

Today's Love (Valentine's) Day, & I'm moved to expose as false the root of "gay pride" propaganda/demonstrations/political pressuring/attacks on Bible & Christianity. That root is the claim that

homosexuality is genetic--not a chosen sexual preference but a biological orientation.

1 In support of this myth, gay rhetoric often adduces "race": homosexuals can no more will themselves straight than African-Americans can will themselves "white." Subtle subtext: Why would anybody in either group want crossover? Subtle subsubtext: That anybody in either group could even think of crossing over proves the evil of white racism & of "homophobia." Subtle subsubsubtext: Straight opposition to gays proves that straights are weak-&-fearful (thus homo-*phobia*, a word intending insult, as the phobias are psychopathological states). (A further note on this slur fear-word: The word's false assumption is that *homomisia* [hatred of homosexuals] is a pseudo-strong posture as a cover for & consequence of a presumptively indefensible fear.)

2 In further support of this myth (that homosexuals are born, not made), gay rhetoric presents gays/lesbians who at least have no memory of attraction to the opposite sex, bisexuals who have no memory of having been more attracted to one sex than to the other, & transsexuals who have no memory of not having a strong desire to assume the physical characteristics & gender role of the opposite sex. Such **anamolies** do occur in the (overwhelmingly heterosexual) human population. But as the exception "proves" (in the sense of "tests") the rule, anomalies as abnormalities prove normality. (Only heterosexuals meet the telic test: their bodies move toward fulfilling the bio-telos, viz, procreation. Nonheterosexuals are *abnormal*, deviating from the norm. All human beings have genetic defects, & some of us [I in the eyes, probably some in sexual desire-&-functioning] are cases of arrested development. On top of this, we're all sinners. And on top & at bottom of all that, we are all God's defective, sinful *children*, called by God to love one another & treat one another with justice/equity/fairness.)

Yes, the American population is "overwhelmingly heterosexual." Faced with this fact, gay propaganda makes two moves: (1) It exaggerates the gay % of the population, claiming a disproportionate number on the basis of which excessive demands for attention are made; & (2) It extends the just demand for justice into a demand for equality, a notion taken to exhaust the content of justice & therefore to deserve the full sanctional force of justice. (Currently, the autonomous individual's "rights" + the sacrality of "equality" so befogs the ethical-legal atmosphere as to suppress rational speech: say one critical-suspicious word & you're a racist or sexist or classist or etatist or homophobe. False, when applied to adults, is the child's claim that "names will never hurt me." One who with courage so acts as to be labeled with any of these dirty words may find it hard to feed his/her family. No intolerance like "liberalism" scorned.)

3 Another way that gay rhetoric overreads biology is in the claim that parents need have no fear of their children's being bent, by homosexual advances, toward the gay/lesbian "lifestyle": only natural-born homo children will be responsive to gay advances. Gay subcultures throughout history give the lie to this self-defensive claim. So does sex-research: many children have indeterminate "sexual orientation" far into early adolescence & (as the saying goes) "can go either way."

4 Another overreading in gay propaganda is the denial of evidence that crossover (ie, conversion to heterosexuality) is possible. When it happens, the standard response is "He/she was never really homosexual." Would these same apologists say, of the some 70% of lesbians who were once heterosexuals, "They were never really heterosexuals"? The political dogma under all such arguing is the dogma of biosexual **stability**: the public need not fear that children will be persuaded to gayness, for in sexual preference human beings have **no choice**: you are, sexually, as you were born.

5 14/15ths of the early Roman Emperors were (if we apply said dogma) naturally gay: only Claudius preferred women. (Source: Gibbon's DECLINE AND FALL OF THE

ROMAN EMPIRE.) Ca.1% of any human population is homosexual; but if we take the 10% claim of some homo rhetoric, only 1 (instead of 14!) of the first Roman Emperors should have been gay. Was the job, as some jobs are, particularly attractive to gays? No. We are left, then, with this as explanation: the Emperors lived in a "gay life" culture, & their homosexuality was at least as much **nurture** as **nature** (indeed, more nurture than nature).

6 Gay argumentation proceeds thus: (1) Gayness is nonchoice (ie, "natural"); (2) Therefore (unlike, eg, AIDS), gayness is noncontagious; (3) So homophobia is ignorant, being nothing but a species of xenophobia; (4) The Bible only seems to have antigay passages (here, the move to set the Bible aside commits at least as many offenses against fact as, in other connections, do the inerrantists); (5) What the Bible really teaches is faithful love no matter what the particular sexual orientation/praxis; (6) So those who look at the means (sexual orientation/praxis) instead of, as they should, the end (faithful love) are being unbiblical & unChristian; (7) So church & society should place no rights-limits on gays as gays: they are equals in Christ (Gal.3.28 being abused to make this point) & face-to-face with "the laws of the land." (So, ordination of practicing gays, & altar-blessed gay unions.)

The whole flow of the argument depends on the truth/falsity of (1)--& the sharp focus of this Thinksheet is to remove that peg by falsifying the born-not-made claim.

7 As I'm determined not to exceed one sheet, I'm severely limited in space to prove (historically & presently) that homosexuality is **contagious** rather than genetically contained. The Jews & Republican (ie, pre-Empire) Romans looked with disfavor upon the "gay lifestyle," so it didn't flourish in either culture. It did, however, flourish in the Greek culture; and when "captive Greece led captive conquering Rome," it came to flourish in Roman society & throughout the Empire (Jews & Christians being the exceptions). (Evidence? For one, Wm.Barclay, FLESH AND SPIRIT [SCM/62], 24-28.)....Two qualifications: (1) While it's probable that some gays are "born that way," it's certain that some (eg, that ca.70% of lesbians) are so by choice--& the fact of choice proves that gayness is spreadable; (2) "Contagions" is a pejorative medical metaphor for the spread, which certain factors favor (as every bio-contagion spreads by factors favorable to pervading). In the US today, the factors favorable to gay pervading (& the emergence of the gay subculture & gay enclaves) are (1) dogmatic egalitarianism; (2) autonomous narcissism/hedonism; (3) gay rhetoric (as in this Thinksheet's title); (4) the aggressive, in-your-face, gay movement in church & society (with powerful divisions in the media & courts, as well as highly successful efforts to influence public education, especially textbooks).

8 I'm ashamed of my church's officialdom for allowing itself to become a wing of this gay movement, which is profoundly antibiblical & antiChristian. At the World Council of Churches, Zimbabwe, UCC rep. Robt.Koenig set aside the biblical passages against homosexuality: "Obviously the Bible came out of a different time. The important thing that Jesus lifted up was that people should support one another." He rebuked a Zimbabwean woman who was defending the Bible: "you take this too literally. You need to take into account the cultural context." "Homosexual relations are to be preferred to heterosexual ones because they don't increase the population." (Jan.-Feb./99 THE PRESBYTERIAN LAYMAN p9). ...This silliness is not limited to the UCC. No long ago, 167 UM (United Methodist) clergy together married a homosexual couple in defiance of their church's law....In his column yesterday, Geo.Will prays that at least during Lent we'll be free of "the talk of political clergy": "liberal clergy [are] heaven-sent answers to the prayers of satirists." "Attempts to tickle particular political programs from Scripture reduce religion to social work." And that great NT scholar Ray.E.Brown, in his magisterial AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NT (Doubleday/98, p530), is out of sorts with religiopolitical obscurantists: "Paul and indeed Jesus himself, walking among us in our time, would not be frightened by being considered sexually and politically 'incorrect'."

9 Fear the **plague** (in-your-face politicized predatory "gay pride," which let's call first-grade [legitimate] homophobia); fear not the **stranger** (the nonaggressive gay/lesbian person or couple in our midst & church membership, which let's call second-grade [unjustified] homophobia). No dignifying-equalizing of the gay "lifestyle," eg by altar-blessed gay unions.