



For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. (2 Tim 4:3-4)

Reasons to Oppose Same-Sex Marriage

Scandinavian countries proof same-sex marriage is bad.

For over 10 years Scandinavian countries have allowed same-sex marriage. The results are staggering. Marriage is now viewed as outdated and any form of 'family unit' is accepted. Marriage has declined and "family dissolution" has replaced divorce statistics, since you have to be married to get divorced.

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HIV increases where same-sex marriage is allowed.

A 2003 study published in *THE JOURNAL AIDS*, (17:1029-1038), states that homosexuals in so-called "steady" relationships have an average of 6-10 sex partners outside of their steady sex partner. The researchers concluded "...that between 1994 and 2000, young seroconverters were more likely to have contracted HIV from their steady partner than from casual partners.

The "homosexuals are born that way" argument is not supported by scientific research.

Columbia University's Dr. Spitzer, who was instrumental in having homosexuality removed as a mental disorder from the American Psychiatric Association's list, was recently published in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. After interviewing more than 200 former homosexuals, he now contends that homosexuals can change to heterosexuality as a result of reparative therapy.

University of Utah's assistant professor of psychology and gender studies, Lisa M. Diamond, studied a group of females aged 16-23 who were attracted to other females. Over the course of the study almost two-thirds had changed labels.

Columbia University psychology professors William Byne and Bruce Parsons examined the most prominent "gay gene" brain studies. They concluded that there was "no evidence at present to substantiate a biological theory..."

The fact remains that research is nowhere near conclusive. While a handful of studies have attempted to link homosexuality to inborn genetic traits, all have been exposed as misrepresented and unsound.

Salk Institute researcher and homosexual, Simon LeVay, who studied the hypothalamus gland in homosexuals and heterosexuals cautioned, "I did not prove that homosexuality is genetic, or find a genetic cause for being gay. I didn't show that gay men are born that way, the most common mistake people make in interpreting my work."

Many misunderstand the studies led by Dr. Dean H. Hamer linking homosexuality to the X chromosome. In an interview, Dr. Hamer, himself a homosexual, stated, "Homosexuality is not purely genetic. ...[E]nvironmental factors play a role. There is not a single master gene that makes people gay."

The government should not condone behavior that is unhealthy, spreads disease and can result in death.

Homosexual households are more prone to domestic violence. "The incidence of domestic violence among gay men is nearly double that in the heterosexual population," according to D. Island and P. Letellier in *Men Who Beat the Men Who Love Them* (New York: Haworth Press, 1991).

One epidemiological study found that "gay" men lose 8-20 years off their lifespan. (Source: Hogg RS, Strathdee SA, Craib KJP, O'Shaughnessy MV, Montaner JSG, Schechter MT. *Modelling the impact of HIV disease on mortality in gay and bisexual men. Int J Epidemiol* 1997;26(3):657-61)

In Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver AIDS has been the leading cause of early death among men since 1989. (Source: Hogg RS, Heath KV, Strathdee SA, Montaner JSG, O'Shaughnessy MV, Schechter MT. HIV/AIDS mortality in Canada: evidence of gender, regional and local area differentials. *AIDS* 1996;10:889-94)

The above confirmed in other studies as well. Studies in *Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying* and the *International Journal of Epidemiology* indicate that homosexuality can take decades off men's lives.

A University of California study shows that human papillomavirus (HPV) is epidemic among homosexual men - 93 percent of HIV-positive men, 61 percent of non-HIV-positive men.

HIV/AIDS cases amongst homosexuals have steadily risen for the third consecutive year according to data collected by the CDC. HIV diagnoses among men who have sex with men surged 7.1 percent last year, New diagnoses among homosexual males have increased 17.7 percent since 1999, while remaining stable in other vulnerable communities.

Every year the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association put out a list of serious health problems found among those who engage in homosexual behavior. Source: Gay Wired 7-18-02

www.gaywired.com/storydetail.cfm?Section=76&ID=10732)

- Homosexual men have a higher rate than the general population for: Hepatitis, which can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer;
- Prostate, colon and testicular cancers, and sexually transmitted diseases, including Anal Papilloma, which may play a role in the increased rates of anal cancers in gay men;
- Eating disorders, Depression, anxiety, alcohol and substance abuse; and suicide.
- Homosexual men account for 67 percent of AIDS cases in Illinois, although they make up a very small percent of the population. (Source: www.idph.state.il.us/health/aids/aidscht0001.htm and the Human Rights Campaign's analysis of the 2000 census, www.hrc.org/familynet/chapter.asp?article=335.)

Do homosexuals really want to marry?

Homosexual activist Michelangelo Signorile wrote that "gays" should seize marriage "not as a way of adhering to society's moral codes but rather to debunk a myth and radically alter an archaic institution." Michelangelo Signorile, "Bridal Wave," *OUT* magazine, December/January 1994, p. 161

Why we must speak out.

California's been a leader in advancing the homosexual agenda. But look at the cost: In California, employers must subsidize homosexual relationships or lose state contracts. Employers also must promote transsexuality or risk a \$150,000 fine. Foster care parents have been ordered to affirm children's sexual "identities," including that of "cross-dresser." If you're a Californian who believes in traditional morality, your government regards you as an enemy of the state.

Children will be taught in school that same-sex marriage and homosexuality are normal. (Reaching thousands of schools, a six-point lesson plan for teaching about same-sex marriages is being promoted by GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network). Over 3,500 teachers have actually signed up for and downloaded another GLSEN teaching aid. Source: *CNSNews* 2-9-04)

We will see our children and grandchildren begin experimenting with this behavior. Bi-sexuality is actually becoming chic in many junior high and high schools.

It will become a crime to say anything against homosexuality, even in churches. (Complaints and even lawsuits are starting to be brought against pastors after 'spies' attend services and report them for preaching against homosexual behavior.)

It's our duty as Christians to speak the truth in a loving manner to a culture that is perishing from not hearing it. We are the God's ambassadors. Future generations will thank you if you will stand up for what's right today.

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