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Homosexuality

More Myths to Uncover

IMAGINE TRAVELING BACK a hundred years. Upon arrival, ask the average individual if they have concerns about gay marriage. There's no doubt, they would either laugh or be horrified at the suggestion and probably tell you that would never happen.

Canadian citizens probably thought the same thing. And yet, after making same-sex marriage legal last June, it wasn't months before major changes followed. Last fall, reporter Katherine Kersten wrote, "Canada is combing through its laws and institutions to remove evidence of heterosexist discrimination. Terms such as husband and wife are now forbidden across the spectrum of Canadian law and government programs. The legal meaning of parenthood is being transformed, with consequences no one can predict."¹ She also reported that children now have to be taught about homosexual acts in school health classes.

Catholic Bishop Frederick Henry of Calgary, Alberta spoke at Minnesota's Pastor's Summit last November. He shared how he has been "threatened by tax officials and called before the Alberta Human Rights Tribunal for promoting traditional marriage in his pastoral letters. 'The human rights tribunals have become like thought police,' he says. 'In Canada, you can now use the coercive powers of the state to silence opposition.'"²

People will balk at the notion of the "slippery slope" and yet we continually witness how small compromises lead to things never imagined. This is true in societies and our personal lives. It should come as no surprise. These things are clearly warned of in Scripture.

"Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another."

—Romans 1:24-28

Not so much a description of judgment, this is a forewarning of what happens when we continue a pattern of sin. The changes we're

experiencing in the moral fabric of our society didn't happen overnight. The truth is gnawed away until we are debating issues like gay marriage. Yesterday's myths turn into society's accepted behaviors today.

Myth 1: 10% of the Population is Homosexual

This myth began in 1948. The findings in a flawed study became ammunition to "normalize" homosexuality. What Alfred Kinsey didn't reveal was that 20 to 25 percent of the men he studied had prison experience.

Fact: 1 to 3 Percent of the Population Considers Themselves Homosexual

Myth 2: Homosexuals are Born Gay

• Simon LeVay's 1991 "Brain Configuration" study tried to find differences in the hypothalamuses of gay and straight men. This study was also flawed. LeVay had no idea if there were even heterosexuals in the group. The latest evidence also shows compulsive patterns of sexually addictive behavior can actually alter brain chemistry.



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• Bailey and Pillard's 1991 "Twin Study" attempted to show that if one identical twin was a homosexual, then the other would likely be as well. But, these twins shared many environmental experiences that very well factored into their homosexuality.

• Hamer's 1996 "Genetic Marker" study attempted to link homosexuality in men with genetics. Study flaws included small sample sizes, no control group and biased selection.

These studies made headlines for a short time and yet nothing substantial was discovered. They can't explain why there are tens of thousands of former homosexuals and it is important to note that each researcher is gay and none of their work has been replicated in subsequent studies.

Fact: There's no evidence to support the claim that anyone is born homosexual. While God's Word is clear on this matter, it

is also worth noting what homosexual advocates fail to mention about the statistical facts. In his article, "Great Myths About Homosexuality," Alan P. Medinger says it well: "Homosexuals account for 80 percent of the serious sexually transmitted disease in the United States. Gay men are six times more likely to have attempted suicide than straight men. One study showed that between 25 and 33 percent of homosexual men and women are alcoholics. A major source of the destructive nature of the homosexual life is the tendency towards promiscuity, even compulsive behavior, among gay men. Few studies, even in the age of AIDS, show gay men having fewer than 50 lifetime partners, and a Kinsey institute study showed 43 percent of gay men estimating that they had had 500 or more partners, 28 percent over 1,000...The rebuttal to these statistics is always that it is society's fault. If society sanctioned and supported committed gay relationships, this wouldn't occur. History is not bearing this out...The places where homosexuality is the most accepted are also the places where the rates of homosexually transmitted diseases are highest."³


Alan Medinger speaks with assertion on these matters due to his past struggle with homosexuality. Married and a father of two, he was highly involved in church life, but also had a secret life of homosexuality. It caught up with him and nearly destroyed his life. Alan found freedom from the hurts of his childhood and the destructive lifestyle and now helps others find freedom as well.

While his story reflects the truth about the homosexual lifestyle, much of what we see in the media does not. Knowing the truth, would you even wish this harmful lifestyle upon your worst enemy? Let's love those those caught up in this way of life while speaking the truth with the hope of leading many to live lives of freedom, purpose and destiny as God created them.

As you do so, keep careful watch over your own life and tendencies toward sin. At the 2005 "Sex and the Supremacy of Christ" conference, Albert Mohler warned, "The only way we can approach sex without sin

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is if our only concern for all of our lives is the glory of God demonstrated in this thing...this gift. And none of us is capable of this.” He went on to advise, “We do not say to the homosexual, ‘You must give that up and come to this, but we’ve always been here.’ We must be honest and say, ‘We are all, by God’s grace called to bring it ALL to the throne of Christ’ and say, ‘Order my affections, Savior, order my passions, direct my erotic interests, to Your glory.’ We say that to the homosexual. We must say that to ourselves.” 

¹ Star Tribune, November 8, 2005

² Star Tribune, November 24, 2005

³ www.exodusinternational.org/library_Society_06.shtml