

Homosexuality

Texts & Hermeneutics

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Hermeneutics

- I. Traditional View of Sexuality
 - A. Scripture
 - B. Reason/Science
 - C. Experience
- II. Revisionist View of Sexuality
 - A. Experience
 - B. Reason/Science
 - C. Scripture

Texts

- I. Genesis 19 - Sodom
 - A. Revisionist View
 - 1. Sin of gang rape
 - 2. Sin of inhospitality
 - a. Ezek 16:49 "arrogant, overfed and unconcerned"; Matt 10:14-15
 - b. "To know" means "to interrogate" not "to have sex" יָדָע (yada') Gen 19:5

Texts

I. Genesis 19 - Sodom

B. Traditional View

1. Gang rape and homosexuality
2. Inhospitability and homosexuality
 - a. Ezek 16:50 "They were haughty and did an abomination before me." תועבה (*to'evah*) from Lev 18:22; 20:13
 - b. *According to context, yada'* can mean "to know sexually"
 - i. Context - Lot's daughters didn't "know a man"

Texts

II. Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

A. Revisionist View

1. Only refers to pagan temple male prostitutes
 - a. Gay sex is OK, but not in pagan temple.
2. Abomination = impurity (eagles, lobsters)
3. Holiness Code doesn't apply to us
 - a. Sex with menstruating woman (18:18; 20:18), mate diff animals (19:19), mixing seed/fabric (19:19), cutting side burns (19:27), tattoos (19:28)

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II. Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

B. Traditional View

1. Pagan temple male prostitutes = קְדֻשִׁים *qedeshim*
 - a. Inconsistent with context of Lev 18-20
2. *To'evah* refers to immorality (Pro 6:16-19)
 - a. Different word used (*sheqetz*) eagle, lobster
3. Penalty: unclean or death

וְאֶת־זָכָר לֹא תִשְׁכַּב מִשְׁכָּבִי אִשָּׁה תוֹעֵבָה הוּא

Texts

III. David and Jonathan

A. Revisionist View

1. David and Jonathan were lovers
 - a. "love...more wonderful than that of women"
2 Sam 1:26
 - b. "Jonathan became one in spirit with David"
1 Sam 18:1
 - c. "Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David" 1 Sam 18:4
 - d. "They kissed each other and wept together" 1 Sam 20:41

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III. David and Jonathan

B. Traditional View

1. The love of two men doesn't have to be sexual
 - a. God's love is most wonderful. Does this mean it's sexual?
2. One in spirit/soul, not flesh (1 Sam 18:1)
3. Never mentioned they had sex
4. David's issue was women not men
David and Jonathan had wives

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IV. Slavery

A. Revisionist View

1. Bible condones slavery and is wrong.
Bible's wrong on homosexuality as well.

B. Traditional View

1. Never condoned *modern* slavery
2. Modern slavery ≠ Ancient slavery
3. Bible is critical of slave trade
 - a. Exo 21:16

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V. Jesus' Testimony

A. Revisionist View

1. Jesus was silent about homosexuality

B. Traditional View

1. Silent about bestiality, incest, etc.
2. Homosexuality universally condemned
 - a. Jesus would've corrected this universal misunderstanding (like Sabbath)
3. Reaffirm biblical sexuality Mark 10:6-9
4. High view of sexual purity, lust=adultery

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VI. Romans 1:26-27

A. Revisionist View ("unnatural *para fusin*")

1. Acting opposite to one's orientation
2. Excessive sexual desire/lust

B. Traditional View

1. Rom 1:18-32 similar to Genesis 1-3

Romans 1 and Genesis 1

"ever since the creation of the world" (Rom 1:20)
and "the Creator" (Rom 1:25)

Genesis 1

"human" άνθρωπος 1:26

"image" εικόν 1:26

"likeness" όμοίωσις 1:26

"birds" πετεινός 1:26

"livestock" κτήνος 1:26

"creeping thing" έρπειτόν 1:26

"male" άρσσην 1:27

"female" θήλυς 1:27

Romans 1

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"image" εικόν 1:23

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B. Traditional View

1. Rom 1:18-32 similar to Genesis 1-3
 - a. Male (*arsen*) and female (*thelys*)
 - b. Plato, Philo and Josephus
2. No correlation ≠ no sin

Texts

VII. 1 Cor 6:9-10, 1 Tim 1:9-10

A. Revisionist View

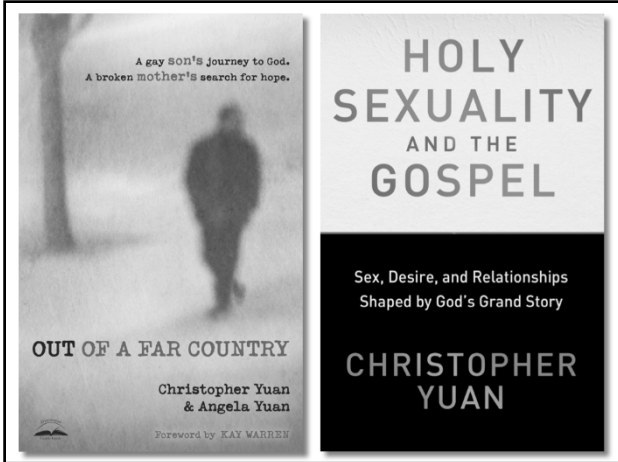
1. *Arsenokoitai* = sexual *and* economic exploitation (pedophilia)

B. Traditional View

1. *Arsenokoitai* is from Lev 20:13 (LXX)
 - a. Male (*arsēn*) + bed (*koite*)
 - b. Num 31:17-18, Judg 21:11-12
2. Pedophilia = παιδεραστής (*paiderastēs*)

Such were some of you;
but you were washed, but you were
sanctified, but you were justified
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
and in the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11




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