

Homosexuality

"The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him" (Prov18:17)

Three Key Secular Lies and the actual Truth

First Lie: Homosexuality is an innate, genetically determined condition (biological argument)

- o The following conclusions were drawn from an extensive survey of 135 research studies, reviews, academic summaries and books (note 1):
 - o Genetic constitution may make homosexuality more readily available as an option, but it is not a cause of homosexuality
 - o Genetic constitution, if it exists, could contribute perhaps 10% to 25% to the likelihood of an individual actually becoming homosexual. This contribution probably does not contribute to homosexuality per se, but to some other trait that makes the homosexual "option" more readily available (e.g. response to trauma, overcrowding and subcultural mores, etc., reinforcing itself each time it is selected)
 - o The higher the incidence of homosexuality, the influence of nongenetic factors is greater and possible genetic predisposition is lower (When people endorse/encourage homosexuality the incidence increases, when they reject it, it decreases - not related to genetics)
 - o Given population genetics, replacement rates and continual existence of homosexuality, any genetic influences are far from sufficient to cause homosexuality but may code for other traits that do not adversely affect heterosexual reproduction
 - o Most studies to date have many flaws, including: intrusion of political agendas and under-estimating the complex, inter-related nature of the subject
- o Studies of brothers yields concordance rates (note 2) as follows (note 3): Identical twins (52%); nonidentical twins (22%); nontwins (9%); nonbiologic adoptive brothers (11%)
 - o Identical twins have 100% common genetic material and only 52% (not 100%) concordance, indicating a strong environmental component
 - o Nonidentical and nontwins share 50% common genetic material yet differ by factor of 2.4 indicating the strong influence of environmental factors (if genetically determined, % be same)
 - o Nontwins and nonbiologic adoptive brothers have similar concordance rates, indicating strong environmental not genetic factors since genetic material is not shared
- o Though many different genetic hypothesis have been proposed and tested, no direct connection has been found that correlates a genetic condition with homosexuality (sexual orientation)

Second Lie: Homosexuality is irreversible (psychological argument)

- o Prenatal hormonal effects that determine "male" and "female" brain structures are not found to be a factor in male homosexuals (note 4, pp. 100-101)
- o A survey of psychoanalysts (secular treatment) found that 23% of homosexuals changed to heterosexual, and 84% benefitted "significantly" from the therapy (note 5)
- o Survey's of research from 1930 to 1986 shows success rates from 50% to 65% of changing homosexuals to heterosexuals where the patient and therapist is committed to change (note 4, pp. 185-187)
- o Christian ministries show from 20% to 80% success rate in changing homosexuals for those committed to change (note 4, pp. 204)
- o Bottom line: all existing evidence suggests strongly homosexuality is quite changeable (note 4, pp. 186)
- o Biblically, 1 Cor 6:9-11 specifically proves that this life-style choice can be changed through Christ

Third Lie: Homosexuality is normal (sociological argument)

- o Homosexuality is not common in our society: 2.8% (males) and 1.4% (females)
- o Homosexuality is a general condition loosely defined within a wider polymorphism of human sexuality comprised of widely diverse sexual practices. With the fallen, sinful nature of man, homosexuality

- is "normal" just as is any other sexual practice
- o Determining what is "normal" is highly dependent upon the standard that is used to judge it. Thus, as measured by God's moral standard, homosexuality is sin, and not consistent with God's design for men and women - thus, not normal
 - o Sexuality in nature is commonly sinful; when it is sanctified and aligned with God's standard of moral sexual behavior (heterosexual and within marriage) it is a great blessing and gift

Notes:

1. W. Byne and B. Parsons, "Human Sexual Orientation: The Biologic Theories Reappraised," *Archives of General Psychiatry* 50, no. 3
2. Concordance rate means: given one male homosexual, what is the probability of his brother being gay
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4. Jeffrey Satinover, M.D., "Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth," Baker Books, 1996
5. H. MacIntosh, "Attitudes and Experiences of Psychoanalysts in Analyzing Homosexual Patients," *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association* 42, no. 4 (1995)