

HOMOSEXUALITY

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Since Harold Wilson's Labour Government of the mid 1960s, homosexuality has been legal in the UK. Previously, of course, it was illegal. It was a crime.

It was legalised in 1967 in England and Wales and in Scotland in 1980 and Northern Ireland in 1982.

Homosexuality is still illegal in 76 countries and in some countries subject to the death penalty. It is illegal in many Muslim countries and such countries include Sudan, Mauritania, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Homosexuality was previously also regarded as a mental condition. It was unnatural, unhygienic and people who indulged in such activity were considered to be mentally disturbed.

It was one of many acts which had the umbrella label of sodomy which is a term that encompasses a wide range of sexual activity that was potentially non-procreative and sodomy included any homosexual behaviour. Sodomy comes from the city of Sodom in Genesis 18 and 19 and is any non-vaginal copulation but sexual acts.

It was probably the Victorians with their advances in both science and medical science, their objection to Biblical teaching and the development of liberal theology that paved the way for the future acceptance of homosexuality.

Homosexuality is expressed as any sexual activity between people of the same sex. Lesbianism is sexual activity between women, but the word homosexuality refers both to sex between two men and sex between two women. There are gay people who may not have penetrative sex but still desire someone of the same sex and are lustful. The opposite of homosexuality is heterosexuality which refers to sexual attraction and activity between a man and a woman.

Some psychologists have said that 10% of people are homosexual.

In some churches homosexuality is now accepted. There are clergy, ministers and officers in some churches who are homosexual. And it is now regarded as discriminatory to criticise any one who is homosexual.

To criticise homosexuality may bring about a charge of being homophobic.

The word homophobic is an invented word. The ending of the word phobic is derived from the noun phobia and phobia means a terrifying and irrational fear of something, a fear which can cause trembling, uncontrollable panic and terror such as those who are terrified of spiders or heights and, consequently, scream, shake, perspire and may run madly away with cowered head and pounding heart. I cannot imagine that anyone is terrified of homosexuals or has a phobia of them.

There are homosexuals who condemn and disapprove of the man and woman relationship. But we do not call them heterophobic.

To add to the dilemma, many of us have friends who are homosexual and they are good people and we like them a great deal. They can be kind and thoughtful and it is quite true that there are men who are genuinely in love with another man and women who are in love with another woman and

desire them sexually. Lesbian women including schoolgirls wear short skirts and display their underwear to each other as an invitation to sex. As a schoolmaster I have seen this. Lesbians put on a toy penis to penetrate her partner and therefore take the male role. They also stimulate breasts and nipples, the clitoris and the anus as well as penetration.

There are many men who are not gay but heterosexual but who have a desire to see other men's genitalia and have other men's penises in their mouth. It is said that this is an expression of bisexuality.

We are aware that some boys and men become homosexual because they have no father or because they have been dominated by women. We also know women who have been so abused by men that they have become lesbian.

Scientists in America have spent millions of dollars trying to prove that a gene is responsible for homosexuality and that therefore this condition is genetic and, as a result, homosexuality cannot and must not be outlawed or condemned. In other words it is the way that some people are made, and, therefore, homosexuality is natural to them. Therefore, it is asserted that homosexuality cannot be, and is not wrong.

There is an irrefutable connection between homosexuality and HIV/AIDS. Gay and bisexual men are more severely affected by AIDS. HIV is transmitted by unprotected sex and particularly by anal sex as well as contaminated blood hypodermic needles and from mother to child. By 2009 there had been 30 million deaths due to HIV/AIDS and this figure is made up of 26 million adults and 4 million children. This is a pandemic.

Elsewhere I have written about the possibility of contracting AIDS from swimming pools used by homosexuals which is confirmed by some virologists and immunologists.

(See [AIDS and the swimming pool](#))

The suggestion that homosexuality is genetic presents problems. If homosexuality is genetic how is it that you can have twins and one is heterosexual and the other homosexual if they both have the same genetic material. But this issue is outside the scope of this article.

There was a boy in my class at school who wore nail varnish and some makeup. He acted like a girl and he brought to school pornographic magazines of nude men. Does this indicate some sort of mental disturbance? As an adult, many years later, he regularly purchased such magazines which were even more explicit in which men showed everything. He professes to be a Christian and excuses himself by saying that God made him this way.

He was found guilty of an act of gross indecency with another male in some public toilets and somehow escaped prison. The police actually caught them during a surveillance operation. On another occasion he was sitting in church with a fourteen year old boy with his hand rubbing up the inside of his upper thigh. He has a boy friend,

I was asked to visit a man on business and I sat on his sofa and he sat next to me and was very close and began to touch me. I left immediately.

I know a man in sheltered accommodation who buys as many magazines as he can of nude men and leaves them on a table in his room and visitors sometimes see them before he puts something on top of them to hide them.

Another Labour Prime Minister, Tony Blair, brought the age of consent for homosexuality down from the age of 18 to 16.

But the Bible, the Word of God, condemns homosexuality.

It is amazing how science sometimes sets out to refute Bible teaching. Some teach evolution and deny the Creator, Adam and Eve, sin and the need of a Saviour and therefore Jesus Christ, as well as the account of Noah and the Flood. The first eleven chapters of Genesis are thereby ridiculed. The Darwin theory of the survival of the fittest has been used to support socialist dogma and anti-Christian positions taken by Marx and Nietzsche. Comparatively recently, some scientists have said that if a young man meets a young woman on a day when both sets of hormones are high and they have resultant sex this is not immoral, fornication or adultery but a natural chemical reaction. It is, therefore, not sin. In other words, God is wrong again in His denouncing of natural sex and if a gay man meets another man on a day when their hormones were heightened then any resultant sex is natural. Again, God is said to be wrong and so both He and the Bible cannot be trusted and should be ignored and pilloried.

A man will leave home and cleave to his wife and they shall become one flesh says God in Genesis 2.

Sexual relationships are defined by God to be between a married couple, one man and his wife. Sexual intercourse makes that husband and wife one flesh. Becoming one flesh is achieved by sexual intercourse.

The passage does not say that a man will leave home and cleave to his male lover and have sexual intercourse with him and thereby become one flesh.

One of the Ten Commandments is Thou shalt not commit adultery (Exodus 20.14). Generally speaking adultery is sex between two people one or both of whom are married to respective spouses or partners and not to each other or both participants are single. But the Bible word for adultery also includes the word fornication which refers to any sexual activity between people who are not married. Two single people having sex is both fornication and adultery. Both fornication and adultery is condemned in the Bible. The apostle Paul says, "The body is not for fornication" (1 Corinthians 6. 13) and fornicators will not enter Heaven as it is written in 1 Corinthians 6. 9ff.

In Acts we are told three times to abstain from fornication (Acts 15.20 and 29, and chapter 21.25). Fornication is voluntary sexual intercourse by a married person with someone to whom they are not married.

People who live together and have a sexual relationship are fornicators and adulterers. Any sexual activity outside wedlock is fornication and adultery.

In 1 Corinthians 6. 9 there is a list of nine types of people who will not reach Heaven. They are not saved, not redeemed and not Christians.

Here is the list:

Fornicators

Idolaters

Adulterers

Effeminate

Men who abuse themselves with other men. That is homosexuality. Romans 1 26 refers.

Thieves

Covetous

Revilers

Extortioners

We must make clear what it means to be effeminate. It means having qualities and performing actions which are associated with women and is therefore not manly and is characterised by weakness. Whether one agrees with this, this is what the word means.

In homosexual acts, one man takes the male role and performs the insertion and the other takes the female role and receives the insertion being the effeminate party.

Clearly items 1, 3 and 5 refer to homosexual men and, as some homosexual men are effeminate, item 4 also applies. As to lesbians, items 1 and 3 apply.

Homosexuality is an abomination unto the Lord. The Bible says so. Consult Leviticus 18.22, 22.13, Deuteronomy 22.5., 25.16, Romans 1. 26ff, 1 Corinthians 6.9.

The New Testament makes it crystal clear that such people will not have eternal life in Heaven and so to claim to be both a Christian and homosexual is a blatant contradiction of Biblical truth.

Lot was a very confused man. In Genesis 19, he and other men with him were in Sodom. Men who lived in Sodom demanded of Lot that he hand over to them the men that were with him so that they may know them. The verb know is the same word used when we read that Adam knew his wife and, as a result, she conceived. To know here means to have sexual intercourse.

While Lot was incredibly foolish and indeed wicked to offer the men, his two virgin daughters for their sexual gratification he said that it was wicked for the men to want his male companions in order to have a homosexual relationship. It was natural for men to desire a woman but utterly depraved for a man to lust after and want sex with another man.

This is why we have the word sodomy in our language. Sodomy is another word for buggery which means anal sex. It is not only homosexual men who commit sodomy and buggery in that they have anal sex, so do some heterosexuals.

It raises a problem. If a legally married and happy heterosexual couple have anal sex is that against God's Word?

At first, the answer would appear to be yes. It is unnatural since it is not the natural use of woman as stated in the Bible. It is a lustful and decadent thing, no different morally than a man with a man or a man with an animal. But the Hebrews epistle states that the marriage bed is undefiled. Does that mean that a married couple, that is to say a man and wife, can or cannot have anal intercourse?

The incident in Genesis 19 may be dismissed as irrelevant as it is Old Testament.

There is another case similar to the Genesis story and so it is not an isolated case. In Judges 19. 22, which is very similar to the story in Genesis 19, certain men of Belial demanded of an old man of Gibeah that he bring forth the man that was visiting him so that they may know him. The old man refuses because that would be wickedness but he offers them his daughter and his mistress for their sexual gratification.

There is no excuse for his disgraceful suggestion but perhaps, like Lot, he was afraid of causing a riot and getting hurt himself. But the old man realised that it was natural for men to have sexual relationships with women and not with other men.

The book of Leviticus states in chapter 20 verse 13, "If a man lie with mankind as he lieth with a woman, both of them hath committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death".

To put this in common parlance if a man has sex with another man they have both committed a dreadful sin which is an abomination in God's sight, something utterly loathsome and detestable.

While it may be argued that the New Testament is more tolerant it must be remembered that God does not change his mind about sin. If it was a sin in the Old Testament it still is now!

God does not contradict himself!

But in Romans 1. 26 ff. we read, "Women did change their natural use to that which is against nature. Likewise the men who have the natural use of women burned in their lust towards other men; men with men is unseemly and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which (punishment) was meet (suitable and appropriate)".

The expression "natural use" is not degrading to women. Most women want to be mothers and the natural and normal way is by having sexual intercourse with a man. That is natural. It is normal. Therefore a man is to have the natural use of women to have sex and to have children. This does not mean that sex is only functional and solely to be used for the purpose of having children. Not at all. As we have said, the Bible states that marriage is honourable and the marriage bed undefiled (Hebrews 13. 4) but the verse goes on to say that adulterers and whoremongers God will judge.

But women who go both against nature and God's Will and have sex with another woman is committing a loathsome sin.

Whoremongers are not only prostitutes but anyone involved in promiscuity and what is now called the sex industry

There are some homosexuals who abuse little boys and are therefore paedophiles. We are aware of some women who are training little girls into prostitution and therefore they are also paedophiles.

Because anal sex is involved in homosexuality there are some homosexuals who proceed to bestiality which is sexual intercourse between a human being and an animal.

The Bible condemns this. In Leviticus 18.23, "Thou shalt not lie with any beast (animal) to defile thyself therewith; neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto".

It should be said that homosexuals involved in child abuse and bestiality are considered to be a small but increasing percentage.

The appalling HIV/AIDS epidemic is very grave. While this terminal disease can be transmitted by contaminated blood, dirty syringes and other carriers it is often caused and carried by promiscuous people and a large percentage of these are homosexual men.

One thing is clear. An epidemic is a plague. And God sent plagues upon peoples who disobeyed him. There were the plagues upon Egypt. There was a plague upon the children of Israel because of their evil (Numbers 14.37) and a plague among the children of Israel in which 14,700 died (Numbers 16.46).

Was God punishing persistent sin and disobedience?

Had they not sinned so grievously would the plagues have happened?

People blame God for the AIDS epidemic and, in addition, defend those who commit the sin of homosexuality and other sexual improprieties.

Society would rather condemn God than their sin.

It is grievous that some Christians including some fine Bible teachers are now questioning these issues. John Stott says, in effect, did the writers of the Bible know what they were saying? Were they competent to make such judgements? (Issues Facing Christians Today, page 312)

He then expounds the arguments that the Biblical writers were bound by their own experience and culture and suggests that the stories in Genesis 19 and Judges 19 were not sexual at all. The Biblical writers were prisoners of their own culture. He then argues on the ground of creation and nature and that a homosexual might say, "God has made me gay and so gay must be good." Some argue that homosexual practices are natural because it is acceptable and has been for centuries particularly in primitive societies and, further, in the Greek civilisation it was even idealised and because it is widespread in animals and using the theory of evolution assessing human beings are merely animals. They are not God's creation since evolution disputes the existence of a Creator. There is also the argument of the quality of relationships and it is said that some homosexuals are in loving and fulfilling relationships and that they all the better people for it. That is unquestionably true in many cases. But does that make it right? The final argument is that the Gospel says we must accept each other as we are and that the Gospel is for everybody and we have not right to judge.

Indeed we are not to judge each other but we have to know what constitutes sin because the Christian does not deliberately disobey God. The quality of a Christian is that he lives in obedience to the Word of God.

The apostle Paul says, "We are to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5.29).

That the stories in Genesis 19 and Judges 19 are sexual is so obvious as to dispel Stott's objections. If they were not sexual why would Lot and the old man of Gibeah offer women to the lustful men? The New Testament is also so clear as to be plainly obvious.

Homosexuality is wrong. It is sin. It is an abomination to God. God loathes homosexuality. Homosexuals cannot be Christians since homosexuals will never achieve Heaven.

We can produce all sorts of arguments which are reasoned and non-judgemental but if we argue against God's Word then we are sinning ourselves! Do we know better than God?

These are serious issues. Salvation is at stake. It also means that no homosexual should have any position in the church or associated organisations. (1 Timothy 3, Titus 2 etc)

On the other hand if the sinner repents and has no more to do with the specific sin (in this case the sin is homosexuality) then God will receive him gladly. But there has to be a definite turning away from the sin and a definite turning unto God.

Isaiah 55. 7 reads, "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him turn to God and He will have mercy upon him".

The Lord Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall perish". (Luke 13.3) It is as clear as that.

In December 2005 Tony Blair and his government introduced a law of civil partnership by which homosexuals can register their relationship and this, in effect, is gay marriage. And Tony Blair asserts that he is a Christian and yet his law is in contradiction to what God says.

In conclusion, I wish to state that I certainly do not hate homosexuals but I disapprove of homosexual acts.

We may all have loved ones and we continue to love them but disapprove of some of their actions such as drug dependency or alcoholism. We love them but hate what they do.

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I have been asked to make a few more comments and to emphasise and repeat others.

As we have said, homosexuality was illegal and, in fact, a crime until the mid 1960s. It was universally classified as a mental illness.

Harold Wilson and his Labour government changed all that , but Wilson was not interested in morals and sexual health but in getting more votes. As we have also seen, homosexuality is still forbidden in many countries.

Many insist that people are born gay and that it is genetic and not their fault. Mr and Mrs Jones had three sons together and therefore all of the same genetic material. Two became heterosexual and one became gay. Yet they all had the same genetic material and so one can only conclude that the gay man became gay by choice. Mr and Mrs Smith had twins... one was heterosexual and the other became gay... yet of the same genetic material.

Many gay men we interviewed ,who initially insisted that they were born gay, later admitted that this was a smokescreen to hide their guilt at being homosexual which suggests proof of this being a mental problem.

We have already mentioned sodomy.

Many men marry and have children and still insist that they were born gay. There is obviously something wrong with both their mind and thinking and so this is a mental illness or mental problem. However, a few men are later diagnosed with a brain malfunction, perhaps from birth, which is a mental health problem and, this being the case , they may have been born with the propensity to be gay. But that is a mental health disorder but most gay men will not accept this and become belligerent and irrational.

The world is full of gay men who at some time in their lives chose to be gay and they have admitted this to be true. We know of men brought up under petticoat government which government was both harsh and aggressive and they have understandably become gay. That is also a mental state because of the risks to emotional health and other pressures. I suppose the same can be said for girls becoming lesbian because of their ill treatment by men.

Harry is 70 and gay. He is also a Christian, so he says. He agrees that the Bible calls homosexuality both as a sin and an abomination but blames God for making him gay. He had sex in a public toilet with another man, went to court on a charge of gross indecency and got away with it.

Another example is of a gay man naked from the waist down in a tree in a public place masturbating with his vocal noises. That has got to be a mental condition.

There are health information and clear and detailed instructions for men to take before anal sex. The anus is not made, and does not exist, for sex. Many do not use condoms and HIV/AIDS counts for millions people worldwide being seriously ill and this disease is transmitted by gay men and, on a much lesser scale, by some other factors as well.

About 30 million gays up to 2009 have died of HIV/AIDS , and it is a preventable disease. It is a condition of disastrous and epidemic proportions. When you consider that so many homosexuals have died of HIV/AIDS and passed the disease on to others including innocent babies this is surely a case to make homosexuality illegal.

When I was a boy there was a boy in my class who always wore nail varnish. I know a man who is 80 and in a residential home who buys magazines of nude men.

A gay man I worked with in a professional office would not use the office toilet but take a ten minute walk to some public toilets and be gone for ages.

As we have said there are children born with HIV/AIDS and it is not their fault ! This condition is largely the result of parents being infected. Is this not another example of homosexuality being wrong ?

If one disapproves of homosexuality one can be called homophobic but what about the gay community who object to man/woman relationships ? Should we be calling them heterophobics ?

Some Biblical scholars advocate that the Bible condemns homosexuality for health reasons. The book of Leviticus is about health and hygiene.

Some gays claim that AIDs was made in a laboratory and released to cull the world's population. This is an excuse for their homosexuality and some gays have admitted this.

I know gay men who have friends who are all male but not necessarily in sexual relationships but delight in their company 2016 Many such men are fascinated by other men's genitalia. These men will ditch a friend who has been loyal and true because he is not gay.

It is said that a man can be in love with another man and a woman with another woman. Many have said that being gay is a fact of life and must not be criticized. It is up to people to make and act on their own choices.

However, in view of what we now know about AIDs and millions of deaths , was the UK right in making homosexuality legal?

Is there not a real case that homosexuality is a mental problem?

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