

Marriage and Freedom  
in America

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AND FREEDOM  
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**TRUTH VS. PROPAGANDA AND  
WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT**

**Hos. 4:6, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”**

**2 Cor. 4:4, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”**

## Federalist # 51

“But what is government but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.”



~Hamilton, Madison, Jay



“If, in the opinion of the people, the distribution or modification of the Constitutional powers be at any particular wrong, let it be corrected by an amendment the way the Constitution designates. But let there be no change by usurpation; though this may in one instance be the instrument of good, it is the customary weapon by which free governments are destroyed.”

George Washington quoted in John Eidsmoe, *Christianity and the Constitution* (Grand Rapids, Baker, 1987), 392–93.



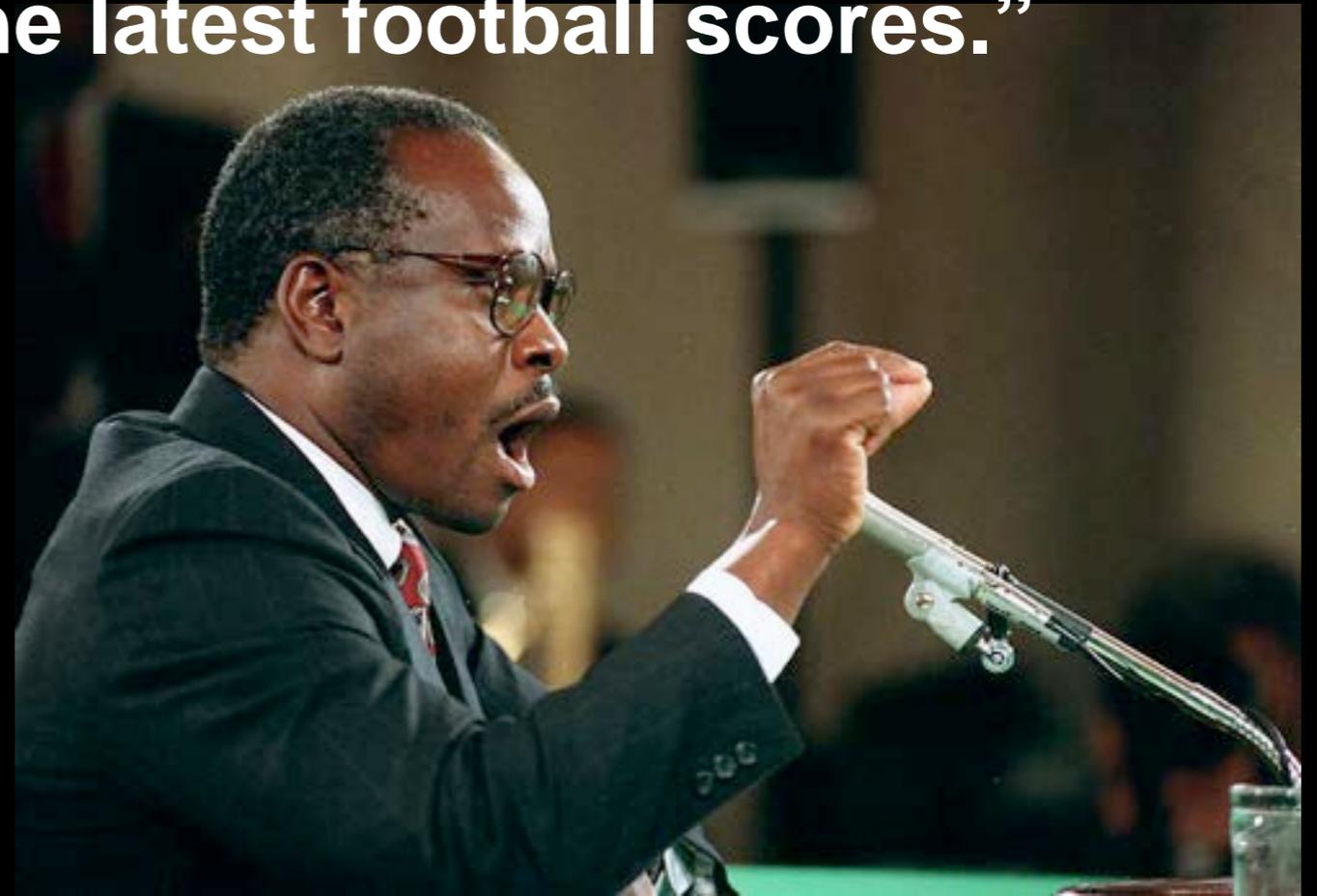
“Carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit in the debates, and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text, or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed.”

“... a mere thing of wax in the hands of the judiciary, which they may twist and shape into any form they please.”



**The following is an excerpt from Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' Wriston Lecture to the Manhattan Institute in 2008:**

**“Let me put it this way; there are really only two ways to interpret the Constitution – try to discern as best we can what the framers intended or make it up. No matter how ingenious, imaginative or artfully put, unless interpretive methodologies are tied to the original intent of the framers, they have no more basis in the Constitution than the latest football scores.”**



# What the Bible Says About Homosexuality

**Leviticus 18:22, “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It *is* an abomination.”**

**Leviticus 20:13, “If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them.”**

**Prov. 6:16, “These six things the LORD hates,  
Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:**

**Prov. 6:17, “A proud look, A lying tongue,  
Hands that shed innocent blood,**

**Prov. 6:18, “A heart that devises wicked  
plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,**

**Prov. 6:19, “A false witness who speaks lies,  
And one who sows discord among brethren.”**

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**Romans 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,”**

**Romans 1:24, “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,”**

**Rom. 1:26, “For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,**

**Rom. 1:27, “and in the same way also 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.”**

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**μοιχός *moichós*; “unfaithfulness to a covenant;” spiritually this refers to those unfaithful to God; sexually this refers to those who are married and engage in sex with someone to whom they are not married.**

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# THEISM

# NATURALISM

**Distorted by sin**

**No sin,  
Whatever is, is OK**

**Homosexual attraction  
is abnormal**

**Homosexual attraction  
is normal**

**All homosexual activity  
is sin**

**All homosexual activity  
is OK**

**Forgiveness for all sin;  
change is possible**

**No guilt; change  
is not possible**

# **Myths about Homosexuality**

- **Homosexuality is normal, healthy, and desirable**
- **Homosexuals are born that way**
- **Homosexuals make up 10% of the population**
- **Change is impossible**

# **Myths about Homosexuality**

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**“Homosexuality is not an illness, it is not something that needs to be cured. We are normal, natural, and healthy people.”**

**~Peri Jude Radecic, member National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), on “Nightline”**

# Myths about Homosexuality

- **Homosexuality is normal, healthy, and desirable**
  - Romans 1:24–32
  - Every human being is distorted, warped by the Fall
  - Just because it feels “right” doesn’t make it right
  - Homosexuality is not natural or normal

# Myths about Homosexuality

- **Homosexuality is normal, healthy, and desirable**
  - In 1973, due to pressure from the Gay Rights Movement, the APA declassified homosexuality as a mental disorder.
  - Preceded by 3 years of protests, disruptions, and chaos
  - Intimidation ruled
  - Only 25% of the members voted, 58% in favor of removal

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**“Militant homosexual groups continued to attack any psychiatrist or psychoanalyst who dared to present his findings as to the psychopathology”**

**This decision was “the medical hoax of the century.”**

~Dr. Charles Socarides, member, expert on homosexuality and its treatment for over 20 years

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**1977:**

**10,000 members polled at random**

**69% said homosexuality is a pathological adaptation**

**18% disagreed**

**13% uncertain**

# **Myths about Homosexuality**

- **Homosexuality is normal, healthy, and desirable**
- **Only 10% are “relatively monogamous” or “relatively less promiscuous”, Institute for Sex Research**
- **60% have more than 250 lifetime sex partners**
- **28% have more than 1,000 lifetime sex partners**
- **79% admit that more than half are strangers**
- **Lesbians are less promiscuous than men, but more volatile and unstable**

# Myths about Homosexuality

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## The Bible:

- **Any sexual activity outside of marriage is fornication and sin.**
- **44 references to fornication in the Bible in the context of sin.**
- **Homosexuality is never mentioned in a positive context.**

**“If homosexuality is a perversion of what is natural, then homosexuals must look at their own conduct in an entirely different light and explain it in less satisfying terms.”**

**~Congressman William Dannemeyer**

# Myths about Homosexuality

- **Homosexuals are born that way**
  - No evidence of a “gay gene”  
if inherited, it would have died out
  - 1991 study by Dr. Simon Levay
  - Flawed study
  - Twin studies

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**“The genetic theory of homosexuality has been generally discarded today.”**

**~William H. Masters, co-director of the  
Masters and Johnson Institute**

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**“The idea that people are born into one type of sexual behavior is entirely foolish . . .**

**Homosexuality is a behavior, not a condition, and something that some people can and do change, just like they sometimes change other tastes and personality traits.”**

~John DeCecco, prof of psych at San Francisco State University, ed of 25 vol *Journal of Homosexuality* in a 1989 *USA Today* article.

# Observations on the Twin Studies

1991 Study by Bailey and Pillard

Self-admitted methodological flaws  
subjects recruited through advertisements  
in homosexual periodicals

In Dec 2014 findings from 8 major twin studies in Australia, the U.S. and Scandinavia over the last twenty years concur: gays were not born that way.

If genetics were the determinate, then the results would need to be 100% concordance.

**“There is no consensus among scientists about the exact reasons that an individual develops a heterosexual, bisexual, gay, or lesbian orientation. Although much research has examined the possible genetic, hormonal, developmental, social, and cultural influences on sexual orientation, no findings have emerged that permit scientists to conclude that sexual orientation is determined by any particular factor or factors. Many think that nature and nurture both play complex roles ...”**

**~American Psychological Association**

# Myths about Homosexuality

- **Homosexuals make up 10% of the population.**

*USA Today*: 25 million

*Washington Times*: 10% of men, 5% of women

American Psychiatric Association: 10%

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- Figure derives from a 1948 study by William Kinsey
- 25% of the 5,300 studied were prison inmates (44% had homosexual relations in prison)
- Several hundred male prostitutes were in the study

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Misrepresented numbers:

10% of white males were more or less exclusively homosexual for at least 3 years between 16 and 65.

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Forman study, 1984–1988: 1.7%

Univ of Chicago, 1989: “less than 1% are exclusively homosexual”

# **Myths about Homosexuality**

**Based on the 2013 NHIS data [collected in 2013 from 34,557 adults aged 18 and over], 96.6% of adults identified as straight, 1.6% identified as gay or lesbian, and 0.7% identified as bisexual. The remaining 1.1% of adults identified as “something else” [0.2%,] stated “I don’t know the answer” [0.4%] or refused to provide an answer [0.6%].**

**More specifically, 1.8 percent of men self-identify as gay and 0.4 percent as bisexual, and 1.5 percent of women self-identify as lesbian and 0.9 percent as bisexual.**

**Cited in *The Washington Post*; July 15, 2014**

# **Myths about Homosexuality**

- **Change is impossible**

**Large numbers of testimonials from ex-gays**

**Numerous Christian ministries to help those with homosexuality**

**Through the Spirit of God and the Word of God all sin can be dealt with.**

# **Why Same Sex Relationships Are Wrong:**

- They are an attempt to meet legitimate needs (for acceptance, approval and affection) in illegitimate, ungodly ways.
- They are outside God's created intention for sex:  
–the complementarity of male and female physically, emotionally, spiritually.
- Marriage is an earthbound illustration of Christ and the church—the unity of two different entities.

# **Why Same Sex Relationships Are Wrong:**

- They are idolatrous: Romans 1, worship of the creature (sex or the sexual partner) instead of the Creator.
- They are destructive and dangerous
- “A façade of normalcy”

# The Homosexual Lifestyle Not Parallel to a Heterosexual

*Heterosexual  
Marriage*

*Homosexual  
Relationships*

57% last over 20  
years

Average length 2-3  
years

5% over 20 years

# The Homosexual Lifestyle Not Parallel to a Heterosexual

## *Heterosexual Marriage*

77% men, 88% women  
faithful to marriage  
vows

## *Homosexual Relationships*

Promiscuity  
Hundreds of sexual  
partners over a  
lifetimes

# The Homosexual Lifestyle Not Parallel to a Heterosexual

## *Heterosexual Marriage*

Committed relationship  
= faithful and stable

## *Homosexual Relationships*

- Men: 3-5 outside partners (USA) - 8 (Holland)
- >5 years, not one monogamous relationship
- Lesbian relationships: very volatile; domestic and emotional violence

**“Monogamy is not a word the gay community uses .... We talk about fidelity. That means you live in a loving, caring, honest relationship with your partner. Because we can’t marry, we have people with widely varying opinions as to what that means. Some would say that committed couples could have multiple sexual partners as long as there’s no deception. Each couple has to decide.”**

~Rev. Troy Perry, founder Metropolitan Community Church, interview, *Dallas Morning News*

# The Homosexual Lifestyle Not Parallel to a Heterosexual

## *Heterosexual Marriage*

Live longer, happier lives

## *Homosexual Relationships*

Dangerous and destructive lifestyle

- AIDS
- Much higher risk of STDs
- 3x rate of alcoholism and drug abuse
- Much more promiscuity and domestic violence
- Shortened lifespan

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Marriage is the best possible place for children

Puts kids at risk

**Isaiah 5:20, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”**

# Can a Homosexual be Saved?

- Homosexuality is not an issue in salvation
- If you're not saved, the issue is believe on Jesus Christ.
- If you are saved, the issue is learning to walk by the Spirit.
- All Christians struggle with “sins that easily beset us,” Heb. 12:1
- Christians can be bigots, adulterers, liars, thieves, and murderers

# First Amendment

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the *free exercise there of*” (italics added).



# **The Challenge: Free Expression of Religion**

**Justice Scalia pointed out that the majority decision emphasized that the decision would not impact the right of believers to continue to “advocate” and “teach” their views of marriage. But the First Amendment guarantees the free “exercise” of religion, and that, he points out, is a word the court “ominously” did not use.**

## What Can Christians Do?

1. Pray for your leaders and for your nation.  
1 Tim. 2:1–4
2. Learn the facts, know what the Bible says, know what the history of the US is, and know the myths about homosexuality. Hosea 4:6
3. Do not lose hope (1 Pet. 3:15; Lam. 3:21; Titus 2:13).
4. Increase your civic involvement (1 Cor. 4:2)

## What Can Christians Do?

5. Support sound legislation; candidates who will appoint strict constructionist judges, and vote for strict constructionist judges.
6. After you do everything else, give thanks and continue to pray without ceasing.  
1 Thess. 5:17–18