricaturing them only in terms of their sexual activities rather than seeing them as whole persons with lives that include more than sex. People will never think clearly about homosexuals until they think of them as being complete human beings, with the same desire as any other human (i.e., to be loved, accepted, and find someone to share their life with).

They simply want the heterosexual community to treat them in the same manner as they treat each other. We (heterosexuals) do not think about or judge our friends by what they choose to do in their own bedrooms, yet when it comes to those in the homosexual community the most common tendency is to dehumanize them to sexual objects only, perhaps part of this is because of the world wide Mardi Gras that are held in major cities around the world every year, but is it fair to judge every individual (especially if they love the Lord Jesus Christ) in this community by the standards of a few especially when it is taken into account the biggest group of spectators who flock to see these shows are heterosexuals.

Surely if we are going to condemn the entire homosexual community because of the Mardi Gras we should also be condemning the entire heterosexual community since they are the majority of spectators. Condemning an entire community based on the wrong behaviour of a few is like condemning the entire Christian faith because certain priests abuse innocent children and a minority of ministers use their own congregations for their own selfish gain and advantage.

A terrible perversion, but very common thinking: the word homosexuality to many people means, "Sex perversion" though this is a misrepresentation it is very common thinking and clearly shows that gay men or lesbian women are dehumanized and depersonalized because they are only viewed in terms of sexual activities rather than as a human person with the same dreams, problems, hurts, needs, emotions, and feelings as heterosexual people have. A homosexual's interests and activities do not differ from those of others and the fact that millions of gay men and lesbian women walk among heterosexuals without them knowing their orientation would seem to be conclusive that they are in personality no different to heterosexual people.

UCLA psychologist Evelyn Hooker conducted the very first investigation into whether or not homosexuality was an illness, she examined a population of normal gay men (i.e., men who were not residents of mental hospitals, prisoners, or distressed patients) (common subjects of study at that time) in therapy they were ordinary people living ordinary lives (even though closeted). In 1956 she presented her findings to the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association telling them that she found that no psychological or personality differences existed

between homosexual and heterosexual men and concluded that the only notable and visible difference was that a gay man can fall in love romantically only with another male and a lesbian woman can fall in love romantically only with another female.

What makes a heterosexual man, fall in love with a woman? No one can say; it is some intrinsic characteristic of human nature. In homosexual people this characteristic works differently for some reason yet unknown, and the falling-in-love process is directed toward the same gender, but it is a true falling in love. A partnership isn't a sexual thing for them any more than a marriage is for a heterosexual couple. Dr. Terry Norman expresses this in his statement, "I had always assumed that orientation was about sexual behaviour only to eventually discover that orientation was not about sex at all, but rather about the innate (meaning inborn) need to love and be loved by another in a committed, ongoing relationship."

Sex and lust: while some homosexual persons are sexually lustful and promiscuous, the percentage is surely not greater than that of heterosexual men and women who are such. It is estimated that the pornographic industry is about one hundred billion dollars a year in America and this industry is funded by heterosexual lust. The city of Dallas alone annually puts two thousand teenage girls into prostitution and imports up to 200,000 into the U.S. in America heterosexual man rapes a woman every fifteen minutes (cases reported) in contrast to this homosexual men don't rape women or kidnap young girls.

Perhaps those of my sexual orientation (heterosexual) should ask themselves the following question, "If we think of a heterosexual man or woman and do not immediately think of sex why then do we immediately think sex when we think of a homosexual man or woman when they are humans with all the same physical, financial, emotional and spiritual problems that all as humans have? After pondering this question for a moment then ask, ourselves, "Is it because of the culture we were raised in, the religion we have been influenced by or society's preconceived ideas?

Especially when we consider that if we knew what some heterosexuals do together in the secrecy of their own bedroom many of us would probably be stunned. Maybe we should be asking ourselves, why do we immediately think sex when we think of a loving caring couple living in a same sex relationship, rather than seeing them as humans that have the same needs, concerns, problems and failures, successes, sorrows and joys that heterosexuals have" (plus many other problems, difficulties and hurts that heterosexuals do not have to contend with).

Homosexual men and lesbian women are often asked to repent of being homosexual and of being lesbian before being accepted as a Christian and before being accepted into the church, it is true that should their past lifestyle involve loose sex, orgies, sleeping around with many bed partners and selfishly using other for their own sexual gratification they should repent of these things as any heterosexual man or women would also be required to do, but for them to repent of their natural sexual orientation would not only be denying who they are at their core being, but also be lying to God to please man.

So how should Christian men and women who are for whatever scientific or medical reason born homosexual or lesbian live amongst the Christian community and as faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. The answer to this is very simple, in exactly the same way as heterosexual Christian men and woman are called to live amongst the Christian community and before the Lord. All (heterosexual and homosexual) should be committed and faithful to their partner and be held to the following two laws that God holds all who belong to Christ's globally family accountable to which are: -

1. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (Matt. 22:37).

Jesus said, "This is the great and first commandment" (Matt. 22:37-38).

2. You shall love your neighbour as yourself (Matt. 22:39-40).

Jesus said, "On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets" (Matt. 22:40) and that "there is no other commandment greater than these two" (Mark 12:31). James the brother of Jesus wrote, "

- If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well (James 2:8).

Concerning God's law Paul said: -

- The whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Gal 5:14).
- Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:10).

To, "Love your Neighbour as Yourself," means do not deliberately do harm to other humans. No sane person deliberately does things to inflict pain on themselves, loving others as you love yourself is not about feeling some warm and fuzzy emotion towards others, it is about not hurting others as you would not hurt yourself. The thing God hates the most is when we do harm to another person, physically, financially, sexually, emotionally or spiritually and the thing God loves the most is when we do good to others. It is interesting to notice that the major crime that God points out in Noah's time and one of the main reasons for the flood was because of all the violence in the land.

- Micah wrote: "What the LORD requires of mankind is to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:5-10).
- Isaiah says: "The LORD loves justice, hates robbery and wrong doing" (Isaiah 61:8).
- Jeremiah said: "Those who know God practise steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, because it is in these things that God delights" (Jer. 9:24).

The great prophets Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah clearly show the law is about doing good to others and protecting them from harm and hurt. The law is not concerned with what heterosexual men and women and homosexual men and lesbian women who are in committed loving caring relationships do behind the closed door of their bedrooms nor should we be concerning ourselves with such things.

Homophobia and homosexual characteristics: the root of homophobia (an irrational hatred, disapproval, or fear of homosexuality, gay and lesbian people, or their culture) mostly stems from the common misguided thinking of only equating homosexuality with sex. Excluding heterosexual men and heterosexual woman who are living in same sex relationships for whatever reason the Gay community probably make up 3%-4% of the population they don't want to have to live in the darkness of closets, driven there by society's homophobia, but to be seen as any other human being is and be judged in the same way as all others are (i.e., by their good and kind behaviour or lack of it), for them to be forced to deny who they are and not be their true self is a great cruelty.

Characteristics of men and women: it is well known that while certain characteristics are dominant in men and others dominant in women, all people have some of the opposite gender's characteristics. Psychologists have found indications that a homosexual man may have an exceptional supply of feminine characteristics while the lesbian woman could have an exceptional supply of male characteristics, these special and unique combinations of characteristics often result in same sex attractions.

Christians who have this knowledge and still chose to condemn the entire homosexual community to eternal damnation and hell-fire maybe in danger of bringing judgment on themselves for their lack of mercy and compassion. Remember the religious leaders of Jesus era (the chief priests, the Pharisees and, scribes) strictly held to the letter of the law and kept it almost perfectly, yet Jesus sternly rebuked them for their lack of compassion and mercy, which he said are the weightier matters of the law, meaning the most important matters before God. It should never be forgotten that heterosexual or homosexual none of us are free

from sinful aberrations and dysfunctions of the flesh and sinful thoughts and desires that dwell within our mind and our heart. Added to this we are all saved by grace and not by our own self-effort or works and not one of us is able to stand before the Holiness of God without the washing of Christ's blood and claim we are righteous and worthy of eternal life. With the light of this truth shining in the darkness of our minds is it right for us to be throwing stones?

I, like the Jews of old who had to work their way through adopting Gentiles into their midst and work out-together what that meant for each group, still have certain questions that I am working through myself and for that reason my aim in these articles is not to tell anyone what they should or should not believe, but simply present unbiased information that hopefully will help people who like myself were influenced by my generation to dehumanize homosexuals and lesbians and by certain church leaders to condemn everyone who was in a same sex relationship to condemnation and hell-fire.

End.