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HIV and AIDS

Same Sex Relationships.

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Although I believe my aim is pure and God's will perfect this document is still the product of a human man, as to such I neither claim perfect knowledge or perfect understanding.

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TEACH IT, DON'T DEMAND IT

Thank you for visiting this topic, my aim in this study is to dispel some of the antipathy and hostility there is toward those who love Christ, but through no fault of their own, have been born with a natural attraction toward those of the same sex gender or have this attraction, because of some medical, biological or genetic influence.

HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS

The letters HIV stand for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. HIV is a virus that takes over certain immune system cells to make many copies of itself and causes slow, but constant damage to the immune system.

HOW HIV AFFECTS THE BODY AND THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

Normally, the human immune system is the body's protection against bacteria's and viruses, etc., it acts like a coat of armour. But, when HIV enters the body it starts poking holes in the armour and eventually, the armour becomes very weak and unable to protect the body. Once the armour is very weak or is gone, the person is said to have AIDS.

THE MEANING OF AIDS

AIDS: stands for **I**mmune **S**ystem **D**isease. An AIDS diagnosis is generally made when either the body's protective **T**-cells drop below a certain level or the HIV-positive individual begins to experience opportunistic infections, an opportunistic infection is an infection that would not normally affect an otherwise healthy person. Oftentimes, it's these infections that are the cause of illness or death in HIV-positive individuals and not the virus itself. If people do not get any treatment for HIV disease, it generally takes an average of 8-10 years to progress from HIV to AIDS.

HOW HIV IS TRANSMITTED

HIV is transmitted through the following four body fluids:

1. Blood.
2. Semen.
3. Vaginal fluid.
4. Breast milk.

In order to pass HIV from one person to another, HIV-infected fluid needs to get into the bloodstream of another person it is usually transmitted through:

- Sharing needles.
- Unprotected anal, vaginal, and sometimes oral sex.
- From mother to infant before or during delivery or while breastfeeding.
- HIV is not transmitted by saliva.

HIV TREATMENT

No cure exists for HIV (2019), but strict adherence to antiretroviral regimens (ARVs) can dramatically slow the disease's progress as well as prevent secondary infections and complications. Current HIV antiviral treatments and treatments for opportunistic infections are prolonging the lives of many HIV+ individuals, however, many of the drugs used to treat HIV are very harsh on the body, very difficult to take, and don't work for some people. Research is making great strides toward developing vaccines and better medications for people who are living with HIV, but there is still no permanent cure.

PREGNANT WOMEN

Being an HIV-positive pregnant mother does not guarantee that your child will be born HIV-positive.

FIRST CASES OF AIDS

In 1981, the first cases of AIDS were identified among gay men in the United States, scientists later found evidence in Belgian Congo in 1959 that the disease existed in the world for some years prior to this.

SCOPE OF THE HIV EPIDEMIC (1997)

- In the United States, 612,000 cases of AIDS, and 379,300 deaths among people with AIDS had been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (1997).
- AIDS is now the second leading killer of people aged 25 to 44 in the U.S. (1997).
- Despite an overall stabilization in the number of new AIDS cases in the U.S, the epidemic continues to accelerate in certain segments of the population, notably among women and injection drug users.
- Worldwide, an estimated 30.6 million people were living with HIV/AIDS as of December 1997, a figure that is projected to reach 40 million by the year 2000.
- Through 1997, cumulative HIV/AIDS-associated deaths worldwide numbered approximately 11.7 million 9 million adults and 2.7 million children.
- According to the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, "Only an AIDS vaccine can end the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- AIDS is killing more people worldwide than any other infectious disease. (1997).
- In 1997, 40 million people were living with the disease, and nearly all those will die within the next twenty years.
- 95% of all new infections occur in developing countries.
- Prevention has slowed the spread, but not arrested it.
- In South Africa, 10% of the population is infected with HIV. South Africa suffers from a death rate of about 600 to 1,000 people a day from AIDS related complications.

The majority of heterosexuals blame and condemn homosexuals for the spread of AIDS but the reality is that more than seventy-five percent of all adult HIV infections have resulted from heterosexual intercourse.

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. The aim is to simply present information that hopefully will help the reader come to their own conclusion, especially those who have been influenced to dehumanize homosexuals and lesbians by the collective consciousness of their generation (as I was), or who have been influenced by certain religious leaders to harshly judge, reject and condemn everyone to eternal damnation who is in a same sex relationship.

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