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SCRIPTURES AND COMMENTARY BY ANDREW ON HOMOSEXUALITY

Genesis 1:27 – So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

God didn't create man to be homosexual. If he had, there wouldn't be a human race today. God made them Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve.

Genesis 19:4 – But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter.

Genesis 19:5 – And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

Genesis 19:24 – Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven.

The *New International Version* (NIV) translates this verse, “Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.” This

is clearly referring to homosexuality. God's judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah shows His abhorrence for homosexuality. Just because God isn't imputing our sins unto us under the New Covenant, it doesn't mean that this is now acceptable behavior.

It's still sin.

Leviticus 18:22 – Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

Homosexuality is an abomination to the Lord. It is an abomination to any godly person too.

Leviticus 20:13 – If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

God's standard hasn't changed. Homosexuality is an abomination to the Lord. But we don't put people to death

for it anymore, for the same reason that we don't kill children who curse their parents. (Ex. 21:17, Lev. 20:9, Prov. 20:20, and Deut. 21:18-21.) Jesus bore all of our punishment so we don't have to bear it. But homosexuality is still an abomination. Under the Old Covenant, people couldn't be saved and delivered of homosexuality. So, killing those who committed these terrible sins was like cutting out a cancer. But now that we have the cure for sin, we don't kill people. We offer them life instead.

Deuteronomy 23:17 – There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.

Deuteronomy 23:18 – Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

By comparing verses 17 and 18, it is clear that this scripture is referring to a homosexual as a dog. This very derogatory slur against homosexuality is an unmistakable indication of what God

thinks of homosexuality. It can be forgiven but only if it is acknowledged as sin.

1 Kings 14:24 – And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

This is another clear reference that homosexuality is an abomination to the Lord.

Romans 1:24 – Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves.

Romans 1:25 – Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Romans 1:26 – 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.

Romans 1:27 – 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.

Romans 1:28 – And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

Romans 1:29 – Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers.

Romans 1:30 – Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents.

Romans 1:31 – Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful.

Romans 1:32 – Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Verse 26 shows that homosexuality isn't the first sin a person participates in. It only

comes after an individual has hardened their heart to the Lord. And verse 28 shows that homosexuality is the last step before the Lord gives a person up to a reprobate mind which leads to total lawlessness.

1 Corinthians 6:9 – Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.

1 Corinthians 6:10 – Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

The Greek word *arsenokoites*, which was translated “abusers of themselves with mankind” here, was only used one other time in the New Testament, in 1 Timothy 1:10, where it was translated “for them that defile themselves with mankind.” The NIV renders “abusers of themselves with mankind” as “homosexual offenders.”

1 Timothy 1:9 – Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the

lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers.

1 Timothy 1:10 – For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.

1 Timothy 1:11 – According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

The Greek word *arsenokoites*, which was translated “for them that defile themselves with mankind” here, was translated “abusers of themselves with mankind” in 1 Corinthians 6:9. It means “a sodomite,” or a homosexual. Putting homosexuality in a list such as this makes it very clear that it is sin. It is a forgivable sin, but a sin nonetheless.

2 Peter 2:6 – And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.

Jude 7 – Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

God’s wrath on homosexuality in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrha was meant to be an example. There is no other way to interpret this than to say that God is against homosexuality. It is sin.

HOMOSEXUALITY STATISTICS

The Family Research Council (www.frc.org.)

Although promoted by the homosexual community as acceptable normal behavior, homosexuality is far from normal:

Infidelity is rampant, relationships are short-term.

Bell and Weinberg, in their classic study of male and female homosexuality, found that **43% of white male homosexuals had sex with 500 or more partners, with 28% having one thousand or more sex partners.**

A.P. Bell and M.S. Weinber, *Homosexualities: A Study of Diversity among Men and Women*.

Among Heterosexuals, 80% remain married for 5 years; 66%, 10 years; 57%, 15 years; and 50% for 20 years or more. **Among Homosexuals**, 31% remain together for 1-3 years; 29%, 4-7 years; 14%, 8-11 years; 6%, 12-15 years; and only 5% ever make it past 20 years. *(see graph on page 9)*

2003-2004 Gay/Lesbian Consumer Online Census

Mental and Health Risks Are Huge

A new study in the United Kingdom has revealed that homosexuals are about **50% more likely to suffer from depression and engage in substance abuse** than the rest of the populations, reports Health24.com.

After analyzing 25 earlier studies on sexual orientation and mental health, researchers, in a study published in the medical journal BMC Psychiatry, also found that **the risk of suicide jumped over 200% if an individual had engaged in homosexual lifestyle.**

Lifespan Is Reduced on Average by 20 Years

Homosexuals in the United States and Denmark—the latter of which is acknowledged to be highly tolerant of homosexuality—both **die on average in their early 50s, or in their 40s if AIDS is the cause of death.** The average age for all residents in either country ranges from the mid-to-upper-70s.

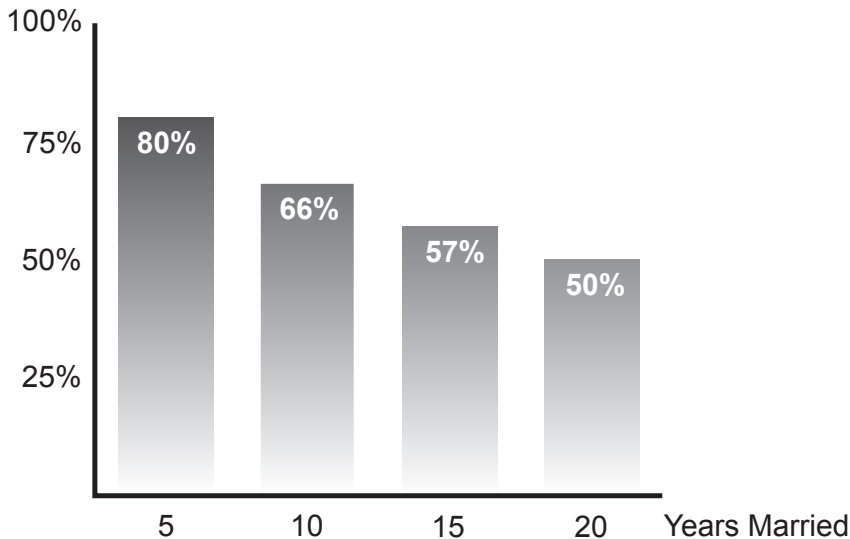
American Family News Network

Partner Violence

Homosexual and lesbian couples experience by far the highest levels of intimate partner violence compared with married couples as well as cohabiting heterosexual couples. **It is 300 times greater among homosexual men and 44 times greater among lesbians than traditional married couples.** *(see graph on page 11)*

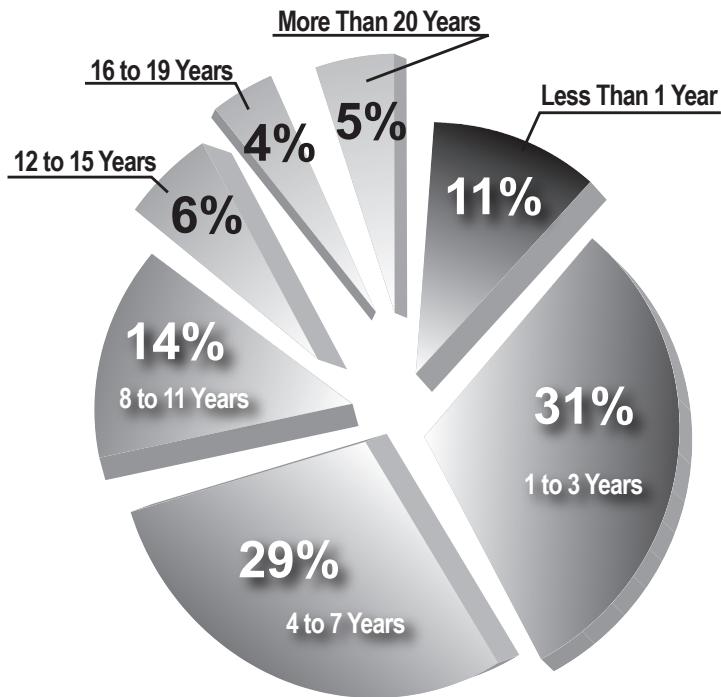
Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report, January 31, 2002

Percent of Traditional Biblical Marriages Remaining Intact (by length of marriage)



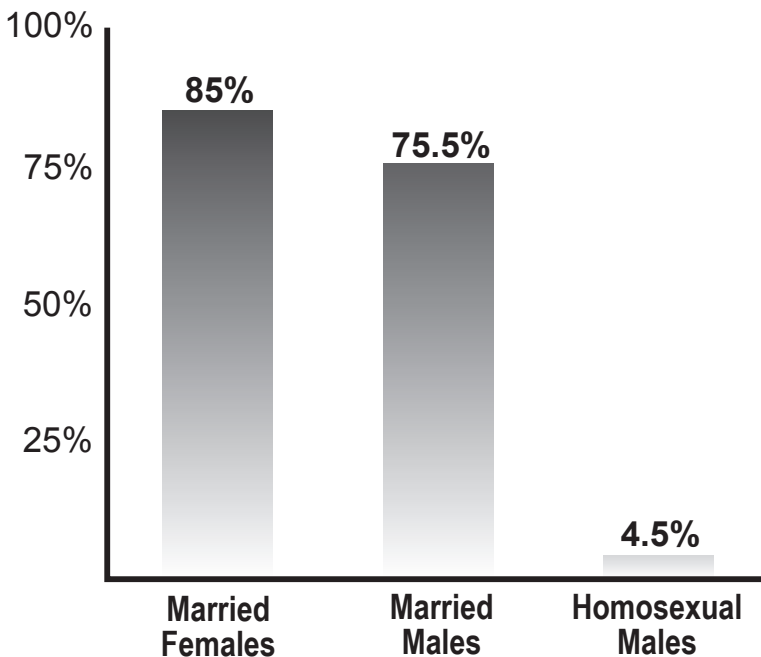
Source: National Center for Health Statistics
Center for Disease Control & Prevention 2001

Length of Current Homosexual Relationship (Years to Date)



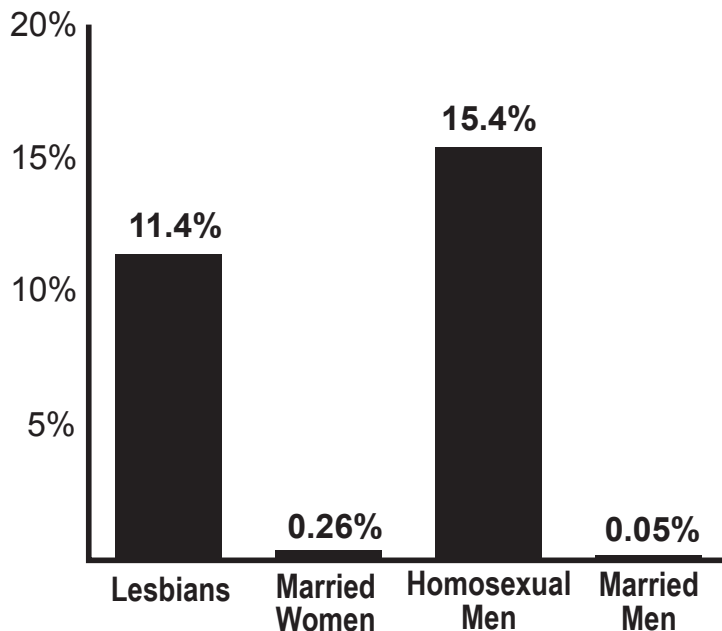
Source: 2003-2004 Gay/Lesbian Consumer Online Census

Percent Reporting Sexual Fidelity



Source: The Social Organization of Sexuality, 216; McWhirter and Mattison
The Male Couple: How Relationships Develop (1984):
252-253 Wiederman. "Extramarital Sex," 170.

Intimate Partner Violence: Homosexual/Lesbian vs. Married



Sources: “Extent, Nature and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence” U.S. Dept. of Justice: Office of Justice Programs: 30; “Intimate Partner Violence,” Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report.11.

SCRIPTURES AND COMMENTARY BY ANDREW ON ABORTION

Psalm 139:14-16 – I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

The wording in the *King James Version* is a little difficult, but this is saying that God knew us in our mothers' wombs. He considered us a person before we were completely formed and already had plans for our lives before we were born. The NIV translates this:

Psalm 139:14-16 (NIV)—I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the

days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Jeremiah 1:4-5—Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Galatians 1:15 – But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace.

These scriptures show that God has a calling and purpose for a child in the womb. God doesn't call fetuses and tissue; He calls human beings.

It was prophesied that John the Baptist would be filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15). That verse in the *Amplified Bible (AMP)* clearly states this meant John would be filled with the Holy Spirit in Elizabeth's womb.

Luke 1:15 (AMP) – For he will be great and distinguished in the sight of the Lord. And

he must drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit even in and from his mother's womb.

This was fulfilled in Luke 1:41 when Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit at the sound of Mary's greeting. The Holy Spirit would never fill or inhabit just a piece of flesh. John was a person even though this was only six months into Elizabeth's pregnancy.

Luke 1:41 – And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost.

The Scriptures also say that John leapt for joy in his mother's womb when he heard the sound of Mary's greeting (Luke 1:44).

Luke 1:44 – For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

This shows that babies have emotions and are aware of things outside of themselves at just twenty-four weeks into gestation.

Babies are not just “fetuses”; they are persons with feelings and emotions although they are not outside of their mothers' wombs.

If you say a baby isn't truly human until it can survive outside of their mother, then how far do you take that? Newborns can't survive on their own. They have to be nurtured for years before becoming self-sustaining. By taking that approach, you could justify killing a child until they could walk, talk, feed themselves, work, make a living, etc. There would be no end to that line of reasoning.

Life begins at conception, and we do not have the choice of taking another person's life except in self-defense or as punishment for only the most severe crimes. An unborn child has certainly committed no such crime. Abortion is murder.

ABORTION INFORMATION

Center for Disease Control (CDC)

1973	615,000	4. Parent involvement law, protecting teens from the abortion industry
1990	1,429,147	5. Waiting periods and limits on taxpayer funding have contributed
2005	839,226	
Since Roe vs. Wade in 1973 Total Abortions	49,915,000	

Focus on the Family

CDC researchers have admitted it undercounts the total number of abortions because reporting laws vary, some states, including California, do not always report, and from state to state, some abortionists do not report or under-report the abortions they perform.

More than 80% of all abortions are among unmarried women.

Approximately 1% of all U.S. abortions are considered in the “hard case” category. (Mothers health, baby’s health, rape, or incest)

Factors Involved in Abortion Decline (National Right to Life):

1. Population of women childbearing age in the U.S. has decreased
2. Increased Contraceptive use
3. Pro-life legislation “Right to Know.” Educational literature illustrating fetal development and the use of sonograms to view a living baby and the use of stethoscopes to hear the heartbeat.

Physical and Mental Risks (Focus on the Family)

1. Hemorrhage requiring transfusion
2. Perforation of the uterus
3. Cardiac arrest
4. Cervical damage complicating later pregnancy
5. Uterine rupture
6. Death
7. A Finish study of suicide after pregnancy found the “suicide rate

after an abortion was three times the general suicide rate and six times that associated with birth.”	Feels unready for child responsibility	25%
8. Women who ended their first pregnancy by abortion are five times more likely to report subsequent substance abuse than women who carried the pregnancy to term, and four times more likely to report substance abuse compared to those whose first pregnancy ended naturally.	Feels she can't afford baby	23%
	Has all the children she wants/Other family responsibilities	19%
	Relationship problem, Single motherhood	8%
	Feels she isn't mature enough	7%
	Interference with education/ career plans	4%
	Parents/Partner wants abortion	1%
	Other reasons	6.5%
	“Hard Cases” Mother's health, baby's health, rape, or incest	7%

Why Do Women Have Abortions?

National Right to Life

Lawrence Finer, et.al, “Reasons U.S. Women Have Abortions: Quantitative and Qualitative Perspectives” Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Vol. 37, No. 3 (September 2005) p.110.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN LIFE IN THE WOMB

Below are website sources detailing the development of human life before birth.

<http://www.wpcclinic.org/parenting/fetal-development/first-trimester/>

<http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/facts/fetaldevelopment.html>



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