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Bringing Hidden Things to Light



Psalms 78:2-4

I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter dark sayings of old... We will not conceal them.

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This Parables Bookshelf Newsletter continues the book *Push Back*.

Satan is a master at using language to further his deceptions. An example of this is in describing homosexual behavior as "the Gay Lifestyle." In truth, homosexuals are neither gay (meaning lighthearted and care-free), nor does their behavior promote life.

In this book statistics are cited revealing that homosexuals experience a far higher degree of depression and suicidal thoughts than heterosexuals. Rather than being "gay," homosexuality promotes selfishness, and those who are selfish are seldom satisfied. Consequently, homo-

sexuals are often afflicted with thoughts of dissatisfaction .

Homosexuals also know intuitively that their behavior is sinful, for God has given to all men a conscience which informs them of right and wrong. Although a person may sear their conscience by choosing to violate their innate sense of right and wrong, it is very difficult to get rid of that nagging voice that tells them their behavior is unacceptable to the God who created them. The voice of conscience can be either sharp, or dull, but in either case it can produce symptoms of depression.

Finally, the Gay Lifestyle is actually a Death-

style. Aside from the scourge of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases that afflict homosexuals in epidemic proportions, homosexuals are far more prone to use drugs illegally, and to engage in drunkenness. The reasons for this should be obvious. Homosexuals demand pleasure without restraint. This pleasure is not limited to the flesh's sexual urges. It extends to the use of mind and mood altering substances as well.

Because homosexuals are far more likely to suffer from depression, they often look for means to mask their feelings through drugs and alcohol.

Food for Thought

"The pleasure of sin is soon gone, but the sting remains."

Thomas Watson

"One leak will sink a ship; and one sin will destroy a sinner."

John Bunyan

Scripture Memory

Hebrews 11:24-25

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin...

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Push Back - Part Nine

Joseph Herrin (08-19-2013)



Aids Quilt - Each Panel Represents a Person Who Died of AIDS Related Illness

I want to turn in this study now to an examination of the reasons WHY homosexual behavior is contrary to the very essence of Yahweh's nature and the principles of His kingdom. Many Christians in addressing the topic of homosexuality have cited the various Scripture passages that reveal the mind of God relating to this behavior. Yet, very few have gone beyond this to explain why Yahweh has declared homosexuality to be "unnatural" (Romans chapter 1) and "an abomination" (Leviticus 18:22).

Although I do not believe it is absolutely *necessary* to understand the reason(s) that Yahweh declares some thoughts and behaviors to be righteous and others to be unrighteous, I do believe it is *beneficial* to seek after wisdom and to apprehend the mind of the Father. I have oftentimes meditated upon some specific behavior that Yahweh has declared to be

sin with the goal of understanding why Yahweh has forbidden it. For example, why does Yahweh condemn fornication, the sexual relations of a man and a woman outside of marriage? Was this merely a capricious judgment of God to test man's obedience? Is there any harm in such behavior? Does Yahweh simply want to deprive men and women of pleasure, for sexual relations are very pleasurable? (This subject is addressed in the book *The Marriage Covenant*.)

I do not have to know the answers to these questions to agree that Yahweh is just and right in declaring fornication to be sin. I acknowledge that He is the Creator, and I am His creation. Will the thing molded say to the molder "Why did you make me like this?" (Romans 9:20) Will the created being annul the judgment of his Creator?

Job 40:8

Will you really annul My judgment? Will you condemn Me that you may be justified?

There is no disrespect, however, in asking Yahweh to reveal to us the reasoning behind His judgments. I have frequently asked God to reveal to me His mind regarding certain behaviors that I might be a partaker of His thoughts. I want to detest what He detests, and to value what He values. If Yahweh sees something as "morally disgusting and abhorrent," which is the definition of the word "abomination," then I desire to perceive the behavior as He does.

I cannot think of any reason why Yahweh would be displeased with the petition of a son or daughter who entreated Him to open their eyes to see sin as He does. In explaining why homosexuality is an unclean thing in Yahweh's sight, let me begin by providing a Biblical definition of sin. There are seven different Greek words for sin in the New

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Testament. In brief, they are as follows:

1. *"Hamartia" = "To miss the mark," as in an archery competition, and therefore fail to receive the prize, or blessing. This is the general Greek word for sin, and is used 221 times. "Hamartia" encompasses the other 6 words for specific sins, in the sense that in all types of sin, we are "missing the mark." Example: Hebrews 12:1, KJV = "the sin (hamartia) which doeth so easily beset us."*

2. *"Hetteima" = "Diminishing what should have been given full measure." Example: I Corinthians 6:7, KJV = "there is a fault (hetteima) among you."*

3. *"Paraptoma" = "Falling when one should have stood." This one is actually an unintentional slip. Example: Ephesians 1:7, KJV = We have "the forgiveness of sins (paraptoma), according to the riches of His grace."*

4. *"Agnoeema" = "Ignorance when one should have known." Example: Hebrews 9:7, KJV = "the errors (agnoeema) of the people."*

5. *"Parakoe" = "To refuse to hear and heed God's word." Example: II Corinthians 10:6, KJV = "and we are ready to punish all disobedience (parakoe)."*

6. *"Parabasis" = "To intentionally cross a line." Example: Hebrews 2:2, KJV = "every transgression (parabasis) and disobedience (parakoe) received a just recompense of reward."*

7. *"Anomia" and "Paranomia" = "Lawlessness." Example: Titus 2:14 KJV = Jesus gave himself for us in order to "redeem us from all iniquity (anomia)."*

[Source: <http://www.biblefood.com/7wrdsin.html>]

In the beginning of this present creation, Elohim, the God whom we know as "the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit," spoke the following.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."

Let us therefore visualize man in the image and likeness of Elohim as the standard. It is the goal of our creation. The New Testament reveals that this process of creating man in the image and likeness of God is ongoing. It has not yet been completed.

Romans 8:29

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son...

The apostle Paul describes the bulls-eye toward which mankind has been directed.

Ephesians 4:13

Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.

This is a very high and lofty goal that is set before mankind. It is a goal man could not approach, or draw near unto, in his own strength, by his own wisdom, or abilities. We are guaranteed of arriving at this goal only because Yahweh has determined that we should do so. He has set mankind on the course to bear His image and likeness, but man has grievously deviated from the path.

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Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Whenever we deviate from the path, when we act or think in a manner that is not in accordance with Yahweh's image and likeness, we sin. Homosexuality is deviant behavior. It is an example of deviating from the goal of being conformed to the image of Christ. The Bible tells us this is so, but let us seek to understand how homosexual behavior is a departure from the character of God.

A characteristic of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that is both foundational to the divine nature, and immutable (unchanging) is that it is an expression of life. There is no death in the godhead. The apostle Paul provides the following insight.

I Corinthians 15:45

So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

"The last Adam" is a reference to Christ. The name "Adam" means "man." Christ is the last man in a variety of senses. He appeared in the form of man 4,000 years after the first Adam. Yahshua is also the goal of humanity, the perfected image which we are destined to bear. Christians are the firstfruits of

this work. They are the first to be partakers of the Holy Spirit, receiving within their beings the divine nature.

Satan is the adversary of God and man. He is working to corrupt, obstruct, and destroy the work of God. He deceived Eve in the Garden, and tempted the man to sin. Adam deviated from the thoughts and actions of Yahweh when he disobeyed the commandment of his Creator. Yahweh told Adam that on the day he ate of the forbidden fruit he would surely die. Nevertheless, Adam chose death. Men have been continually choosing death ever since.

We speak of this original sin as "the fall" of man. Like an arrow that falls short of its target, man fell to the ground. Symbolically, all men will fall to the ground and return to dust, for death is at work in man's members. We are all falling short of the will of Yahweh.

Sin is not only thoughts, words, and actions that deviate from the character of God, it is a force that holds men in bondage. When Adam sinned in the Garden, the principle of sin entered into his being. Through Adam sin spread to all of his descendants.

Romans 5:12, 19

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men... through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners...

From the time of Adam's transgression, man has been continually falling short of the image and likeness of God.

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Romans 3:10-18

As it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, there is not even one. " "Their throat is an open grave, with their tongues they keep deceiving," "The poison of asps is under their lips"; "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness"; "Their feet are swift to shed blood, destruction and misery are in their paths, and the path of peace have they not known. " "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Let us consider now one of the chief ways in which man has fallen from the original goal of his creation. The image of the divine nature is seen in Yahshua. He was God appearing in a body of flesh. Yahshua appeared to show mankind what God looks like when He indwells a body of flesh. We have read that Christ is a "*life-giving* spirit."

As believers, we acknowledge that Christ came to bring life to mankind. By his death on the cross and resurrection from the grave, He was able to impart life to fallen humanity. Even before His resurrection from the dead we see glimpses of the life-giving nature of the Son of God. On numerous occasions Yahshua raised those who had died.

Matthew 9:18-25

While He was saying these things to them, behold, there came a synagogue official, and bowed down before Him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus rose and began to follow him, and so did His disciples... And when Yahshua came into the official's house, and saw the flute-players, and the crowd in noisy disorder, He began to say, "Depart; for the girl has not died, but is asleep." And they began laughing at Him. But when the crowd had

been put out, He entered and took her by the hand; and the girl arose.

Luke 7:11-15

And it came about soon afterwards, that He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large multitude. Now as He approached the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Yahshua gave him back to his mother.

The story of Lazarus being raised from the dead is also very familiar to Christians. In these experiences we see that the essence of the nature of God is life. That which God touches is imbued with life.



John 5:26

For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself...

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John 14:6

Yahshua said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life..."

Hebrews 7:16

[Yahshua] has been constituted a Priest, not on the basis of a bodily legal requirement, an externally imposed command concerning His physical ancestry, but on the basis of the power of an... indestructible Life.

[Amplified Bible]

Yahshua not only has life in Himself, but He gives life to others.

John 4:14

"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Observe now how Elohim created man to share His life giving nature. In Adam's original state before his fall, he knew no death. Adam would not have known decay, corruption, or diminishment of his powers if he had not sinned. Man was alive, and in him there was no death at work. Furthermore, God created man to contain seed by which he might produce more life after his own kind. The first commandment Yahweh gave to the man and woman related to the spread, or dissemination, of life.

Genesis 1:27-28

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply..."



In the first chapter of Genesis we find a brief overview of the creation of the earth, culminating in the creation of man on the sixth day. We are told that God created man "male and female." This is all the detail provided in chapter one. Yet, in chapter two, we are given additional information that we might understand more accurately the relationship between the man and the woman.

Genesis 2:7, 15, 18-24

And Yahweh God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being... Then Yahweh God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it... And Yahweh God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." Out of the ground Yahweh God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. And Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which Yahweh God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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Yahweh created man first, then He created woman. The apostle Paul speaks of this in the following passage:

I Corinthians 11:8-9

For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake.

I Timothy 2:13

For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.

Why was woman created? It was because Yahweh declared that it was not good for man to be alone. He declared that man needed a helper. What was the chief thing man needed help with? Man was created to do the works of God. He was created to look and act like his Creator. Yahweh is a life-giver, and He intended man to also be a life-giver. Man could not bring forth life on his own. Man contained the seed of life, for in man is the sperm of procreation. The seed of life, however, needed a fertile and protected place wherein it might be nurtured and brought to maturity. This place, by Yahweh's design, is in the womb of the woman.



It takes male and female, working together, to bring

forth life. In this way humanity conforms itself to the image and likeness of God, for He is a life-giving spirit.

Advocates of homosexual behavior cannot change the fact that it takes a man and a woman together to produce life. Two men engaged in homosexual intercourse cannot produce life. Two women engaged in homosexual intercourse cannot produce life. Homosexuality, by its very nature, is sterile. It is devoid of life. It falls short of being a true reflection of the image and likeness of Yahweh.

That homosexual relationships are devoid of life is a profound truth that cannot be overemphasized. Mankind was created to be a reflection of his Creator. Yahweh designed His creation so that a man and a woman in a heterosexual relationship might bring forth life. This is a fact that homosexuality cannot overcome. A homosexual male may have thousands of same-sex partners, but his seed will never produce life. A woman in a lesbian relationship will never become impregnated with life from her same-sex partner.

Homosexuality is often referred to as “the gay lifestyle.” This description is false. Homosexuality is NOT a LIFEstyle. It is a DEATHstyle. The apostle Paul wrote of the deadly consequences of homosexual behavior.

Romans 1:27

The men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and ***receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.***

What is the “due penalty” for homosexuality? The Bible reveals that it is death.

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Romans 1:32

Although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Humanity cannot escape the judgment of the Creator. AIDS has been described as a pandemic, and a plague. Yet, it is at its root a behavioral plague.

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behavioral plague*

A recent report by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta stated that 1 in 5 homosexual and bisexual males in America are infected with the HIV/AIDS virus. David

France, in his recently released documentary *How to Survive a Plague* reports that every minute four people die of AIDS related illness.

In the New Testament, James describes the progression of sin.

James 1:14-15

But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

These words are an apt description of homosexual behavior and the sickness and death that it produces. The majority of homosexual behavior is the fruit of lust. James speaks of lust “conceiving,” yet we know that homosexual lust does not result in conception of life. Nevertheless, homosexual behavior does conceive. It conceives death.

GRID (Gay Related Immune Deficiency), later rebranded as AIDS, has led to the early death of millions of homosexuals worldwide. Even more tragi-

cally, homosexual behavior has led to the deaths of millions of other individuals who are not homosexuals. Some have been the innocent victims of contaminated blood transfusions, or babies born to mothers who were infected with AIDS.

The medical community and media have deceitfully argued that AIDS is not a homosexual disease. They point to the many drug addicts who are infected with AIDS by sharing tainted needles, and the large number of women, especially in Africa and third world nations, who are infected with AIDS. What they neglect to tell people is that AIDS was spread to these other groups by homosexuals.

Simon Fanshawe, an unabashed homosexual living in the U.K., produced a documentary in 2006 titled *The Trouble With Gay Men*. The film was broadcast on the BBC 3 channel, and explored the sordid world of gay men in England. In an interview with Simon Fanshawe, the following was reported.

Fanshawe, who was involved in the early homosexualist political movement, says, "We've fought discrimination and prejudice, only to wreck ourselves with drugs and wild sex."

In his documentary Fanshawe admits that the homosexualist movement has in the main achieved its political goals of equalising homosexuality with natural sexual relations, in abolishing laws against sodomy and creating legal equivalency with marriage and adoption. Given these achievements, Fanshawe asks, "Why do we seem hell bent on behaving like eternal teenagers?"

"We're hooked on vanity, and regard older men with contempt. Despite AIDS we're still chasing the ultimate sexual high and what's more are determined to wreck ourselves on designer drugs..."

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Gay men, he says, are so "hardwired" towards finding casual sexual encounters, some going as far as plastic implants to enhance their appearance, that finding genuine intimacy is "practically impossible."

"Vast amounts of our leisure time are organised around sex, straight or gay. But what gay men have done is organise our identity around sex. And that is corrosive. And to make things worse, promiscuity has become the norm."

The documentarian asks the proprietor of a gay sex bath house, "Paul," who had just related some graphic stories of group sexual encounters in the establishment, "Are we just swimming around in a sewer which we're just sort of saying is normal?..."

Fanshawe says he is horrified at the lack of emotional involvement and at the willingness of men to engage in "unsafe sex." The film includes statistics that show the deadly consequences of the homosexual lifestyle. One in nine gay men in London is HIV infected and new cases of HIV have doubled in the city in five years. Incidences of syphilis have increased in the same time period 616 per cent.

"Unsafe" sex, he says, is not the only way in which gay men are self destructive. "If there's a new drug, gay men will find it and take it," he states.

At one point Fanshawe interviews a homosexual man who has "done all the drugs" and now campaigns in gay clubs against the growing use of crystal methamphetamine. The man, who could not be identified for fear of reprisals from drug dealers, said that crystal meth is preferred in the gay community because it reduces the inhibitions and allows sex to be brought to an "animalistic" level "devoid of emotion." The film says that one in five gay men in London use crystal meth.

[Source:
<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/archive/ldn/2008/sep/08091011>]

Homosexual promiscuity and drug use go hand in hand. One person has aptly stated that gay sex is simply another drug. It is devoid of any personal meaning, and is simply a way to receive a temporal physical high. Homosexual men infected with AIDS, or HIV, share needles with drug users who are not gay. The drug users became infected from the contaminated syringes, and spread the disease to other drug users (male and female) as well as to their sexual partners. Many men participating in homosexual behavior also have sex with women, further spreading the disease to the female population. The women in turn spread the disease to their sexual partners, and to their babies.



Homosexual behavior is a culture of death. It is the antithesis of the nature of God. Rather than producing life, homosexual unions are sterile. Rather than being a source of life to others, it spreads death throughout society. In 1985 the media reported the story of Ryan White, a 13 year old hemophiliac with AIDS, who was barred from attending school in Indiana. Ryan became infected with the AIDS virus through a blood transfusion. Ryan died in 1990 of AIDS, an innocent victim of the death dealing lifestyle of homosexuality. Untold numbers of men, women, and children have suffered a similar fate as homosexual behavior has spread death

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throughout society.

AIDS has been contracted through tainted blood, through doctors or dentists with AIDS who infect their patients, and through improperly sterilized medical or dental equipment. In many cases, the people who spread the disease knew they were infected but failed to disclose their infection to others. Whatever their motive for remaining silent, they are committing manslaughter. Some are committing murder, for they intentionally engage in behavior that they know will result in others becoming infected. Many drug addicts, or homeless people who are infected with HIV/AIDS, have donated blood to blood banks when they knew they were infected. Others engage in prostitution, or consensual sex, not disclosing that they are infected. Others are ignorant of the fact that they are infected, but they know they are engaging in risky behavior.

Many men and women simply do not care about the lives of others. They are unconcerned about whether they are infecting another person with a disease that may kill them. The following account comes from a 2012 news article.

David Dean Smith from Comstock Park, Mich., a suburb of Grand Rapids, allegedly infected 3,000 men and woman with HIV -- on purpose, MSNBC reported.

Smith, 51, recently turned himself into Michigan police and claimed that he slept with thousands of people over a number of years with the intent of killing them by infecting them with the virus. Health officials from the Kent County Health Department have issued a warning that "hundreds of people have been exposed to HIV," and recommend people to get tested for the virus...

One of the two possible victims told a local Grand Rapids news station, WOOD-TV, that she has been HIV positive since Oct. 2008.

She met Smith through a personals ad on Yahoo! and says she instantly knew it was Smith who infected her...

"He hits drifters," she said. "He hits people who are young. He hits young women, and from what I understand, he hits men, too. Those are his targets..."

In a more notorious case, Gaetan Dugas, who was a Canadian air flight attendant and the alleged patient zero for AIDS, spread the disease to several victims before it was fully understood.

Dugas claimed to have slept with more than 2,500 people [primarily gay men] across North America since 1972...

In addition, a man in Texas was accused of having sex with an underage boy and was charged with aggravated sexual assault with a deadly weapon because he is HIV positive.

[Source:
<http://www.edgeonthenet.com/index.php?ch=news&sc=aids&sc3=&id=128732>]

That homosexuality is a culture of death is revealed quite vividly in a documentary titled *The Gift*. Louise Hogarth reports in her documentary of a growing trend among homosexual men to seek out partners who can infect them with HIV. The men seeking to be infected are referred to as "bug chasers" and the infected men they have sex with are referred to as "gift givers."

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SOMEONE IN THE U.S.
IS INFECTED WITH HIV

THE GIFT THAT
KEEPS ON GIVING

Spreading HIV/AIDS As A Gift

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SEATTLE - "I didn't know I was gonna change so fast. No one told me."

No one told him, said 21-year-old Doug Hitzel, that HIV will eventually kill him. It's something he wishes he did know before he got intentionally infected with HIV.

He's the focus of the documentary "The Gift": a study of a subculture of gay men who actively seek out getting infected with HIV-AIDS.

Some of them like Doug are now distraught and dying: HIV cocktails haven't worked for him.

Others interviewed in the documentary are unashamed and proud of what they did.

"Happy," said another young man interviewed in the documentary about purposely getting infected with HIV. "Relieved. I can breath again."

"They call themselves bug-chasers and they look

for an HIV positive man who's a gift-giver to give them the gift of HIV," said documentary filmmaker Louise Hogarth.

Hogarth's documentary, screened this weekend at the Seattle International Film Festival, attempts to show why this phenomenon exists. She says some gay men believe they're going to get HIV eventually anyway and seek out this "conversion" so they won't have to worry about it anymore. That, the documentary shows, allows them to participate in forms of sex that they otherwise could not participate in for fear of getting the virus...

"The Gift" shows how "bug-chasers" and "gift-givers" can be found on the internet: a phenomenon world-wide...

Hogarth hopes her documentary... will help change the way people, gay and straight, think about HIV: that despite a reduction in annual AIDS deaths that drug treatments don't work for everyone and that there is still NO cure.

"Partially the fault of the gay community or the drug community not showing what getting HIV means..."

A report earlier this year claimed that 25% of new gay male HIV infections could be blamed on this trend.

[<http://www.komonews.com/news/archive/4093766.html>]

In 1995 The New York Times reported that AIDS had become the leading cause of death among all Americans ages 25 to 44. By 2002 AIDS had become the leading cause of death worldwide among people aged 15-59.

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[Data Source: <http://www.amfar.org/thirty-years-of-hiv/aids-snapshots-of-an-epidemic/>]

Death is the “gift” that homosexual behavior has given to the world. Despite this truth, people in positions of influence and power, such as U.S. President Barack Obama, defend homosexuality as a normal and wholesome lifestyle, while lauding the great contributions homosexuals have made to society. Satan is a liar, and so too are the men and women who serve him.

A young homosexual male posted the following comment to a discussion forum.

Gay culture or Death culture?

I'm at my wit's end with gay culture. Promiscuity and unsafe sex are rampant and fueling the spread of HIV. Gay culture has returned to the culture of death that it was in the 80s.

There is a fatalism about it. Many of the gay men I meet nowadays believe that they are going to get the disease if they haven't already and have no desire to know whether they have the disease and are spreading it. Now over 40% of gay men who are infected don't know it. As my gay roommate puts it, "I don't intend to live to old age." Apparently he doesn't care if the people he sleeps with live to old age either. Even on Craigslist there are literally thousands of men seeking men for unsafe sex only.

What can you do about a culture that has become completely ambivalent to the disease it is helping carry and spread?

The antiviral medications that were hailed as the greatest innovation against the disease have aided

in its spread by focusing efforts towards treatment rather than prevention. The medications do not last forever and eventually people do succumb to the virus at a younger age than they would had they not become infected.

The only solutions I can perceive at this point are monogamy or celibacy. Either you don't have sex, or you only have sex within a committed relationship. At this point to be truly safe within a relationship gay men have to forgo unsafe sex with each other until both partners have been tested 6 months after their last sexual contact with someone outside the relationship. It can take up to 6 months for antibodies to show up on an HIV test.

I used to think condoms were an answer, but if you don't have one available, or you unwisely choose to trust the person you are with, then you still fall into trouble. The lack of spontaneity and the interruption of sexual activities also make condoms unattractive options. And then there is the difference of sensation.

What can be done?

[Source:
<http://forums.intpcentral.com/showthread.php?42998-Gay-culture-or-Death-culture>

Those who practice homosexual behavior have a choice to make. They can either accept the fact that they will likely become infected with a horrible disease and die at a premature age, freeing them to participate in unsafe sexual activity, or they must choose to abandon promiscuity. Homosexual behavior is like playing Russian roulette. A person who does so is flirting with death. A recent article in the online magazine *American Conservative* accurately stated the following.

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What kind of culture teaches that it's better to have an unfettered sex life than to, you know, live? A culture of death, that's what.

[Source:

<http://www.theamericanconservative.com/dreher/the-thing-speaks-for-itself/>]



Birth Control Pills

America became a culture of death in 1973. That year the Supreme Court declared it to be a woman's right to murder the child in her womb. It was the same year that the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from their list of mental illnesses, declaring it to be normal, and healthy behavior. America chose death over life.

America is choosing death over life in many ways. Birth control pills, and other forms of contraceptives, are also antithetical to the nature of God. Throughout the Bible godly women are consistently portrayed as desiring to bring forth life. Yet even in the church in America, women are seeking to engage in sexual activity while rendering themselves sterile. This is contrary to the nature and character of God, which is life-giving.

America has not been able to escape the consequences of her actions. A nation that has chosen a death is dying morally, spiritually, and physically. America's once vaunted economy and manufacturing might has been destroyed. The dollar is dead and the world is simply waiting for this fact to be

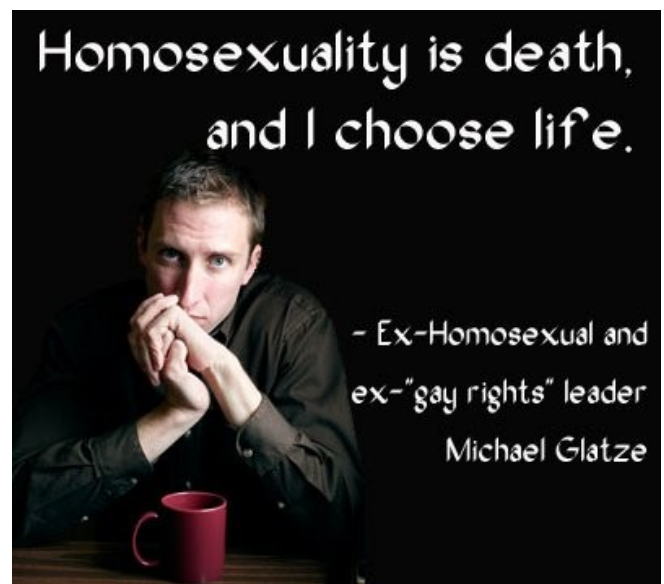
acknowledged. America is exporting death to other nations. She has killed more than one million Iraqi citizens in a war over oil. She is dealing death from above as she fills the skies with armed drones.

That America's leaders are promoting homosexuality as desirable is in keeping with their other policies and actions. A culture of death is spreading death within and without.

Homosexuality is NOT harmonious with divine life. Far from being conformed to the image and likeness of God, homosexuality is a manifestation of the spirit of anti-christ. It is antagonistic to life, and a bringer of death.

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Joseph Herrin (08-21-2013)



I have examined one aspect of homosexuality that is antithetical to the character and nature of God. It is sterile, devoid of life, and a spreader of death to mankind. It has been observed that Yahweh's plan for man is that humanity might be conformed to His own image and likeness. Yahweh is a source of life, and there is no death in Him. We are also told

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that Christ is a life-giving spirit. A very well known Scripture declaring the nature of Christ is the following.

John 14:6

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.”

In this post I want to focus on another aspect of homosexual behavior, demonstrating that it not only deviates from the “life” found in Christ, but it also is devoid of “truth.” In this series I have shown that many lies are being spread by the proponents of homosexuality. Two days ago, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie signed into law legislation that is similar to that which Governor Jerry Brown of California has made the law of his state. It is now illegal in New Jersey to offer change counseling to anyone under the age of 18 who identifies as a homosexual. I would like to examine a news report posted to the Fox News website on this new legislation in order to identify the lies that are being propounded. The article is titled:

NJ Gov. Christie signs ban on controversial gay conversion therapy

Published August 19, 2013

[Source:

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/08/19/nj-gov-christie-signs-ban-on-gay-conversion-therapy/>]

One of the implicit lies of this news articles is that Governor Christie has arrived at this decision on his own. Chris Christie is a puppet being controlled by unseen masters. Like the President of the United States, he follows the script that has been delivered to him. There is an unseen hand guiding Governor Christie’s policies. It is a work of deception to portray his legislative acts as something he arrived at independently after conscientious consideration.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

(For those unfamiliar with the depths to which Americans have been deceived about their government and who truly controls it, I recommend the book *Dragon Flood*.)

The article begins with the following statement.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie signed into law on Monday legislation that bars licensed therapists from trying to turn gay teenagers straight, though the Republican said in a statement he did so "reluctantly..."

"Government should tread carefully into this area," he said in the signing note, "and I do so here reluctantly."

The media is an instrument in the hands of a global elite to portray before humanity a deceptive image of the world.



It suits them to portray Governor Christie as a public servant who is concerned for the welfare of the citizens of his state. This image is a thin facade to mask the ambitious, self-serving motives that truly drive this man. There was no “reluctance” in this

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act. Chris Christie has sold himself to do the work of globalists who are pressing forward an agenda inspired by Satan. The apostle Paul pulls back the curtain and exposes the true character of such men.

II Corinthians 11:14-15

Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.

Governor Christie pretends to be concerned about the health of the young people in his state, and the media which is owned by the same global masters he serves, is complicit in fostering an image of a man who is acting on behalf of the people's welfare. The article continues:

Christie said the health risks of trying to change a child's sexual orientation, as identified by the American Psychological Association, trump concerns over the government setting limits on parental choice...

Christie said on "issues of medical treatment for children we must look to experts in the field to determine the relative risks and rewards," citing a litany of potential ill effects of trying to change sexual orientation, including depression, drug abuse and suicide.

"I believe that exposing children to these health risks without clear evidence of benefits that outweigh these serious risks is not appropriate," he said...

This series has shown that homosexual behavior is intrinsically unhealthy. Let Governor Christie go view the AIDS quilt the next time it is displayed in

Washington, D.C.. As immense as it is, the quilt represents only a fraction of the people who have died as a result of contracting this deadly virus that is spread by homosexual behavior. The number of young people who suffer depression, and attempt suicide, is far higher among homosexuals than heterosexuals. Drug use among practicing homosexuals is also higher than that of the heterosexual population.

Matt Barber, a columnist for World Net Daily, provided an analogy to reveal the dishonesty of the pro-homosexual lobby. After citing a recent CDC report that reveals that one in five homosexual males is infected with the HIV/AIDS virus, he states:

As the CDC has once again verified, if you affirm or defend homosexual behavior as "normal, natural and good," you also defy science. You're on the wrong side of history, let alone reality.

What is it about this particular PC-protected practice that causes so many otherwise intelligent people to become blinded blathering buffoons?

Let's say we had a group of people who defined their identity based upon a penchant for running headlong into brick walls. Oh, we'll call them, "Wallies." (Wally pride, baby!)

As significant percentages of Wallies began to drop dead, or suffer irreversible brain damage, do you suppose the Left would demand tolerance for such behavior? Do you think they'd begin handing out bicycle helmets in elementary schools, telling kids to practice safe walling? With liberals, anything's possible, but I'm more inclined to think that even the moonbat Left might agree that people tending toward such behavior would be best served to sim-

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ply avoid running headlong into walls altogether.

I don't mean to be flip (okay, maybe a little flip) but can someone please tell me why on earth the Left insists that we "tolerate" homosexual behavior while – as the CDC has once again confirmed – it continues to have results similar to brick-walling?

We throw paper-thin latex condoms at kids who struggle with same-sex attraction and tell them: "You're gay! Embrace who you are. Gay pride, baby!"

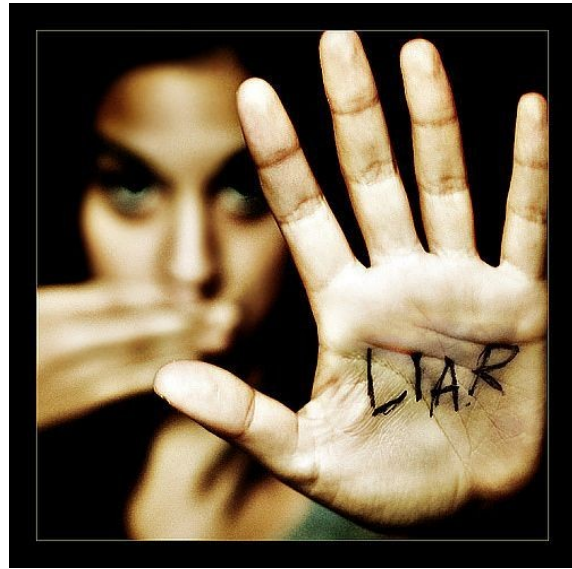
We push them out onto a paper-thin latex tightrope with a one-in-five chance they'll plummet to their death.

What in the name of all things sacred are we doing? One-in-five with AIDS? Seriously? If five people got into a car and were told that one of them wasn't going to survive the drive, how quickly do you suppose they'd scatter?

Unnatural behaviors beget natural consequences. Scripture admonishes: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23.

[Source: <http://www.wnd.com/2010/09/208869/>]

A very big lie is being spoken when men in government cite the health risks of changing a person's sexual orientation back to that which God created to be normal. Abnormal equals unhealthy. Unnatural actions lead to sickness, depression, and death. The human conscience informs an individual of the deviancy of their actions. Violating one's conscience leads to depression, for a person cannot feel good about themselves morally as long as their conscience condemns them.



It was sodomites within the American Psychiatric Association who removed homosexuality from the APA's list of mental illness and deviant sexual behavior. Yet Governor Christie would put greater weight upon the opinions of sodomite men than he would upon the word of God. Of course sodomites are going to say that it is unhealthy to try to change the sexual orientation of a homosexual. Yet, such a claim is an example of telling a big lie. Yahweh declares that turning away from unnatural and immoral behavior is the ultimate act of health, and it is life giving.

Ezekiel 33:11

“Say to them, 'As I live!' declares Yahweh God, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die?'”

James 5:19-20

My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

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James 5:14-16

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and ***if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.***

Governor Christie is espousing lies when he says that it is unhealthy to turn a homosexual away from their behavior. Satan is a liar. There is no truth in him. You will recognize his servants by the lies they tell and by their opposition to the word of truth.

The Fox News article continues:

The decision marks the third time this month that Christie has staked out a moderate position on a hot-button social issue as he seeks a second term in a Democratic-leaning state.

Christie found middle ground on medical marijuana for children when he agreed Friday to allow growers to cultivate additional strains, and for marijuana to be made in an edible form for chronically ill children. But he would not lift an oversight provision that could require as many as three doctors to sign off on a prescription.

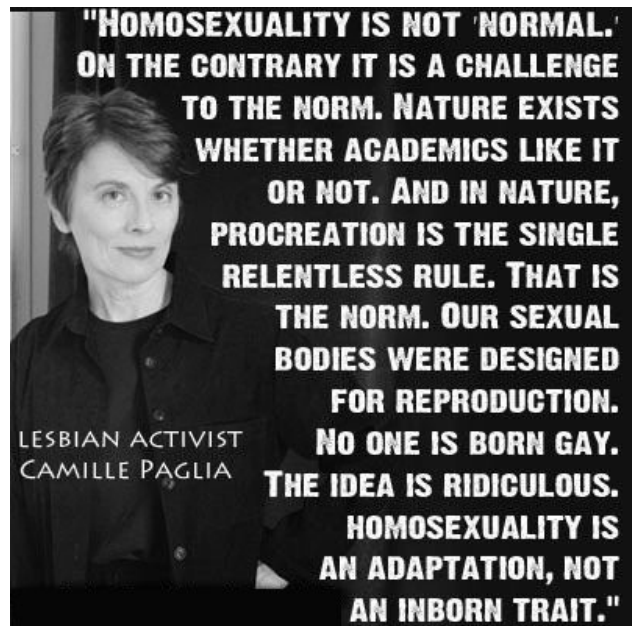
Satan is cunning like a Fox. Many readers will accept the characterization of Governor Christie's actions as "moderate," and a "middle ground." These words are intentionally used to defuse any criticism of his actions being extreme. The media masters would have readers to perceive the Governor's actions as mainstream, while depicting attempts to restore people to sexual normalcy as ex-

treme. There is nothing moderate about this legislation. It is radical in the extreme. It is a blatant example of rabid homosexual advocacy.

The article further states:

In signing the ban, Christie reiterated his belief that people are born gay and homosexuality is not a sin, a position he first stated in a 2011 interview with CNN's Piers Morgan. That view is inconsistent with his Catholic faith, which teaches that homosexual acts are sins.

Here are more lies, for men and women are NOT born gay, and homosexuality is a sin. Notice carefully that the view that people are born gay is described as a "belief." There is no scientific evidence that people are born as homosexuals. Yet, by referencing the APA both before and after this statement, the impression is given that there is some scientific basis for this false view. Governor Christie might be surprised, or dismayed, to know that there are members of the homosexual community who stridently deny that people are born gay.



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Camille Paglia, who is a practicing lesbian, nevertheless rejects the deception and outright lies that the media, medical, and scientific communities have used to advance the spread of homosexuality. Coming from a self-professed lesbian pagan, her scathing exposure of the lies of homosexual advocates is an anomaly. In her book *Vamps and Tramps*, Paglia shares the following statements. (My comments will be in parentheses.)

For the past decade, the situation has been out of control: responsible scholarship is impossible when rational discourse is being policed by storm troopers, in this case gay activists, who have the absolutism of all fanatics in claiming sole access to the truth...

In the Eighties and early Nineties, displaced anxiety over the horror of AIDS turned gay activists into rampaging nihilists and monomaniacs, who dishonestly blamed the disease on the government... AIDS did not appear out of nowhere. It was a direct result of the sexual revolution, which my generation unleashed with the best of intentions, but whose worst effects were to be suffered primarily by gay men. In the West, despite much propaganda to the contrary. AIDS is a gay disease and will remain one for the foreseeable future...

Homosexuality is not 'normal.' On the contrary, it is a challenge to the norm; therein rests its eternally revolutionary character. Queer theorists - that wizened crew of flimflaming free-loaders - have tried to take the post structuralist tack of claiming that there is no norm, since everything is relative and contingent. This is the kind of silly bind that word-obsessed people get into when they are deaf, dumb, and blind to the outside world. Nature exists,

whether academics like it or not. And in nature, procreation is the single, relentless rule. That is the norm. Our sexual bodies were designed for reproduction... no fancy linguistic game-playing can change that biologic fact...

ACT-UP won substantial practical victories in its mobilizations against the political and medical establishment, but its most crazed extremists also did enormous damage to the public image of gay men that will take a generation to undo. Flashed across the nation's television screens were contorted male faces, raging, ranting, bawling like infants - 'Me, me, me!'

Total attention and an instant cure were demanded, even though science had failed to find a cure for any virus, even the common cold...

ACT-UP's hysteria made me reconsider those vilified therapists and ministers who think change of homosexual orientation is possible and whose meetings are constantly disrupted by gay agitators. Is gay identity so fragile that it cannot bear the thought that some people may not wish to be gay. Sexuality is highly fluid, and reversals are theoretically possible. However, habit is refractory... a phenomenon obvious in the struggle with obesity, smoking, alcoholism, or drug addiction... Helping gays learn how to function heterosexually, if they so wish, is a perfectly worthy aim...

Heterosexual love is in sync with cosmic forces. Not everyone has the stomach for daily war with nature...

(Joseph's Comment: As a pagan, Ms. Paglia identifies the divine presence in, and divine order of, creation as "cosmic forces." Yet she rightly concludes that people must wage daily war to deny what is obviously the proper order of nature. This is

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the main reason why there is so much mental illness, depression, and drug use among homosexuals. The stress resulting from embracing an unnatural sexual order bears down upon individuals until many break from the strain.)

The sexual segregation of gay bars following Stonewall was bad for everyone. The men slid into orgiastic narcissism, and the women entombed themselves in a gigantic burrow, the clogged honeypot of lesbian feminism... Now that twenty-five years have passed, it's time to admit that lesbian feminism has produced only the ghettoization and miniaturization of women... Women never grow from the moment they enter the lesbian world. Hence one is deafened in bars by the juvenile whooping and hollering of packs of lesbians greeting each other like screeching teens arriving at a slumber party...

(Joseph's Comment: The charge of immaturity was similarly leveled by Simon Fanshawe, a male homosexual, who produced the documentary *The Trouble With Gay Men*. Fanshawe asked, "Why do we seem hell bent on behaving like eternal teenagers?" I think there is much more truth in Mr. Fanshawe's statement than he realized. Homosexuals are "hell bent" in more ways than one. Not only are they destined to experience a fiery judgment, but their lives are twisted by the very being for whom hell was created. Immaturity is a characteristic of all who give themselves over to a pursuit of sin. No man or woman can arrive at the fulness of the stature that belongs to Christ as long as they are pursuing immorality.)

When women withdraw from men, as has been done on a massive scale in lesbian feminism, we have a cultural disaster on our hands. In such a situation, men are divided from themselves and women simply fail to mature. Lesbian feminists, for all their ideals of sisterhood and solidarity, can treat each

other with a fickleness, parasitic exploitativeness, and vicious spite that have to be seen to be believed...

Today, when a freshman has an affair with another girl all the campus social-welfare machinery pushes her toward declaring herself gay and accepting and 'celebrating' it. This is a serious mistake... It is absurd to say that one, two, or more homosexual liaisons make you 'gay' - as if lavender ink ran in your veins. Young women are often attracted to each other during a transitional period when they are breaking away from their parents, expanding their world-views, and developing their personalities. To identify these fruitful Sapphic idylls with a permanent condition of homosexuality is madness, and the campus counselors who encourage such premature conclusions should be condemned and banished. They are preying, for their own ideological purposes, on young people at their most vulnerable.



(Joseph's Comment: In describing lesbian encounters as "fruitful Sapphic idylls" Ms. Paglia is revealing her aberrant personal view that homosexual experiences are beneficial. Nevertheless, she recognizes that the psychiatric and counseling communities are pushing a demented ideology upon youths who experiment sexually, by seeking to convince them that they are homosexuals, locking them into an identity that they are told cannot be changed. The author then speaks to the issue of lesbians in-

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creasingly employing sex toys modeled after the male body in order to stimulate themselves. She suggests that such women reject men for reasons other than sex, and they need to deal with the true root of their rejection. She reasons that if a woman is not antagonistic toward men, and is stimulated by toys modeled after the male sex organ, they might as well get a real man. Her arguments are quite rational and reveal a cognitive dissonance, and underlying dishonesty, among the homosexual community.)

Visiting the elite schools on my lecture jaunts I am struck by how the most militantly gay, Foucault-addled male students look like orphans, with 12-year-old Huck Finn clothing styles and haunted, starved eyes. My friend Robert Caserio says, 'Queer theory isolates them from reality.' This is one reason why gay studies in its current separatist form, must be opposed...

It is ridiculous to assert that gay men are interested only in other gay men and would never ogle straight men in barracks showers. When I heard this on TV I burst out laughing. Anyone who belongs to a health club knows better. Sexual tension and appraisal are constants, above all among gay men, who never stop cruising everything in sight. Seduction of straight studs is a highly erotic motif in gay porn...

Do we want the sexes forever divorced, in a state of permanent alienation? Lesbianism is increasing, since anxious unmasculine men have little to offer. Male homosexuality is increasing, because masculinity is in crisis... Current gay cant insists that homosexuality is 'not a choice,' ... but there is an element of choice in all behavior, sexual or otherwise. It takes an effort to deal with the opposite sex; it's safer with your own kind.

(Joseph's Comment: The author here touches on a subject that I believe needs further exploration. A leading contributor to homosexual behavior among both men and women, is an absence of true masculinity among males. Men are not living in conformity to Yahweh's design for men. They are failing at being the spiritual leaders, moral shepherds, and the defenders of truth that they were designed to be. Adam was not deceived in the Garden of Eden (I Timothy 2:14), which makes his participation in sin all the more egregious. His was a true moral failing. When men fall short of the image and likeness of God, they become less desirable to the soul of the woman. If Christ is the image of the perfected Bridegroom, the ultimate husband, then antichrist must be an undesirable image for woman. Those males manifesting this spirit would logically have less desire to enter into a holy and complete union with the woman, a union that includes, but transcends, the sexual relationship. The prophet Daniel describes one antichrist ruler in the following words. "And he will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women..." Daniel 11:37)

We should be aware of the potentially pernicious intermingling of gay activism with science, which produces more propaganda than truth. Gay scientists must be scientists first, gays second...

Midway through the AIDS epidemic, the media, having ignored homosexuality or treated it in a lurid manner, did a quick flip-flop under activist pressure and now continues its policy of unthinking cant by parroting the gay establishment party line on every occasion. Gay activists have earned a reputation as conspirators and casuists, because of their amoral tactics of deceit, defamation, intimidation, and extortion...

These are the words of a lesbian as she looks at the dishonesty of the homosexual movement with an

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insider's view. With charge after charge, she exposes the lies, fraud, and deception of homosexual advocates. Homosexuality is an altogether dishonest lifestyle. Homosexuals lie to themselves as they say they did not choose their behavior. They lie to one another and to the world as they say they were born homosexual and cannot change. They are disingenuous in depicting homosexuality as normal and wholesome when it is unnatural and unhealthy mentally, spiritually, and physically.

We are increasingly seeing the government and media act as the "intimidation, and extortion" arm of the homosexual agenda. By introducing extreme laws that even forbid offering counseling to a person who wishes to overcome same-sex attraction, the government is placing its jackboot on the necks of those who have rational arguments, and compassionate concern, for those who are held in bondage to a destructive behavior. The Fox article ends with the following statement that is intended to vilify all who disagree with the government's immoral and destructive policies.

Conversion therapy has increasingly drawn criticism for its methods. Last year, four gay men sued a Jersey City group for fraud, saying its program included making them strip naked and attack effigies of their mothers with baseball bats.

This is a further example of the deceit being employed to defend the actions of the pro-homosexual advocates. A more extreme, unorthodox, example of conversion therapy can hardly be imagined. Rather than providing an honest description of the practices employed by the majority of counselors, whether they be Christian or secular, Fox News chose an egregious example of bizarre methodology in order to defame all counselors offering conversion therapy.

Homosexuality is not only a culture of death, it is one of lies and deception. Homosexuality is championed by liars. Its claims are predicated upon fraud and deception. It portrays itself in a false light as people seeking wholesome and committed long term relationships. It stifles all honest discourse, and it is now criminalizing the proclamation of truth, even when it offered with compassion. The practice of homosexuality is altogether incongruous with the divine nature.

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The number 144 is well known in the Bible. In the book of Revelation the overcomers in Christ are numbered as being 144,000.

Revelation 7:4-8

And I heard how many were sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel: there were 144,000. Twelve thousand were sealed out of the tribe of Judah, 12,000 of the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 of the tribe of Gad, twelve thousand of the tribe of Asher, 12,000 of the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 of the tribe of

Manasseh, twelve thousand of the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 of the tribe of Levi, 12,000 of the tribe of Issachar, twelve thousand of the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 of the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 of the tribe of Benjamin.

As noted in an earlier newsletter, the number 12 denotes government. When a number is raised to the level of the thousands (as in 12 being raised to 12,000) it speaks of that which pertains to the heavens. These overcomers are those who rule from the heavens. They are those who sit down with Christ on His throne.

Revelation 3:21

He who overcomes, I will grant

to him to sit down with Me on My throne...

The number 144 is the product of 12 times 12. It is government perfected.

Oftentimes when I see the number 144 as I am going about my daily life, I am mindful that it refers to an overcoming **individual**. When I see the number 144,000 the reference is different as it speaks of the entire body of Yahweh's overcoming sons and daughters.

We should all make it our determined purpose to be numbered among the overcomers in Christ.