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Developing A Biblical Sexual Worldview Chapter IV

The Body of Christ and Homosexuality

A Bible Study for Mature Christ-followers

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[Note: In this discussion of same-sex issues, both male and female homosexuality are treated as being the same in God's eyes. This Bible study will not differentiate between gay vs. lesbian for two reasons: **1)** we are not conducting a clinical etiology or comparison; and **2)** scripture makes no substantive differentiation. Also, this article will not attempt to deal with the cultural or legal ramifications of homosexual unions.]

A few decades ago life was simpler. Home computers didn't exist. The Internet was unheard of. Cell phones existed only in Dick Tracy cartoons. DVDs weren't even on the drawing board.

And homosexuality was viewed by just about everyone as an "abnormal phenomenon." The *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (first edition ~ DSM-I) published in 1952, classified homosexuality as a "sexual deviation." But things change. Subsequent DSM editions began to modify, and finally do away with homosexuality as a diagnostic category. This change in clinical status reflected the evolving collective opinion of the *American Psychological Association*. It also reflected a philosophical and moral change occurring in our culture, as we shifted from "Modernism" to "Post Modernism."

Today, approximately 76% of Americans own personal computers, 82% own cell phones, and 80-plus percent view homosexuality as an "*acceptable alternative lifestyle*." Those three words are now taught to American school children, and drummed into corporate and academic personnel in the form of mandatory "sensitivity training" classes. Today, Canada and Sweden have essentially outlawed preaching from scripture on the subject of homosexuality, by linking biblical references to homosexuality to "hate crimes."

Today homosexual activists are fostering a belief system in our culture, based upon falsehood. Here are three avenues of research that have been adopted as "truth" by the homosexual community and the press, while having been demonstrated to be patently untrue via scientific research.

The “gay gene.” In spite of numerous research attempts to discover the existence of a “gay gene,” and in spite of the press having announced the discovery of a “gay gene,” science has not found one. To the contrary, this line of research has been proven empty.¹ No “gay gene” has been found. Nor has there been proven “gene linkage” between specific human genes and particular set of behaviors. That is to say, red-heads are not always hot-tempered; overweight people are not always jolly; effeminate males are not always gay, nor are masculine females always lesbian.

Homosexual twin studies. Although research has found that approximately half of homosexual’s identical twins are also homosexual, the same observation and percentages could be made of basketball players who have identical twins ~ about half of them play hoops too. However, when scientific methodology is applied, no genetic causality or physical determinants exists.^{2, 3, 4, 5} This is further evidence opposing the “gay gene” idea.

Brain dissection. Research done by Dr. Simon LeVay caught the world’s attention for a moment, as he announced discovery of a group of neurons in the hypothalamic structure of the brain, in an area called the “interstitial nuclei of the anterior hypothalamus (INAH3). He claimed that this group of neurons caused homosexual tendencies.⁶ Naturally, the press heralded this as proof of homosexuals’ brains being hard wired, and therefore gay and lesbian people simply could not help themselves.

However, numerous subsequent studies both contradicted and found serious flaws in LeVay’s research.^{7, 8, 9, 10} Most damning was the discovery that the brain physically grows in areas in which it is stimulated ~ which implies that homosexual behavior can possibly make the brain grow in certain places. But this growth neither precedes or causes the homosexual orientation. It is antecedent to (i.e., a product of, or following after) the homosexual activity.

So what can we conclude from these observations? First, we can see that public opinion is