

Homosexuality and Pedophilia

Sins of the Flesh

Introduction:

While some may claim that “homosexuality and pedophilia are simply another ways of expressing love” or living an “alternate lifestyle,” the word of God calls the relationships sinful. This study shall examine the sins of homosexuality and pedophilia from a Biblical perspective.

A World view of Homosexuality:

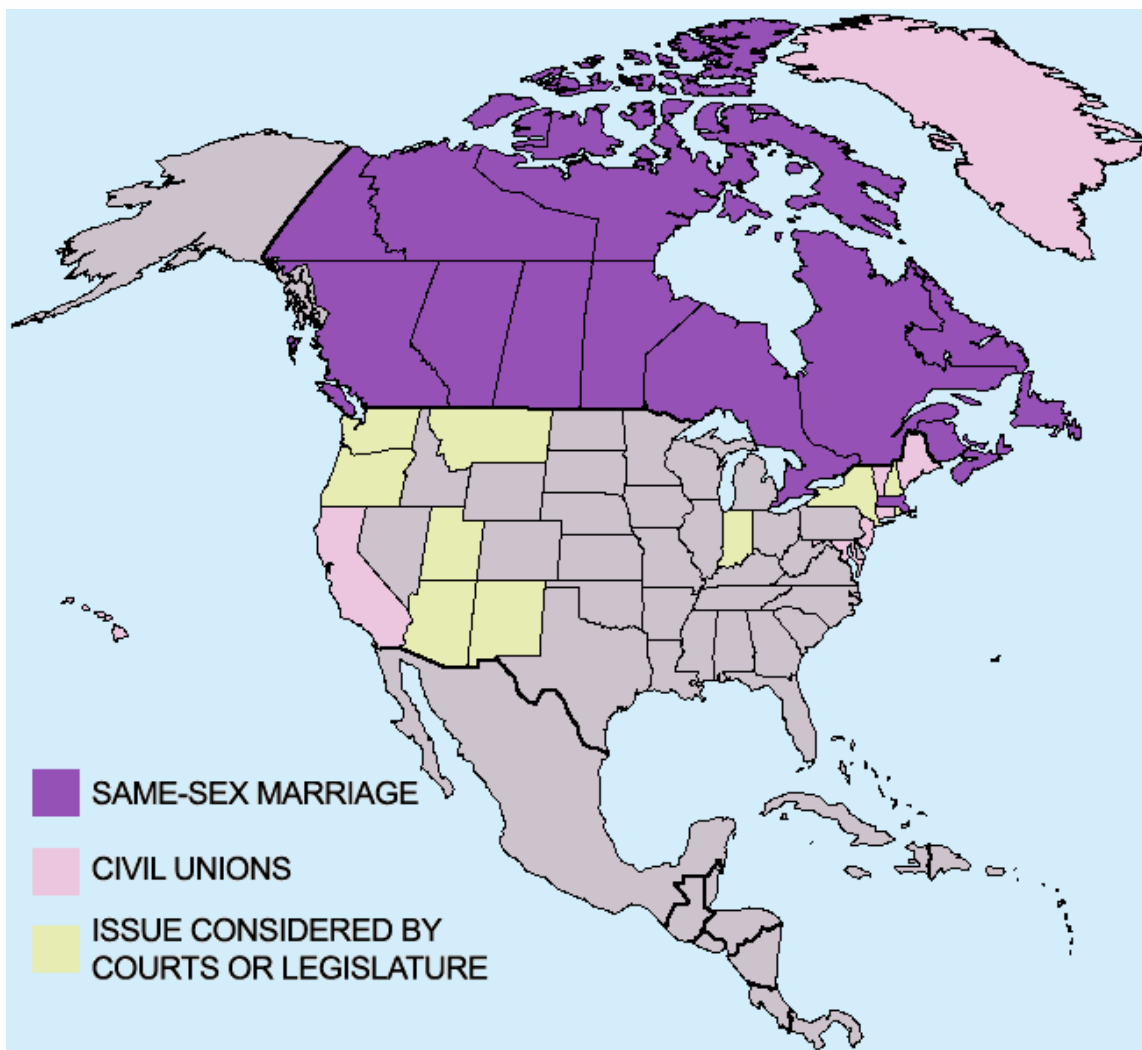
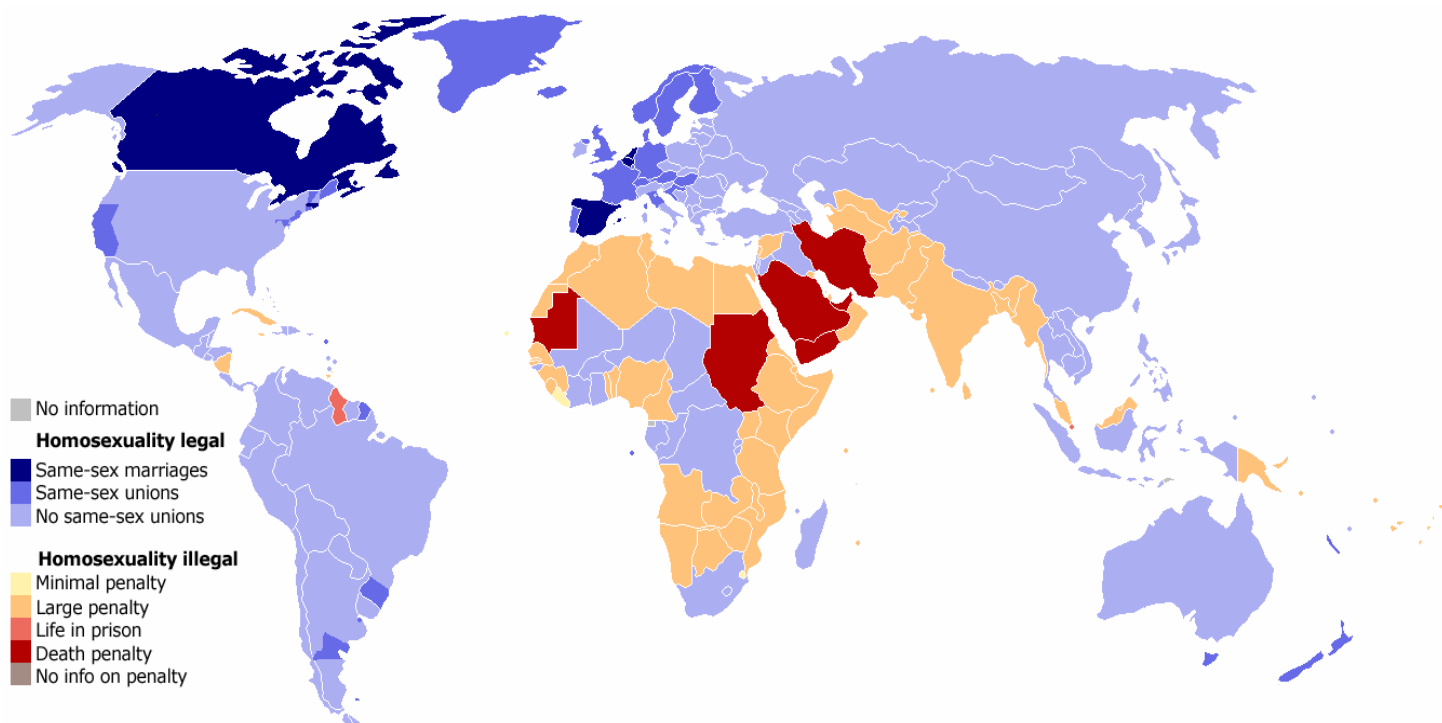
In 1993, the research journal Science published a study by Dean Hamer that claimed that people may very well be born gay. The “gay gene” theory began invading the world and gave justification for homosexual behavior around the world. Today, homosexuality is more and more accepted as an alternative life style. Same-sex marriages are accepted in four countries as a whole (i.e., Belgium, Canada, Netherlands, and Spain). The state of Massachusetts made same-sex marriages legal on May 17, 2004. Massachusetts is the only state in the United States to do so; however, civil union relationships abound in the states.

Same-sex marriage
Performed nationwide in:
Belgium (2003)
Canada (2005)
Netherlands (2001)
Spain (2005)
Performed in some regions in:
United States: MA (2004)

“A **civil union** is one of several terms for a civil status similar to marriage, typically created for the purposes of allowing homosexual couples access to the benefits enjoyed by married heterosexuals (see also same-sex marriage); it can also be used by couples of differing sexes who do not prefer to enter into the legal institution of marriage but who would rather be in a union more similar to a common-law marriage.

Many different types of civil unions exist. Some are identical to marriage in nearly every respect except name; some have many but not all of the rights accorded to married couples (sometimes called Registered Partnerships); some are simple registries (also called domestic partnerships.)

Some jurisdictions that have passed civil unions include Vermont (2000) and Connecticut (2005) in the United States; Quebec and Nova Scotia in Canada; France and Denmark (1989), Norway (1993), Sweden (1994), Iceland (1996), Finland (2000), Germany (2001), Portugal (2001), the Swiss canton of Zürich (2002), the Argentine city of Buenos Aires (2003), and New Zealand (2005) and the Australian state of Tasmania (2004)” (<http://en.wikipedia.org>). The maps below illustrate a world view of same-sex marriages (taken from <http://en.wikipedia.org>).



The Word of God on Homosexuality:

The word “sodomy” originates from the Genesis 19:5-7 passages where the men of Sodom tried to rape two male angels that had come to Lot’s house. The sin of homosexuality is brought out in the OT (Lev. 18:22) and was punishable by death (Lev. 20:13). The NT condemns homosexuality at Romans 1:26ff. Though the Word of God condemns homosexuality it does not leave such a one with no hope (cf. I Cor. 6:9-11). The terms “*Abusers of themselves with men*” (*arsenokoitai*) (“sodomites” {NM 669}) at I Cor. 6 are defined as “Lying with men” (LS 119). “A male who practices homosexuality, pederast, sodomite” (AG 109). “One who lies with a male as with a female, a sodomite” (Thayer 75). Said individuals that do not repent, as did the Corinthians, have no hope of heaven (I Cor. 6:9).

A World view of Pedophilia:

The word pedophilia is defined as “an adult who is sexually attracted to children” (www.dictionary.com). “The term “**statutory rape**” is sometimes used when [national](#) and/or [regional governments](#), citing an interest in protecting minors, consider people under a certain age to be unable to give consent, and therefore consider sexual contact with them to be [rape](#). The age at which individuals are considered competent to give consent is the [age of consent](#). In the United States, the limits set by each state vary in accordance with local standards of morality, and range from 15 to 18. Sex which violates age-of-consent law but is neither violent nor physically coerced is sometimes described as *statutory rape*, which in US states is usually a legally-recognized category. (In Canada the term “sexual interference” is used instead of “statutory rape”.) In some jurisdictions this may be known as “criminal sexual conduct with a minor” or “sexual battery of a minor” and, although it may be prosecuted as rape, the words statutory rape are not used. The legal position however is usually identical... Statutory rape therefore refers to the crime of sexual intercourse with someone under the local age of consent but older than the maximum age for the act to be considered [child molestation](#). It is so named because it is considered to be rape under a specific statute rather than under the principles of criminal [common law](#). The state declares that children under a certain age are not able to give informed consent, citing an interest in protecting minors. Thus even if a person under the age of consent for his or her area agrees to sexual activity, it is still considered legally to be rape” (<http://en.wikipedia.org>).

Advocacy of pedophilia (<http://en.wikipedia.org>)

There are a number of organisations and web-based communities, together referred to as the *childlove movement*, that seek to remove the stigma from pedophilia. Goals for these organisations and communities range from wanting to legalise sexual relationships between adults and children or teenagers, to merely offering a place for support and advice to those with a sexual attraction to children.

- The North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) advocates legalisation of consensual sexual relationships between boys and men.
- MARTIJN is a Netherlands-based advocate of adult-child sex.
- BoyChat is a support forum for male-attracted pedophiles.
- Girl Chat is a support forum for female-attracted pedophiles.
- Pedophiles Against Child Molestation (PACM) is an organisation of conscientious pedophiles opposed to child abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

- tkGL.net is a support forum similar to *Girl Chat* featuring personal testimonies, on-topic debates, and coverage of related news/media.

The Word of God on Pedophilia:

The Bible has somewhat to say about such sexual interest. The apostle Paul addressed interest in children at I Corinthians 6:9 saying that those who are “*effeminate*” will not inherit the kingdom of God. The word “*effeminate*” Gr. *malakoi* = “Soft, effeminate, esp. of catamites, men and boys who allow themselves to be miss-used homosexually” (AG 488). The word catamite means “a boy kept by a pederast (one who engages in anal intercourse, esp. with a boy; lover of boys)” (AHD 247).

Conclusion:

Regardless of the world’s view of homosexuality and pedophilia the Word of God reveals the acts to be sinful. God created man and woman from the beginning and intended for marriage (and the sexual union) to be between a man and woman (cf. Gen. 2:18, 21-25; Matt. 19:4; I Cor. 7:1ff).