

## **THE GAY MARRIAGE DEBATE: THE OMISSION OF TRUTH**

As I listen to the gay marriage debate swirling about us I am struck by the lack of facts being injected into that debate. On one side we have some saying emphatically “God hates fags”, which has absolutely no Biblical support, while on the other side we have some saying “homosexuals are born that way”, which the objective research clearly contradicts. I would think that in an educated society such as ours we could lock the two smartest people on either side of this issue in a room and have them come to some consensus on the *facts* just prior to the first bathroom break. But this appears not the case; I suppose the politics gets in the way. So it is up to us, the great unwashed ‘ignorant’ masses, with our prejudices and biases to sift through the information on our own and come to some conclusions which will in turn allow us to make up our own minds about this whole ‘gay marriage thing’.

For those who claim some allegiance to the teachings of Christ, to even utter that “God hates fags” is perfect self-contradictory nonsense. The Bible explicitly teaches we are not to hate but to love one another. God clearly hates sin, whether it is the sin of lying, stealing, or homosexuality, but He does not hate sinners. Follow this simple logic. By saying that “God hates fags” is to say that to hate another human is good. But God says to hate another is sin and sin is bad. By that reasoning bad would be, well, good. Let’s remember, there is no gay gene but there is *almost* certainly an ‘ignorant’ gene. So if one claims allegiance to the Gospel of Christ but asserts that “God hates fags” one may in fact be living proof of such a gene.

To those activists on the other side who say that gays are born that way and therefore may lay legitimate claim to any and all rights and privileges heretofore reserved to heterosexuals, including marriage, I would say you are dishonest at least and cruel at worst. Do you not think that with all that man knows these days about the human genome something as important as how we perpetuate ourselves as a species would present itself with at least a modicum of clarity? Furthermore, by repeating the lie that a homosexual is “born that way” does a great and harmful disservice to those individuals who are struggling with homosexuality and want to separate themselves from the behavior. How dare you take all hope of change from those who seek it? God made us and God can change us. If *you* do not want to change, so be it. But do not distort the fact that many seek change and many do change. If homosexuality is genetic and immutable, how is it that so many people leave the lifestyle and live as happy and satisfied heterosexuals? (ref. [www.lovewonout.com](http://www.lovewonout.com)) And to you activists who liken your cause to legitimize homosexuality to the civil rights movement in this country; when one *is* an African-American there is nothing one can or should do about it. To *be* a homosexual, one must *do* something.

And to those who cruelly dismiss a homosexual by telling him or her to just stop the behavior I say, please don’t. It is not realistic and it certainly is not helpful. As with any addictive behavior, homosexuality becomes an integral part of one’s life and becomes a permanently ‘hardwired’ part of one’s brain. One would have as much success in asking an alcoholic to just stop drinking or a drug addict to stop getting high. It is not that simple and it certainly is not that easy. The healing change begins only when the individual decides to change and those around him or her support that decision. But as with drunkenness and drug addiction if the individual does not want to change or those around him or her do not lend support, the healing process cannot even begin.

In this debate, as in any, truths based on facts must always form the foundation of any discussion. Opinion and speculation have no place at the table. When one says “God hate fags”, that is only opinion. When one says “I was born homosexual”, that too is opinion no matter what that individual ‘feels’.

Contrary to public sentiment, which itself is but opinion, there is absolutely no evidence that homosexuality is genetic or immutable. To the contrary, the evidence is clear; homosexuality is behavior and is therefore a product of many influences. (<http://www.narth.com/docs/senatecommittee.html>)

So as I endeavor to find the truth on this, I ask myself what in fact I have learned. The answers are clear: First, God loves any and all homosexuals more than I could ever love my own two precious children, so who am I to judge them? I also know how Christ dealt with those who judge others and those who are judged by others. To the 'judges' he said "Let him that is without sin among you cast the first stone." But to the accused he said, "Go and sin no more." Second, homosexual behavior is neither genetic nor immutable. For one to say that he or she was born homosexual is no more defensible than for another to claim to be born a pedophile, a thief, or a pyromaniac. It is simply behavior. Behavior that finds its genesis in a matrix of sometimes complex and varied influences. Behavior that is difficult but not impossible to stop. Behavior that if left to run its course in our society will contribute immeasurably to the destruction of that society.

What then must we do about this issue of gay marriage? Do we pass laws to make it legal, or do we ignore it and hope it will just go away? Well, I know one thing; it is not going to go away so deal with it we must. The first thing that must be done is to marginalize the extremists on either side - the gay bashers on one and the gay activists on the other. The bashers, those who have neither understanding of nor sympathy for their fellow humans, contradict themselves every time they open their mouths and are therefore easy to de-legitimize, even ignore. The activists on the other side are far more intelligent, creative and organized and are therefore impossible to dismiss. They are the ones who sponsored legislation in Europe and Canada making it illegal to even have a debate on the merits of homosexuality. Indeed, clergy and others there have been imprisoned for even suggesting that homosexuality is something other than innate, normal and acceptable. They are the ones who silence and brand as homophobes anyone who disagrees with them; anyone who engages them in meaningful and reasoned debate. They are the ones who live by the axiom that a lie often repeated will be believed by the masses, and the greater the lie the more apt it is to be believed.

We as a society must recognize homosexuality as either beneficial or destructive to our society. It must necessarily be one or the other. Nothing as important as how we perpetuate ourselves as a species, or as creations of God, can be neutral or benign. So before we can deal with the 'gay marriage thing,' we must deal with homosexuality itself. That is, if homosexuality is beneficial to our society then we are compelled to not only endorse it but to promote it. But if it is harmful then we must also *do* something, and that here is the rub.

Societies are defined in large part by the constraints they place on behavior, sexual behavior included. Furthermore, societies stand or fall, prosper or languish, based upon how successful they are in defining and controlling behavior, especially destructive behavior. Successful and prosperous societies do not allow unrestrained theft, murder, breach of contract, pedophilia, or any other sexual deviancy. When constraints are lifted on these and other behaviors prosperity suffers and society itself begins the downward spiral to collapse, or at least to insignificance.

The institution of marriage is the single strongest constraint all successful societies have placed upon sexual behavior, serving then as the greatest barrier in protecting our society. Marriage is not just a contract between two people; it is the single greatest bond between a man and a woman for the purpose of building our society and perpetuating our kind. When that bond is violated, nothing good comes of it. Marital infidelity yields broken hearts, broken children and financial ruin. Therefore, the current attempt to redefine marriage by homosexual activists is nothing less than a full frontal attack on our society. How

can we bemoan heterosexual marital infidelity or even divorce when the very institution of marriage itself is being redefined to meaninglessness? How can we remain faithful to something that really no longer exists? When marriage is redefined it becomes and means precisely nothing. When marriage fails our society fails and all else that we hold dear goes with it.

As Americans we have developed this false sense of security that terrible things happen only to other societies, other countries. I'm sure fifth century Romans felt the same way. History is replete with examples of civilizations that have collapsed simply because their citizenry felt their culture was no longer worth fighting for. Is a society, where greed, hate, lust, murder and sexual deviancy are not only condoned but celebrated, worth fighting for?

Homosexuality is deviant sexual behavior. God calls it sin. Whatever one deems it though it is neither healthy for the individual who does it nor good for the society that promotes it. (For example, in our society homosexual males have a twenty-five to thirty year decrease in life expectancy. *Satinover, Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*, p. 51). Nearly every society throughout history has recognized this fact, and every major religion today reinforces this fact; and every civilization that has traveled the path we are now on has failed. To merge one of our worst human behaviors with our most important institution is to sow the seeds of disaster. Our great nation is great because its founders asked the Creator to bless it, which He did. But our generation has invited God to leave our schools, our institutions, our homes and even some of our churches... and He has obliged. We have forgone the worship of the Creator and instead worship the things He created... money, pleasure and self. Consequently we now stand at the precipice waiting for the next great disaster which will cause us to ask, "God, how could *you* let *this* happen to *us*?" He will respond, "But I gave you all that you asked for. You can live as you see fit, but do not ask Me to leave your homes, your lives, and your societies and then expect My blessings and My protections." Our greatness depends not on our vast natural resources or our mastery of commerce but on our dependence on its Creator. We shun Him at our own peril.

This attack on marriage by homosexual activists is but one of many ills our society now faces... but it is one we *must* face. It must be seen for what it is and defeated for what it does. While we must have compassion for those who suffer the temptations of homosexuality, we must also understand the nature of this conflict and commit ourselves to victory. While some of our fellow citizens are suffering quietly under the burden of homosexuality others actively celebrate it and seek to impose their behavior and values upon us all. This we must resist. Failure to do so is far too great a price to pay.

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For further reading please reference: *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*, Dr. Jeffery Satinover, Baker Book House.