

Volume 2

Sex Is A Spiritual Act

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A Gay Gene?

A National Institutes of Health study authored by Dean Hamer reported the existence of a genetic marker ("gay gene") that predisposed people to homosexual behavior. This was good news to gay activist because they believe that scientific evidence of a gay gene would mean social acceptance of homosexual behavior. Shortly after the publishing of this paper, it was revealed that Hamer was a homosexual activist with an agenda of his own. Hamer's research was found to be flawed in both methodology and its basic assumptions. It was later shown that many of the gay men in Hamer's study did **NOT** have a gene that he said was linked to gay behavior. There is **NO** evidence that proves the existence of a **gay gene**.

Why? Because there is **NO** gay gene!

Genes have a function. They function to instruct special mechanisms within the cell to produce a specific protein. Some proteins help determine what activities will take place within the body. Sex hormones are proteins. The basic concept is this: A specific testosterone **gene** will orchestrate the production of a specific

Genes do not produce **decisions**, they produce proteins. The decision as to who you get in bed with and or what hotel you may go to is your **choice**. The gene does not make the choice of **who** you have sex with, **where** you have sex, **when** you have sex and or..... These choices are manifestations of your **free will**. How you **choose** to use the testosterone.....

What does exist is a gene that either makes you **male** or **female**. The gene that determines if you are male is called the Y chromosome and the gene that determines if you are female is called the X chromosome.

Gen.1:27

"male and female created He them".....

Genes do **not** produce homosexual behavior or heterosexual behavior for that matter. **Behavior is a function of a free will that exercises the power of choice**. The gene may produce the hormone that may make you feel like "doing it", but if you are in right relationship with the God of the Bible, you will **choose** to "do it" the Bible way, within the confines of covenant marriage.There is **NO** gay gene!

Chapter 5

Homosexuality & The Church

Lev.18:22

Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

Rom. 1:27

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

This chapter is **not** being written to:

1. "Bash" practicing homosexuals (gay bash).

I am not interested in "bashing" anyone. My job is to present biblical truth, and focus this truth upon the sexuality issue. In presenting truth, we are often compelled to take an uncompromising stand on the issues.

2. Convince homosexuals to stop practicing homosexuality.

I have found that people are going to do what they want. In such cases, it is not my intent to try and convince people against their own will. People have a God given, God ordained right to make personal choices. My job is to **warn** people of the spiritual consequences of those choices.

3. Make a political statement about homosexuals or homosexuality.

I have very little interest in politics. I am not a politician. I am a Veterinarian by profession, a scientist by training and a preacher by calling. Herein lays my motivation, to preach and proclaim the life changing, sin purging Gospel of Jesus Christ. I realize that the issue of homosexuality has, over the years, become a political issue as homosexuals have sought to gain legal status for their life-style choices. Be that as it may, I am still compelled to call sin, sin; even at the expense of being called a homophobic bigot and "politically incorrect".

4. To stir up hatred against homosexuals.

It is not my desire to stir up hatred toward the homosexual anymore than it is my desire to stir up hatred toward the prostitute, adulterer, pedophile or fornicator. As a preacher of the Gospel, if I preach against adultery, does that mean I want people to go out and kill adulterers? If I preach that prostitution is a sin, does that mean that I want people to go out and start killing prostitutes and their "Johns"? Of Course Not! The intent is to communicate the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who see the need, and want to change.

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind: it is abomination".

A homosexual is a person who has sexual relations with other individuals of their own gender. The word homosexual is composed of the prefix "homo", which means same, and sexual. The literal meaning, "same sex". One of the words used to describe Jehovah's disdain for this particular practice is "abomination". The Hebrew word here is toebah (Strong's 8441). This word is often used to describe the kind of activity that is rooted in the worship of false gods. Homosexuality was a common practice in the worship of Baal.¹

New Testament Perspective:

Lesbianism

The term, homosexual, applies to both males and females who are sexually intimate with individuals of the same gender. For female homosexuals, the term **lesbian** is used. This word is also of Greek origin. The Greek poetess Sappho, who lived around 600 B.C. wrote sexually explicit poetry to women. Sappho lived on the island of Lesbos, from which the term lesbian (female homosexual) is derived.

The Apostle Paul wrote,

Rom. 1:26

"For this cause God gave them up to **vile affections**: for even the women did change the natural use to that which is **against nature**."

Paul characterizes the practice of lesbianism (women having sex with women) as a "vile" affection. Vile is "atimia" (Strong's 819). It means shameful, disgraceful and or dishonorable. These are those inward passions or impulses that dishonor God's original intent for humanity. From the New Testament, biblical perspective, homosexual practices are (vile), shameful, disgraceful and dishonorable.

Even though Paul is a man of great intellectual capacity, his argument in condemning the sin of lesbianism is not an intellectual one. He condemns this activity on the basis of what is universally accepted as "natural" law. Simply stated, it (homosexuality) is not natural. It is not consistent with the Divine laws that govern the natural universe. In the natural order, males were designed to sexually engage females for the purpose of reproduction.

This natural principle is found throughout the animal kingdom. If this practice (homosexuality), was to be universally adopted, life on earth, as we know it, would cease. In lesbianism, the woman's physical body is used in a manner that it was not designed for.

Paul is saying that the female (sex organs) are functioning in a way that violates its physical and natural design. This unnatural change in function is, "against nature."

"Against Nature"

The Bible teaches that homosexual-lesbianism activities are contrary to the natural order. This behavior opposes nature's scheme. The word nature, as used here is "phusis"(5449). It literally means to "germinate", grow, (grow by germination) or natural production.

"Germination" is the growth and development of a "seed" after it has been planted. Paul is alluding to the fact that a woman's body was designed to :

1. be impregnated with a man's "seed",
2. nurture and nourish that seed
3.

God designed and equipped the woman with the "tools" that would allow implantation, growth and development (germination) of her husband's seed. This "growth" or "germination" process cannot take place when two women are having sex. It is not nature's design or intent. Paul's argument is clear, if every woman engaged exclusively in lesbian practices, there would be no "germination" or "growth" of the human population. This life-style would lead to the universal annihilation of the human race. This life-style choice is a choice that people have a right to make, but clearly, Bible doctrine does not support or encourage this choice.

Paul's argument is simple, yet irrefutable. This 2000 year old argument is so effective that the homosexual community began to adopt it themselves when they proclaimed that homosexuals were "born" that way. There are those that would have us believe that sexual orientation is a matter of "genetic destiny" and not a matter of choice. These proponents say that homosexuality/lesbianism is as "natural" or as normal as heterosexuality.

20 years ago, the gay community successfully argued that sexual orientation was a life-style "choice". More recently, the gay community has insisted that homosexuality was a genetically inherited trait, and not a "choice" after all.² The gay community takes the argument a step further; since homosexuality is a biologically inherited trait, homosexual behavior should have legal protection under the law. [Natural law confers statutory law.] Even though there is no scientific evidence of the existence of a "gay gene", there are those who continue to use "nature" in defense of their life-style choice. Paul's argument against lesbianism still stands as strong today as it did 2000 years ago.

Rom 1:2

...."for even their women did change the natural use into that which is **against nature**".

The Effeminate & The Abusers: Unseemly Behavior

Rom. 1:27

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

1 Cor. 6:9

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor **effeminate**, nor **abusers of themselves with mankind**,

Homosexuality is abandonment of the natural male/female sexual relationship to engage in unnatural sexual intercourse with another male. Once again, Paul speaks of the "natural use" of the woman, making reference to the physical design of the woman. God designed the female vagina to accommodate the male penis. It is the natural order and basis for male-female sexual relations.

In the same manner, Paul asserts that men followed suit in their pursuit of same sex relations even as the women had done. Paul classifies male on male sex in the same category as female on female sex... "vile affections".

"...leaving the natural use of the woman...." Rom.1:27b

Men forsook or rejected the natural use of the woman. This rejection is rooted in fallen man's rejection of God Himself. The word that Paul uses "natural", is an interesting word. In the Greek it is *phusikos* (Strong's 5446) meaning physical, inborn or instinctive. It has to do with those patterns of behavior that do not have to be taught or instructed in order to be learned. These are those naturally acquired behavioral patterns.

The key thought is that God, in the creation, "wired" a man to sexually desire a woman. A woman was designed in such a way as to attract and captivate a man spiritually, emotionally and physically.

These instinctive, inborn propensities are responsible for the male and female courtship and mating patterns. It should be pointed out that **a man was not (born instinctively) "wired" to sexually desire another man.** Many who practice homosexuality claim that they were "born" that way. This position is unbiblical, unscientific, and unnatural. The fact of the matter is this, **we were all born sinners, but we "choose" the sin that appeal to our fallen humanity.** Homosexuality is one choice among many sins that a sinner may or may not choose to practice or commit.

What does Paul mean when he speaks of the natural use of the woman? In this case he is specifically addressing the issue of sexual intercourse and the design of the woman's body to be employed for this purpose which includes; conception, gestation and lactation. Paul speaks of the "use" of the woman, not "abuse" of the woman. The word woman in the Greek is "thelus" (Strong's 2338). The prefix "thele", means nipple or to give suck. In using this word Paul is making reference to the God given ability of the woman (mature female) to birth forth life and sustain that life. It also speaks of the anatomical and biological differences that God has ordained in man and woman from creation. The homosexual act may produce an orgasm, but it cannot produce a human life, and it will never glorify God the creator who designed sex with reproduction in mind.

By rejecting the natural course of human sexual relations, the homosexual rejects:

1. God's spiritual law
2. God's natural law
3.

....."burned in their lust one toward another". Rom.1:27c

The word "burned" used here is *ekkaio* (1572). It means to inflame, to kindle, to set ablaze or to set on fire. This is an important word that gives us significant insights into sexual sin in general, and homosexuality, in particular. The word is *ekkaio*, the prefix "ek" meaning outward or outside and "kaio" meaning to set ablaze or to set on fire. The prefix "ek" is significant because it denotes the origin of the "fire". The sin of homosexuality is kindled (initiated) by external factors. In other words, it is **not** innate, or something that you were **born with**. It is a behavior that you have **learned or acquired** at some point **after** you were born. Many people will testify that an older individual initiated them into homosexuality, often times when they were young, vulnerable and impressionable. They were initially "set ablaze" (*ekkaio*) by external forces that have, over a period of time, developed into personal life-style choices. In fact, there are those sexual-reorientation therapist who report high rates of molestation in the early childhood of their homosexual clients.⁴

We don't fully understand why people make the choices that they make, but we do know that sexually abused children are more likely to become an abuser in adulthood.⁵

The word "lust" is orexis (Strong's 3715) in the Greek. It means "excitement of the mind". All sexual sin and perversion, including homosexuality, is often initiated and perpetuated by the continuous exposure of the mind to those elements that propagate illicit sexual behavior. This is why it is so important to avoid pornographic and sexually explicit material that is designed to incite lust.

..... **"men with men working that which is unseemly"**. Rom.1:27d

Men engaging in sodomous activity (i.e. oral / anal sex). The Greek word for man is "arsen". In ICor.6:9 Paul uses the word arsenokoites to describe male homosexual activity. Arsenokoites is a graphic depiction of a man who

II Thess.2:11-12

And for this cause God shall send them strong **delusion**, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Spirit Of Deception: 1Cor.6:9

In 1Cor.6:9 Paul explains that sexual sin, including homosexuality, is rooted in deception.

"Be not deceived."

The word deceived used here means; to be swayed by false impression, delusional (in one's) thinking, or to mentally stray. Sexual sin is one of the most powerful tools of deception there is. When one is under the influence of a spirit of homosexuality, they are greatly deceived. This level of deception is so dangerous because the one being deceived has reached a point whereby their ability to reason (properly) has apparently, malfunctioned. You see, deception has little to do with **what** you see. It has to do with your ability to correctly **interpret what you see**. The deceived is unable to reason and come to the proper conclusion, after thorough inspection of the factual realities. It is difficult to convince the deceived differently because of an apparent malfunctioning of reasoning capacity. To the deceived, up becomes down, wrong becomes right, good becomes evil and darkness is light. In the case of the homosexual, sodomy with another man becomes a perfectly normal, healthy and legitimate alternate "sex-style". It is one thing to commit sin covertly, but to commit sin openly, and boldly proclaim how proud you are in doing so, is deception at its worst.

Among the ancient Greek and Roman elite, Homosexual love was considered to be on a higher spiritual plane than heterosexual love. Pederasty, sodomy between an adult male and a young boy, was openly practiced by a number of Roman emperors, including Nero.⁷ Throughout ancient Greece, Sparta and Rome, there were public laws sanctioning pederasty.⁸

In a recent article published by the American Association Of Psychologist (APA), the claim was made that adult-child sex with willing children may not be harmful, **and may even be beneficial.**⁹

When Paul wrote the book of I Corinthians, not only was there a temple in Corinth dedicated to Venus (Aphrodite), the goddess of sexual love,¹⁰ but there was also a temple dedicated to the god Apollo, where male homosexual prostitutes were employed for those who would engage in homosexual acts. The sin of homosexuality was by no means confined to the Greco-Roman world. It was practiced, generally in association with idol worship, the world over.

1 Tim.1:9-10

Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, **for them that defile themselves with mankind**, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

In each of these passages, the Apostle Paul uses explicit language to describe those who engage in the homosexual act. I believe that he does so to leave no doubt in the mind of the reader, present and future, as to what he is talking about. For example, in ICor.6:9 he uses the words "effeminate" (Gk. malakos) and "abusers of themselves with mankind" (arsenokoites). Those who translated these words from the original Greek really toned down the force of language that Paul was using. In a sense, many in our culture would find Paul's language to be quite offensive. The "effeminate" is the man who