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Determining Sexual Orientation.

Same Sex Relationships.

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Determining Sexual Orientation.

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.

SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCHERS

Scientists and researchers have noted a possible genetic link to homosexuality, but these genetic linkages are not conclusive because they lack absolute predictive value, because complex human traits are often forged and influenced by a variety of factors including an interplay between so-called matters of nature and nurture, but their results do serve as a reminder of the complex nature of human beings. Studies by Dean Hamer of the National Cancer Institute on the X chromosome known as the Xq28 upon completing found that these genes do not cause people to become homosexuals, the biology of personality is much more complicated than that and further studies by other researchers found no connection between the pattern of the Xq28 and the homosexuality of his subjects.

Dr. Ronald Bayer author of the book, Homosexuality and American Psychiatry writes, some have exaggerated or misrepresented many studies in an attempt to prove that homosexuality is genetic, while others insist that homosexuality is developed after birth as a response to one's environment, but the truth is that we have no conclusive replicable research to prove either conclusion. However, most researchers have come to the conclusion that sexual orientation is likely determined by a complex interaction between a person's biological and genetic make-up and their environment. The American Psychological Association asserts that there are numerous theories about the origins of a person's sexual orientation; most scientists today agree that sexual orientation is most likely the result of a complex interaction of environmental experience, knowledge and biological factors and that in most people, sexual orientation is shaped at an early age.

THE SCIENCE OF HOMOSEXUALITY

In the past twenty-five years, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and the American Medical Association have changed their definition of homosexuality to that of a normal variant (like being left-handed) rather than as a disease. That is to say, for some human beings, a homosexual orientation is their natural state of being. This consensus has developed among a diverse group of scientists, health care professionals, and some clergy. Medical associations studying the science of homosexuality do not have an absolute answer or an adequate understanding of the origin of sexual orientation whether it is homosexual or heterosexual.

One of the reasons for this is that determining a biological role in sexual orientation is challenged by an appreciation of the many complex variables which combine to impact human sexuality. Nevertheless, despite the lack of absolute answers the evidence pointing to a biological basis for homosexuality is reasonable, sound, and should not be ignored especially since scientific research over the past five decades has given people more information about sexual orientation than any previous generation.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND UPBRINGING

Homosexuality exists in nearly every species of observed mammals and is in all likelihood irreversibly established in humans at a very early age (probably by age five). How genetics and environmental factors work together in forging homosexual orientation is unclear, but a genuine homosexual orientation is not a conscious choice furthermore as a phenomenon homosexual orientation is the natural state of being for a minority of human individuals. There is no evidence to suggest that homosexual orientation is caused by a history of childhood molestation or sexual trauma. In addition, research has not supported the contention that upbringing creates a homosexual person. The majority of homosexual people come from the same families as heterosexual people and therefore both, the homosexual and heterosexual person male or female are raised in similar situations. Widespread research on families has also consistently invalidated the once popular notion that overbearing mothers or detached and/or hostile fathers are the causes of homosexuality.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION, BEHAVIOR AND IDENTITY

The following definitions show that there are important differences between sexual orientation, sexual behavior and sexual identity.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Sexual orientation like gender, is that which human beings are in very early human development that is physically impossible to remove or alter.

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SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

Sexual behavior is that which human beings do to find sexual pleasure, sexual gratification and sexual fulfillment.

SEXUAL IDENTITY

Sexual identity is that which we tell others about ourselves, the following notes clearly shows the difference between sexual orientation, sexual behavior and sexual identity.

NATURAL, BIOLOGICAL OR GENETIC ATTRACTION

Those who through no fault of their own, who have been born with a natural attraction to the same sex, or for some biological or genetic influence at a very early age (probably by age five) have a very real sexual orientation deeply-rooted and imbedded in their nature, that is naturally attracted toward people of the same sex gender, which is not only their natural state of being, but is also unchangeable, because it is the natural disposition of the person, and therefore they cannot be sexually attracted to a person of the opposite sex, for such a thing would be repulsive and repugnant to them may confidentially admit their sexual orientation to an empathetic researcher, but for the sake of survival, tell everyone else, that they are heterosexual (especially in Christian communities since prejudices about homosexuality is more strident). For men and women in these circumstances their sexual orientation is homosexual, but their

sexual identity remains heterosexual. The pressure, disdain and hostility directed toward homosexual men and women from the heterosexual society forces them to live a double life and never being true to themselves, except for certain friends they can trust. Naturally many gay men and lesbian women find living in the closet and keeping their true-self hidden to be very stressful and unsustainable in the long-term, and in many cases will marry and have families in an attempt to comply with societal norms and standards, but many of these relationships end in ruin and heartache for the married couple and the children since one of the partners is living in a terrible lie.

THE SILENCE OF THE BIBLE

It appears that the Bible is silent on people who have been born with a natural disposition and sexual attraction toward people of the same sex; who are in a loving and caring relationship; are devoted to God and the Lord Jesus Christ; are not breaking any laws and are showing kindness to others, much like it is silent on masturbation, yet psychologists say that a great percentage of men and women of all ages commonly practice it sometime during their life, yet the Bible remains silent. With these facts in mind, it seems reasonable to suppose that whenever the Bible does condemn same sex relationships it is referring to heterosexuals who chose to be sexually active with each other. Added to this, they are always pictured in the context of those who deny God are violent and rebellious and in many contexts worship idols, which hardly fits same sex couples that are living true to the nature and sexual orientation they were born with or developed for whatever medical or scientific reason toward people of the same sex gender (homosexuals) in a committed loving relationship and who love the Lord Jesus Christ and do good.

A THOUGHT WORTH PONDERING

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When we reject, judge and condemn to eternal damnation those who love the Lord Jesus Christ purely because they are living true to the natural romantic sexual attraction they have toward people of the same sex gender, that through no fault of their own, they have been born with, or for some medical, biological or genetic reason developed at a very early age we maybe, at the same time placing ourselves in danger of bringing judgment on ourselves, since we all have dwelling within us our own particular sinful aberrations and dysfunctions, and not one of us stands before Christ free of sin, and not one of us is saved without God's abundant grace.

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.