

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO THE LGBT MOVEMENT (PART 3)

Introduction – The LGBT movement is seeking the normalization of these behaviors, and the right to marry. They want to legally define all opposition as hate speech that could be prosecuted in the courts to silence contrary opinions.

- A. Proponents of the LGBT community have three main ways they try to answer the traditional biblical understanding.
 - 1. They assert that the Bible never contemplated same sex mutually consensual love in a monogamous marriage.
 - 2. They believe that the biblical prohibitions are directed against heterosexual people choosing to engage in LGB behaviors.
 - 3. They also think the biblical prohibitions reflect the cultural views of what the ancient world considered natural, gender honoring, and socially acceptable. (They compare it to the issue of slavery.)
- B. The ancient world was not unaware of same sex attraction. Many accepted the Greek practice of men having sex with boys. Emperor Nero married a young male lover.

Romans 1:20-25

Romans 1:26-27

Romans 1:28-2:4

- C. The modern theories of the origin of LGBT attraction.
 - 1. The cause is seen as biological in nature.
 - a. The scientific consensus is that none of the research has proven a biological link. ([The Complete Christian Guide to Understanding Homosexuality](#), editors: Joe Dallas and Nancy Heche)
 - b. If there is a biological predisposition toward these sexual attractions, then it is not determinative of our behavior (example of alcoholism).
 - 2. Psychological or Family System Origins
 - a. Male and female homosexuals generally have not properly bonded with their parent of the same sex, or they experienced too close a bonding with the parent of the opposite sex.

- b. These behaviors are seen as a sexualizing of an emotional need for intimacy.
 - c. Our adolescence is a time when we experiment with various roles in search for a personal identity. This can result in many false identities and dysfunctional behaviors.
3. Sexual abuse as a child or adolescence can result in role confusion, which can lead to LGBT identity.
 4. Interactive origins suggest that it is a combination of the above areas, which is unique to each individual.

Conclusion – One should be skeptical of any supposed new truth (various rationalizations for justifying LGBT behaviors), that has no known history and claims to be the absolute truth on any subject. The Bible and the ancient societies are aware of these sexual sins and God offers hope for those struggling with it.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Discussion Questions

1. What explanations for the origin of LGBT attraction make the most sense to you?
2. How would you explain your view on LGBT behavior to an inquiring mind?