

Romans 1 and Homosexuality

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Today we see a phenomenon within the churches (and outside them) that has far-reaching ramifications: we see homosexuality being accepted by Christians and by many in the world. Such a state of acceptance was impossible up to the 1950's. But, now, the sin of homosexuality has eaten its way into our lives like a malignant growth, eroding the hearts of nations. God despises homosexuality and all it entails. He plainly and repeatedly damns what He refers to as '*vile affections,*' and calls homosexuals '*fools*' who are of '*reprobate minds*'. Yet, Christians completely ignore God's own word and they entertain homosexuals and their notions in their minds and hearts, if only by silence!

We can find multiple references in the Bible which all say the same thing - unrepentant and practising homosexuals will be cast into hell; they do works of darkness and are slaves to their own lusts, which are devilish by nature. Romans Chapter One gives us the full horrific truth about homosexuality and its depraved followers. If you are a Believer, but you have fallen under the spell of 'gay' propaganda, then I challenge you to read what God's word tells us in Romans Chapter One. If, after that, anyone *still* allows homosexuality to be treated with respect and with sympathy, then I can only say - God help them!

Homosexuality - The General Picture

Homosexuality is unlike any other sin, because it is not just one sin, but a whole collection of evils. Really, homosexuality is the summation, the tip of the iceberg. The best way to see this is to examine what Romans 1 actually says to us. We will not need to twist scripture (as so-called 'gay' Christians do, in order to cling to their repulsive habits), nor will we have to go into difficult theological debates... the general picture given by the Bible is unequivocal and there are no alternative meanings!

It is this clarity of teaching that homosexuals fight against. At all costs, they want to cloud the whole issue, so that Christians and others do not discover the truth about what homosexuals believe and do. But, we ignore the truth at our own cost - already the AIDS epidemic is sweeping the earth... an epidemic given to us primarily by homosexuals and which will, very soon, also be killing Christians, even if they do not practice homosexual habits. Far worse than this and other physical scourges associated with sexual promiscuity, is the spiritual apathy which homosexuality engenders amongst Christians. We have sometimes been accused of forgetting the sexual sins of heterosexuals. This is not so; these are dealt with many times in other articles and Bible studies. It is an accusation made to divert attention from the horrendous

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nature of homosexuality.

Homosexuality - An Overview Verses 1-7

Verses 1 to 7 form the introduction to this intense chapter. Paul greets the Roman Believers and says that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was foretold by the prophets (this is repeated elsewhere in Romans). Interestingly, we here see another name for Christians (there are several in the New Testament)... **"the called (of Jesus Christ)"**.

Verses 8-15

Paul says he would like to visit Rome to see his brethren because their faith was famed amongst Christians and he wanted to help them to grow in their faith.

Verses 16-32

God's purity and commands have been made absolutely clear and those who believe will be saved. Those who disobey will know His wrath and will go to hell. This is because they know very well what they must do, or must not do. Instead, they do evil, terrible things, including homosexuality and all the things which lead up to it and surround it... homosexuality is not a single sin. Homosexuals are reprobates because they ignore God and do whatever they like. However, they KNOW they are wrong.

Homosexuality - A Detailed Examination

We will start our study at verse 18.

The definitions given are from the Greek text.

Verse 18

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness"

God's 'wrath' is the full extent of His anger. It is a sign of His total and unchanging hatred of

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something. Unlike human anger, which is the result of labile emotions, and which can abate, God's anger is pure, remorseless and unending. God's anger is never a *reaction* - for God cannot react (as we do). If He were to react, it would remove His deity, for a reaction to something means that it was not expected or, that it was not foreseen. God knows all and sees all, from beginning to end. Thus, He never 'reacts'... He can only

act and respond

, in such a way as to be completely in harmony with His being and attributes.

Why is this important? Well, if He knows what is to happen and His actions are always the sum of His attributes, it means that His wrath must be predetermined. Homosexuality is not a surprise to God - He saw it coming, even before it began! Thus, His wrath against it is not a sudden whim, or a knee-jerk reaction... it was predetermined; it just means that His anger has to be displayed in time, our time, even though it had already been predetermined in eternity.

Everything we ever do, say, or think, is measured against God's holiness and purity. If it does not match and we are not repentant, then His wrath will follow and He must punish. Is this fair, especially in the case of unbelievers? Yes, it is! All talk of fairness is supercilious, for it assumes that God must surely be just like us! God cannot be, and is not, like us. He is the Creator and He can do whatever He wishes with us. In later chapters of Romans, we find that God is the Potter... and election is explained. Whatever God does is based in eternity and in His own fixed attributes, which are holy and just. 'Fairness' is a concept for human consumption only!

We discover that God's wrath is "*revealed from heaven*"... it comes from the very seat of God Himself, the place from whence all rule flows. And this wrath is directed

"against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men"

. To be ungodly is to work against God, actively and deliberately; it displays irreverence toward the Maker; there is no awe of His might and purity. It is this irreverence that leads to unrighteousness - injustice; impurity of heart and life; violation of God's law; deceitfulness; a denial of first principles. They

"hold the truth in unrighteousness"

. Homosexuals proclaim there is no God, or that He loves them, or that it does not matter anyway. They will come to the raw reality of His wrath when they die.

Can they be excused? No! The next verse provides the answer...

Verse 19

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"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them,"

This verse begins with "*Because*". That is, the "*wrath of God*" is on them "*because*" of the reasons given in the following verses... and this is where the case against homosexuality really begins.

We are told that what we need to know generally about God, has been made "*manifest*". That is, it has been made plain; it is evident and clearly seen; plainly recognised. Not only has it been made obvious, but God has implanted the truth

*"in
them"*

! Thus, it cannot be disputed, only ignored. God has

"shewed it unto them"

- they cannot claim they do not know, if the Almighty has shown them the truth Himself. One sign that they do know, is the way they use law to silence critics, and use hateful attacks without bothering to answer them, whilst trying to make them appear to be stupid or nasty.

Homosexuals, and others who say they do not know what God wants, or that they do not understand it, are liars. They know very well what He wants, because it is written in their corrupt hearts - but they choose to ignore it. Hence their loud jeers and shouts against God's word... always a tell-tale proof that people know!

The shouts are not the result of unbelief, but are the result of their fears and knowledge of God's word in their hearts, which constantly tells them they are wrong. With their jeers and shouts they hope to drown-out the nagging truth God has placed in them. What God generally requires is shown to all people, by words, deeds, and by nature itself. ***Homosexuality is so obviously against nature***

! (Examples: Procreation requires male and female; the lower colon expels waste and the muscles only move downwards, yet gays try to force it the other way; the thin membrane of the rectum is only one layer thick and tears easily; gays who indulge in anal sex – most of them – often end up in wheelchairs, or they contract AIDS, and so on. It should be added that heterosexuals who practice this abysmal activity are equally perverse).

All those people who taunt us to 'prove' the existence of God are merely hiding their anxiety

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about God behind a claimed unbelief. They *know* He is there, but their sin prefers to ignore Him. Their many questions are not, then, genuine - do not bother to answer them... even if you make an answer, they will just keep coming with other riddles. Their intention is

not

to learn the truth, but to hide it! This is evidenced in the next verse where we find that

all

people know God is real and that He has shown them the truth... even if they never hear preaching.

Verse 20

"For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

God may indeed be invisible, but His might and requirements are seen through those things that are made. That is, the mind considers and thinks upon the workmanship of God, when confronted by Creation. It is now a derided thing to say, but the universe ***really does*** bear the mark of a Maker and divine Creation

is

obvious. Only schemers and sinful men want to throw out God from Creation, as a sign of their deliberate avoidance of His presence. That is why they invent scientific fairy-stories such as the 'Big Bang Theory' and 'Evolution'. These theories are not natural conclusions - they are evidences of pride and stupidity.

What led Darwin to evolution was not scientific examination and legitimate findings, but his own unbelief and his refusal to accept God as the Maker of a literal six-day Creation. (Darwin, by the way, came from the then new Unitarian church, the founder of humanism, the basis of all secularised science today). Time and again, this refusal to face reality is found in the sciences and in social practices such as homosexuality. These deliberately turn reality and truth upon their heads.

It does not end there, for we are told that Creation even shows us "*His eternal power and Godhead*". So, homosexuals are without excuse. Creation shows us clearly that God exists and that He is full of might, miraculous power and rulership. We see His "*Godhead*"

; that is, His divinity or supernatural nature. We see Him as the one, only true God (The word 'Godhead' is rooted in the Greek 'ho', meaning 'the'; that is, THE only true God. Because this is

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shown to

all

men

"they are without excuse"

(this is all one word in the Greek, so there cannot be a mistranslation! So much for the false gods of the so-called 'great religions of the world!'). They have no defence at all; their arguments are ill-conceived and badly considered.

These general observations of Paul lead on to what happens when these 'fools' deliberately ignore God and pretend to be wise, using their own meagre ideas....

Verse 21

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened,"

Arrogance is a major feature of homosexuality. Today they feel that society is now accepting them, so they 'come out' and openly declare their perversions when, all along, most decent people find their habits repulsive. They scoff at God and His commandments and think that whatever they want to do, they can do. They can get away with it because their *"foolish heart(s) (were) darkened"*,

and because Christians dare not stand against them... partly because of a fashionable sympathy for the homosexual cause, or because they are afraid of the earthly consequences.

Verse 21 tells us the state of these people. Homosexuals *know* there is a God and they *know* that what they do is evil...

"when they knew God"

. But, they do not praise or honour Him. Instead they desecrate His Name and word. They *chose*

(

"became"

) to be vain; foolish; empty vessels; devoid of truth; useless; fruitless. Homosexuals have something to contribute to society? Never! God says they are useless! The only gifts they have given the world are depravity and AIDS.

"Their

foolish heart"

means unintelligent; stupid; unlearned.

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Thus, people who extol their godless beliefs and activities are, in the words of the Lord, stupid. Anything that does not have God in it is vain and useless; that is why homosexuals are called '*empty vessels*'.

When the soul is '*dark*'

it automatically leans toward evil and immorality, as is made plain in the remaining portion of Chapter One. In verses 22 to 25 we find that when men reject God and His authority over their lives, they always

turn to themselves

for authority. But, all they find is constant change and the frailty of human desires. And the easiest desire to feed is - sex. This is probably why sexual immorality is so strongly represented in the chapter.

Verse 22

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools"

This means that they alleged themselves to be skilled or learned and in their delusion they became 'flat and tasteless', acting foolishly and proving themselves to be stupid, godless and impious. Thus, they *think* they are clever, but, they are actually stupid. This is because they have no higher authority than themselves. Those who have listened to, say, humanists argue, are very aware of the puerile nature of their logic. Similarly, homosexual activists offer the most ridiculous of reasons for their sexually perverted habits. The best word to use is 'pathetic'.

Some may say that people are entitled to their opinions. Is this correct? If they want to appear to be stupid, then I suppose they *are* correct. To put it another way, personally, I do not suffer fools gladly, especially if those who present their silly opinions are Christians. If their argument is not grounded in scripture, or, worse, if they offer nonsense instead of scripture, then I tend to be rather curt. There is no reason at all why Christians should allow stupid opinions to persuade them, just for the sake of 'free speech'. This is because none of us is entitled to say something is good when God condemns it. In the case of homosexuality, God hates it and curses it. In no way must we ever condone what God hates. In other words, any Christian who proposes an 'opinion' that contradicts God and His word, is denied entitlement to what they think and say. Yes, they can certainly say what they think – but God will not approve.

Verse 23

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As a *direct* result of becoming stupid, these people proceeded to lower God and His image, so that he was no higher than themselves! (This is exactly what so-called 'gay Christians' do). Because they saw no difference between Man and beasts, they therefore saw God as equal to an animal... and that is how they acted between themselves. Hence, the allusion to idols. The same applies today. Obviously, if God has no higher status than the animals He made, then certain evils will arise... for example, abortion on demand, euthanasia, pornography, violence, genocide, etc.

By making God no higher than themselves (and by seeing themselves as equal to animals), they thus "*changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man*" . That is, they exchanged what God really is for a god they wanted, refusing to understand that if God is God then He cannot, by definition, change, or be like them! This is obvious.

What is God's 'glory'? It is a reference to His splendour, dignity, magnificence, pre-eminence, majesty, perfection, etc. Thus, these evil people purposely 'swapped' the true God for something far less: they made Him to be lower than the things He had created. An obvious example of this is the theory of evolution (or should it be spelt '*evolution*'?). What they are left with is a sham god whose attributes are as filthy as their own.

They tried to change the "*incorruptible God*". This means, the God Who could not die or perish (as creatures can and do). He is eternal and pure and cannot die or alter. Yet these same 'stupid' men made idols to worship. Some looked like men, eg. Jupiter, Mars etc. Others looked like birds or animals, or even the sun. So, they worshipped created beings like themselves.

Silly fools! It is obvious to the smallest of minds that something created cannot, at the same time, be the creator (a god)! Today, homosexuals idolise and worship blatantly immoral, depraved sexuality and other men/women, as objects of their desire. They are their own gods (gods with AIDS in many cases)! And what do they end up with? "*corruptible man*"! 'Corruptible' means 'depraved' as well as 'liable to change, decay, or death'. Is the swap of value? Of course not.

Verse 24

Because men did this,

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"God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:"

So, God delivered them into their own hands, to be their own master (if only in a deluded way, for, being godless, they are slaves to Satan, and are not their own masters). What did God give them up to? Was what they achieved better than holiness? No! God gave them up to their own devices. "*Uncleanness*" means physical and moral impurity... whatever men demand. It also means living in a luxurious and profligate way; foul. Of course, luxury is something not needful for life; excess; self-indulgence. And to be profligate is to be totally abandoned to vice, depravity and a vicious mind. Thus, they were given over to a self-centred life, vile and full of vice.

What we have here is the Biblical teaching on homosexuality... how on earth can so-called 'gay Christians' blatantly ignore it and say that their lives are pure and they are loved by God? It is impossible! But, of course, if they are given over by God (this is strongly emphasised later in the chapter; See later notes) to vileness and vice, we cannot expect them to think properly.

God gave them up to the "*lusts of their own hearts*". A lust is a craving for what is forbidden (by God). The root meaning is a passion that boils up; it is equal to the idea of a drinker who is driven mad by continuous drinking and who is then killed by what he drinks. This meaning is itself rooted in another root meaning: to be self-sacrificed by choice!

Thus, very clearly, the Bible condemns homosexuality and places the blame for it upon the crazed shoulders of homosexuals themselves who, it says, are 'sacrificed by choice'... and what they are sacrificed to today is, mainly, AIDS. They *choose* their own perverted path in life, because their *own lusts* drive them onward into a pit of 'filthy' living. That is exactly what the Bible tells us.

Note that this deadly craving comes from the 'heart'. In scripture the 'heart' is the seat of all our innermost thoughts and desires. It can only express what we really are at the core of our being. Therefore, it is easy to see what an homosexual is really like inside, given his lusts and his way of life... a sinful, depraved heart produces a sinful, depraved way of life.

How did this sinfulness show itself? They "*dishonoured their own bodies between themselves*". To dishonour is to treat with contempt, by thought or deed (the thought being equally sinful); to

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insult; to treat shamefully; base actions. The word 'between' indicates a position of rest and instrumentality. That is, men do these things when left to their own devices, because it is the true 'position' of their wicked hearts. Men will naturally do wicked things to each other and with their own bodies.

Verse 25

By doing this, they

"changed the truth of God into a lie".

It means that they 'exchanged' the truth (everything godly and good) 'into a lie'. The word 'into' is the same as the word 'between'. This shows us that living a lie is the natural, fixed state of the heart and that *lies* are at the foundation of our (unsaved) lives. A lie is a deliberate, intentional falsehood; it is perversity, deceitfulness and ungodliness.

Homosexuals, then, live an intentional falsehood and they choose depravity and lies instead of God's truth and holiness. Worse than that, they attempt to *exchange* God's word for their own perversity! Of course, no man can actually change God's word - it is forever true. But, to these deluded sinners, they can do whatever they wish.

This leads to the worship of themselves - homosexuals are notoriously self-seeking and self-praising... to 'worship' is to revere or to treat as holy; to 'serve' is to pay homage like a slave, a hired menial... they claim to be their own masters but they are really slaves to their own lusts and to Satan. Yet God is, in reality, "*praised for ever*" (blessed)... no matter what self-seekers try to do or how they wish to ruin their own lives.

Verse 26

"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature."

As we see, God gave them up, or washed His hands of them. He let them get on with their "*vile*

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affections"

... hardly a term the Lord would use if He thought that homosexual behaviour was acceptable! The word 'vile' means disgrace; dishonour; public shame; despised; base.

(Note that the word 'homosexual' applies to both men and women, although the popular distinction of 'lesbian' is used to define homosexual women).

The women, then, *chose* unnatural sexual activities, instead of the 'natural use' of their bodies ordained by God (man with woman). They chose abnormality, monstrous perversity, instead of the 'order of nature'. The word *"use"* in this context specifically refers to the 'sexual use of a woman'. They chose that which was 'against nature'. Of course, pro-gays will try their best to ignore or change these meanings. There is no evidence whatever, in science or medicine, to show that homosexuality is normal or inborn! It is a choice.

This means that lesbians constantly fight against reality and what was ordained by God. They *knowingly*

prefer unnatural activities (not prostitution which, although a sin, stays within the borders of natural use of the body) - such as bestiality, homosexuality etc.

Verse 27

"And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet."

"likewise"... that is, 'similarly', the men turned away from women and *"burned in their lust"* for each other. Very clearly, this refers to homosexuality. Thus, their own base desires caused them to have foul passions for each other. They are 'foul' because God describes the lust as something He has forbidden.

In allowing their lusts to lead them, they do unseemly things... they laboured to do shameful things which are uncomely, deformed and indecent. This definition is rooted in a word meaning agitation of mind/something possessing the mind/clinging desperately to something. This is exactly the description of the vile men of Sodom who tried to break down Lot's door to drag out the angels in order to rape them. Their lusts had overtaken their senses long before the angels arrived, and so they acted out whatever they wished to do - exactly what is happening today, because ordinary men and women *allow* it to happen.

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As a 'reward' for their shamefulness, they received "*recompence of their error which was meet*". A breakdown of this text gives the true picture...

"receiving" = To have what is due by retribution after destroying a proper union.

"in themselves" = Themselves or yourselves (thus applicable today).

"that recompence" = Reward (the fruit of labour, being punishment instead of praise).

"of their error" = Roaming astray/wrong opinions and morals which show themselves as wrong actions. Fraud or deceit. Corruption. Deceiver. Misleading.

"which was meet" = Right and proper; a need for it; necessary by

its very nature; brought on by one's own conduct; necessary by command or law of God.

We may thus conclude that:

1.

Homosexuals are so through their own choice and habit.

2.

Their choice is deliberate - they *constantly labour* to do what is indecent.

3.

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Homosexuality is shameful and is perversion.

4.

The only 'reward' for homosexuals is retribution from God for their wrong thoughts and acts. AIDS and HIV are part of this penalty.

5.

Homosexuals are frauds, liars and deceivers.

6.

God's punishment is right and proper because homosexuality is, *by nature*, wrong and against the laws of God.

7.

Punishment is brought upon their own heads by their conduct.

8.

We may legitimately assume, therefore, that AIDS is a two-pronged 'reward' - it is induced by corrupt morals and it is also a punishment from God.

9.

If the above is true (which it is, because it is taken direct from scripture), then we must also conclude that:

1.

No compassion is due to those who contract AIDS or who suffer, with unrepentant heart, because of their own lusts.

2.

There is nothing to 'understand' - God has openly declared the parameters of our thoughts on

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the matter. He says that homosexuality is a grave sin which must be punished.

3.

There is no excuse, either for homosexuals who wish to maintain their lusts and lifestyles or, for Christians who wish to support them with sympathy and misplaced understanding.

4.

Unrepentant homosexuals have no place in churches.

Verse 28

Homosexuals try to cast aside what God says so that they can pursue their lusts. So-called 'gay Christians' twist scripture for the same purpose. For this reason, we are told:

"God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient."

They did not attempt to check if they were doing what was right. Intense lusts do this to people... all they want is to fulfil their every desire. The most obvious of truths are torn apart - they are like charging, mad bulls. Did God sit them down and chat to them? No, He *"gave them over"* !

"gave them over" = *Delivered into another's hands. To be judged; condemned; punished; scourged; tormented; put to death.*

"reprobate" = *Not approved; unfit; failing the test; cast away; counterfeit.*

"mind" = *The understanding; perception; intellect; feeling; judgement;*

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power to consider properly; calmly; impartially.

From this we can see that God left them to their own devices and to Satan because they were unable to think, feel, or act properly. God cast them aside because they were unfit and ungodly. They were reprobate - thrown out by God. Where does that leave 'gay Christians'? In exactly the same place as any other homosexual! They are 'counterfeits' and they have 'failed the test'; their intellect and their entire being has been made rotten, to such an extent that they cannot think or act in a godly way. Like their 'unbelieving' counterparts, they have been delivered into the hands of Satan... to *"do those things which are not convenient"*:

"to do" = *To be the authors of.*

"those" = *The things spoken of.*

"things not convenient" = *Things not fit or becoming; to be a follower of what is unfit.*

Conclusion, Verse 28:

1.

Speaks of homosexuals/lesbians/others who do the unnatural sex acts referred to.

2.

They are like it because they ignore God.

3.

Because of this, God handed them over to Satan.

4.

Their thoughts, words and actions are all based on sin. They cannot understand or think

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properly because they love evil.

5.

They are the authors of their own evils and they bring punishment upon themselves because they are unfit and follow what is wrong.

The words used in the above verses *all* indicate that:

1.

Homosexuals *can* change, *if* they want to. Homosexuality is just a habit and is not imposed by genetics or any other factor.

2.

They are so far gone as to be given over to sin and to Satan, being rejected by God.

3.

Anything adverse they get is a just reward for their evil.

The sin of homosexuality is not a single-factor evil. Verses 29 to 32 list a host of other evils that all go to make an homosexual what he or she really is. They are "*filled with*" certain things... to be 'filled' is to be full to the brim; abounding; supplied liberally and without stopping; completely given over to something; consummated; completely filled in every way until the end...

obeying God's will

and purpose as known in the law; fulfilled according to law. They are filled

"with

all"

... all manner of things all the time. What kinds of things do homosexuals do all the time? The list is long and chilling...

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"unrighteousness" = Iniquity of heart and life; violation of law and justice; unholy; sinful; deceitful; unjust; to be punished.

This is the basic condition that lead to all the other, following evils.

Note: ALL of them - not just one or two!

"fornication" = Illicit sex; worship of idols and defiled by them; prostitution. To *allow* oneself to be misled. Harlot/whore; male prostitute (which all male homosexuals are, by definition); whoremonger; One who is impure sexually or spiritually.

(Note: The early Hebrews marked several classes of fornicators: some were stoned to death; some were put away or shunned, etc. Fornication can also include adultery).

"Wickedness" = Iniquity; malice; evil purposes and desires; depravity; toiling annoyingly for perils; causing pain and trouble, especially to Christians; bad nature or condition; diseased.

"covetousness" = Greedy to have more; excessive love of money or of other things (which can include sex)... especially if they belong to others.

"maliciousness" = Malice; ill-will; desire to injure. Wickedness; depravity; not ashamed to break laws; evil and trouble; bad in every way; injurious; pernicious; destructive; poisonous.

In verse 29 we read that they are *"full of"*... or, 'full of the following'. (In this context, their minds are crammed full with thoughts and emotions of an evil nature):

"envy" = A corrupt desire for what others have - the opposite of the Christian desire for good.

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"murder" = Slaughter without cause. Premeditated killing without cause.

(Note: Nowhere in scripture does God say that all killing is wrong... only murder is said to be wrong).

"debate" = Wrangling; strife; contention; at variance. That is, arguing all the time against the truth.

"deceit" = Craftiness; deceiving; a decoy. That is, they use 'red herrings' as arguments.

"malignity" = Bad character; depraved in heart and mind; always planning evil against others; vicious.

"whisperers" = Slandering behind one's back; detracting from truth.

"backbiters" = Speaking evil; defamer.

"haters of God" = Hateful *to and toward* God; exceptionally impious and wicked; detestable; full of hate – especially toward God.

"despiteful" = Insolent; full of pride and thus piles insults on others; uses insulting language; does shameful wrongs; causes injury; wanton; outrageous; injuring by speaking evil; impudent; haughty; injuring in vile temper; doing so abundantly.

"proud" = Thinks one is above another; tries to *appear* to be better; wants to be noticed continually; thinks much of one's own self and efforts; despises others they think are 'below

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them'.

"boasters" = Empty pretender; a vagrant.

"inventors of evil things" = Contriving; always trying to find evil by thought and experience; searching for bad things to do.

"disobedient to parents" = Will not bend or be persuaded. Will never listen to advice; disobedient; rebellious; contempt for authority of parents (and subsequently of others).

"without understanding" = Unwise; unlearned; stupid; unintelligent.

"covenant breakers" = Faithless; simple; breaks promises.

"without natural affection" = Cherishing what is unnatural and evil.

"implacable" = Always ready for a fight. Prefer hostility to peace. Refusal to be friendly. Pours out ill-will. Brittle and bitter.

"unmerciful" = Merciless; cold-blooded; No compassion or pity; Will not help one in need or seeking aid. Unkind. UnChristian.

(Note: All the above characteristics are found in the mainly homosexual Nazi movement of pre- and Second World War).

Then we come to the final end of all who live this way: they

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"know the judgement of God that they which commit such things are worthy of death"

Knowing that God has judged them to be worthy only of death and hell, they

"not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them".

What can be added to this most damning of texts against homosexuality? It really is 'damning' in every sense. Can readers see what homosexuality involves and why it must never be given free reign in society? As one who not only has specialist knowledge of the subject, I have also been at the receiving end of homosexual hatred. I can testify that the many evils listed in this chapter of Romans ALL apply to EVERY homosexual, in varying degrees.

God loathes homosexuality to such an extent that He tells us in many texts what He thinks of it. Romans Chapter One contains possibly the most detailed account of this wrath and it accurately describes the homosexual ethos. It is certainly true that to God *all* sins, whether 'small' or great, are equally heinous and each is worthy of death.

Though all sins are worthy of death, homosexuality has been deliberately chosen by the Lord to be an example for all peoples and in all ages, of the vilest of depraved depths to which humankind can sink.

Let no man and no woman ever pretend that this is not so. Scripture is filled with God's judgement against this sin, which encompasses so many other evils. We can justly observe that open homosexuality is the sign of advanced depravity and is not merely the sign of a single sin enacted as an impromptu gesture. It is a conglomeration of a multitude of evils, as anybody who has ever had dealings with homosexuals know.

The nation that refuses to condemn and judge homosexuality is a nation on the downward slide.

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History proves, time and again, that when a nation is entering its final days, homosexuality and violence are common to the people. We already find this downward slide in the West as foolish governments give precedence to homosexuality in law. God recoils from the nation that prefers unnatural affections before His own pure and changeless commands. A nation is judged to be *corporately*

accountable if it allows a murderer to live, and it is similarly judged when it allows gross immorality to rule without challenge. That is when evil follows evil and godlessness makes slaves of all. God help those who still ignore God's word!

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