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HOMOSEXUALITY: THE ULTIMATE SIN

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THE VALUE OF MEMORIZATION

BY DR. DAYTON HOBBS

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II. What Does God Say About Homosexuality?

Homosexuality is frequently called Sodomy because the Bible first introduces us to this perversion at Sodom. Genesis 13:13 tells us that the men of Sodom were, "wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly." What was their sin? Later chapters explain it clearly. Backslidden Lot, who had refused to practice the separation which protected Abraham, had visitors at Sodom. They were angels, but they appeared to be men. Lot's homosexual neighbors made a demand:

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. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Gen. 19:5-7

The phrase, "that we may know them" is the common Biblical expression for sexual intercourse. Lot, backslidden though he was, recognized their desire as wickedness. God put His confirmation on Lot's accusation by destroying the city with fire and brimstone. The defenders of homosexuality like to reason as to whether homosexuality is a sin or a sickness. In fact, Scanzoni and Mollenkott compare it to being born lefthanded. God answered the question at Sodom. God does not treat sickness or lefthandedness with fire and brimstone.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND VIOLENCE

Before leaving Sodom, I want you to observe another truth about homosexuality. It is almost always violent. The men of Sodom were full

of threats of violence. Homosexuality is still associated with violence.

Dr. William Ward Ayer, in an article on homosexuality, quotes a statement he heard in person from the minister of a homosexual church:

What are we doing about this? Well, we are organizing. We are taking steps toward self-liberation. We are fighting back. When the police raided a gay bar in New York City, we left by the back door, locked the cops in, set fire to the place and threatened to rape the cops. They beat a hasty retreat!¹⁰

This is the spirit of Sodom in New York City. John Murtagh, a New York judge said in his book *Cast the First Stone*, that probably 50% of all suicides and homicides in a big city can be attributed to homosexuality.¹¹ Homosexuality and violence still walk hand in hand.

In the Old Testament law, God spoke clearly to Israel about this perversion. Leviticus 18:22 says: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." In Scripture an "abomination" is something which God hates. The subject is really as simple as that. God hates it. Leviticus 20:13 follows up with the penalty which was to be exacted:

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.

Homosexuality was a capital offense in Israel. Is homosexuality a sickness or a sin? God has given His clear answer to the question.

In the historical section of the Old Testament, we find that a bloody war was fought over a homosexual element in the tribe of Benjamin.

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No one really knows or understands the capabilities of the human mind. Even though affected by the fall, it still retains amazing capabilities. What must have been the abilities of Adam's mind before the fall? One of the human mind's most amazing characteristics is that of memory. Often older people remember, with great clarity and detail, events of their childhood and youth. Memory obviously is part of man's "image of God" qualities, and therefore, it seems that it is likewise obvious that much attention should be given to memorization in Christian education, particularly in the earlier years.

Younger children have a tremendous capacity for memorization — which brings to mind some things that I believe are important for teachers to remember concerning memorization.

(1) What a child memorizes is of utmost importance. Teachers should be careful that only the best of material is committed to memory. Of primary importance is the memorization of Scripture, but other literature of value should be included. One of the fondest memories I have of my father, especially in his later years, was the occasions when he would recite by the hour poetry and other portions of literature and folklore he had memorized as a youth in grammar school.

(2) The "early years" (ages 5 thru 12) are the years for building the foundations for later education. Teaching concepts are not as important at this age as foundational things such as drill, repetition, facts, memorization, and the like. Children at this period are generally not yet ready to effectively reason or deal with abstract ideas. (Obviously, some are ready earlier than others.)

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Editor's Desk

I'm afraid thinking is just about a lost art in Fundamentalist circles today. It is much easier to let someone else do your thinking for you, leaving you nothing to do except put your own stamp of approval upon their ideas, making them your own. Of course, a couple of precautions are necessary: first, you should pick someone to think after who has a sufficiently large following to keep you from finding yourself inadvertently holding to a generally unpopular position, and, secondly, wait a sufficient length of time before endorsing anyone else's position to be sure it will indeed receive wide acceptance and thereby insure no future embarrassment to you. Of course, you could take the position of always being neutral on all issues; however, someone then might accuse you of being spineless, and this would not be good for your "image".

It's too bad, but I'm afraid too many who indicate a desire to be identified as a Fundamentalist follow the above described scenario. Far better it would be if Fundamentalists, like those noble Bereans who examined even the great Apostle Paul's words by searching the Scriptures to see "whether those things were so", would examine all issues carefully for themselves by searching the Scriptures and take their stand accordingly. ★

Letters

Dear Dr. Hobbs:

Your paper has been a real blessing and encouragement in these times when so many are compromising and side stepping issues in fundamental circles. Preachers minister the Word, but are careful to keep on the positive side to avoid controversy, and thus often present only one side of an important issue. I have appreciated the follow up you have given on Bill Gothard and the problems infesting his outfit.

Sincerely your brother in Christ,
G.M., PA

Dear Dr. Hobbs:

Just a note to thank you for putting in the article by Peter Foxx on ROUSAS JOHN RUSHDOONY. I have been concerned about this man for a long time. So many of our friends have invited him in because of his stand on humanism. Peter really hit the nail right on the head in this article, and I think more people need to be warned about him.

I am afraid that a lot of the hysteria that is going on today among some of our churches and pastors is instigated by such thoughts as Rushdoony promotes. I think he has a lot to do with the legal situation in our country today. It seems to be really getting out of hand.

Sincerely in Christ,
B.W., CA

Dear Dr. Hobbs:

Thank you for printing the resolution regarding the Scripture adopted by the World Congress of Fundamentalists which met August 1 through 7, 1983, at Bob Jones University.

We identify with this resolution and are grateful that it puts the New International Version in the camp with the R.S.V. I am personally grateful for stout fundamentalism. The World Congress of Fundamentalists is to be commended for this resolution.

In Christ's Name,
B.S., MI

Dear Brethren:

Recently I was sent a copy of your paper and was pleased as well as blessed. The dear folks that sent me the paper felt it was something that would encourage me, for which it did. I pastor a small Independent Baptist Church here. I have been under fire for some time for my stand and my desire to please and glorify our Lord. Your paper was indeed a great blessing.

Would you please place me on your mailing list and bill me if there is any charge. I trust the Lord will bless and continue to use you in telling the greatest story and for encouraging other pastors as myself.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
D.J.C., Pastor, AZ

Dear Dr. Hobbs:

I have been enjoying your articles about discipline in THE PROJECTOR. Enclosed is my \$5.00 donation to THE PROJECTOR.

Also, will you please send me complete information and rules for starting a Tee Ball program in connection with our Christian school.

Thank you,
J.S.F., OR

RESOLUTIONS OF THE WORLD CONGRESS OF FUNDAMENTALISTS

WHICH MET AUGUST 1-7, 1983
ON THE CAMPUS OF
BOB JONES UNIVERSITY
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH
REGARDING MEN AND MOVEMENTS

We believe that it is not enough just to proclaim Biblical principles of separation, but that it is further necessary and scriptural to identify men, institutions, and movements that are involved in apostasy or compromise with it. To this end the World Congress of Fundamentalists warns Bible believers against:

1. The liberalism and modernism represented by the World Council of Churches, the Baptist World Alliance, the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), the Evangelical Alliance, the World Evangelical Fellowship, and other such denominational world alliances.
2. New Evangelicalism as it appears in educational institutions such as Wheaton College, London (England) Bible College, California Graduate School of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Latin America Seminary; in publications such as Christianity Today, Moody Monthly, and Christian Life; in campus movements such as Campus Crusade, Young Life, Youth for Christ, and Inter-Varsity Fellowship; and in missions agencies such as World Vision, Wycliffe Bible Translators, World Literature Crusade, TEAM, Overseas Missionary Fellowship, Africa Inland Mission, Operation Mobilization, and many others.
3. Ecumenical evangelism as practiced in crusades held by Billy Graham, Luis Palau, James Robison, Billy Kim, Leighton Ford, Paul Cho, and John Haggai Institutes.
4. The charismatic movement exemplified by ministries such as the 700 Club (Pat Robertson), the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship, PTL Club (Jim Bakker), Rex Humbard, Oral Roberts, Jimmy Swaggart, and Youth With a Mission.
5. Pseudo-fundamentalism represented by men such as W. A. Criswell, Jerry Falwell, George Sweeting, and Jack Van Impe.

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Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

Perils and Providence

Plymouth Harbor was humming at the Pilgrim's final departure. Some were bidding the little band Godspeed, some were prophesying dark forebodings over their venture, and some were reviling them and proclaiming that England would be better for being rid of them.

After many difficulties of departing, some were heartsick with depression or homesickness before they were hardly out of the harbor. The open sea surged, the ship rolled and tossed like a huge cradle, and in a short time nearly forty souls fell to seasickness. What a miserable plight. Such ghastly color in faces, such heaving and gasping, such convulsions. For days, one after the other fell to the desperate misery. When the plight hit Mr. Hopkins, a stranger in the group, it only brought out his baser nature. He complained that others were ill of the same malady and unable to come to his aid. When begged to be calm, he only ranted that they would all perish on such a madcap voyage and should go back to England while there was still life in their bodies. Such grumblings dispelled no fears on board.

Poor Mr. Carver, the only Elder able to come to him at all, spoke gently. "Mr. Hopkins, your affliction has warped your better judgment. Seasickness is not a fatal ailment. In due time and with the Lord's help all will be restored to health. Nay, Mr. Hopkins, we've embarked on this voyage, and we'll not face about unless the Lord wills it."

The Pilgrim Elders ruled their flock as best they could, observed the Lord's Day, abode by the Word of God, and sought God's leading in their venture. But all did not go well. With the seasickness came scurvy, fevers, and the pox. Sickness was a dreaded enemy with so many crowded into the tight cabins. For all anyone could do, Tom Shipley died a gruesome death of the pox. In less than a week, he went from strength and vigor to a shrunken, decaying body. In the presence of the Pilgrims and terror stricken seamen, the corpse, sewed in canvas and weighted with ballast, was dropped overboard into the sea.

Yet ahead the terrible storm broke. Nature unleashed her forces in one gigantic outburst. The people

huddled in their cabins white-eyed in terror as the storm shrieked. Cross words blew with a violence that threatened to break the very walls of the ship. Heavy waves poured down the hatchway and flooded the cabins. Water rose in the cabins ankle deep. Panic stricken, some people cried - "All is lost. We are sinking". Yet others prayed and cried, "Yet Thou Lord can save us!" The terror was beyond description. The ship heaved and rolled until it seemed it would go down. She was bathed in sea water and at the mercy of the wind and waves. She was tossed like a bobbin in the storm for two days and nights and into the next day before the storm abated. Then in the midst of a measure of calm, a new life came into the world. "It's a boy," Dr. Fuller announced, "All is well."

"He was born on the ocean. He ought to be named Oceanus."

Quietness settled amongst the people, but shortly the storm returned full blast. This time monstrous wave after wave swooped down on the Mayflower and raked across her deck. Rigging was torn to shreds, masts swayed and whipped in the air like reeds in the wind. Under the terrible strain, one of the mainbeams cracked and gave way. By God's grace no one was hurt, but the little band was again in deep trouble.

They fought on in the storm yet knew that if the beam was not fixed, they would be in mortal danger.

"We cannot mend her at sea. Best we tack around and make sail for England. The ship is so weak she may sink soon."

The Pilgrims listened in dread as mutterings broke out among the crew. "Can't be repaired." — "Best put back to England" — "We'll all be drowned!"

In the distress, Moses Fletcher interrupted — Mr. Carver, if the upper works can be caulked and made safe, perhaps I have an answer to the broken mainbeam. I have a large jackscrew in the ship's hold.

Anxiously Carver, the captain, the carpenter and others considered it. If the jackscrew could force the main beam back into place, they could set a smaller beam under it to make it secure.

Staggering under the weight of the jackscrew, the sailors brought it up and set it under the beam. Slowly they turned the jack. It pressed against the wood. There was a groaning, creaking sound. Everyone caught their breath. Was the jack strong enough to lift the heavy oak beam? Again they turned the screw. Slowly, slowly it rose, screeching at every turn, but it did rise and push the great beam back into place. The jack held the

beam firmly!

A great sigh escaped the watchers. God be praised! He had used Moses Fletcher and his jackscrew to protect His people. He had spared them from a watery grave, and they could continue on their journey.

Many more troubles assailed them along the way, but by mid-October silent fears became spoken as they realized the terrible storm had blown them off course. Storms or no storms, they should have been ashore by now.

At long last on November 10, the watchman shouted, "Land Ho!" Weary passengers scurried to the deck to see for themselves. The sad plight was that this was not the place for which they had sailed. It was not Virginia at all! Blown off course, they had landed far to the north in New England. They didn't know who, if anyone, laid claim to the land.

"Hooray", the rebel Billington and his companions shouted.

"It's every man for himself! No country has a hold on us now!"

"He's right!"

"We're free to do as we please!" We can do away with governors and all the old laws."

The Pilgrims were silent, alarmed at the threatening tones of Billington and his companions. Then Mr. Bradford spoke.

"What you men suggest is anarchy. We must have some form of government or we will all be lost."

Over their burst of protests Mr. Bradford silenced them. "We must not snarl at one another. Let all the men gather in the big cabin and discuss how we shall govern ourselves."

In spite of the growling and mutterings of the rebel group, they all followed Bradford into the cabin to consider the most serious matter. And what a remarkable document they formed. "The Mayflower Compact" — a concise, unique document that left no man to conquer or dominate another selfishly, but banned them together to order, preserve, and further their cause and the liberty of their people. Forty-one men of the saints and strangers signed the document. They chose John Carver as their governor. What a thrilling, historic experience this must have been for these men who, for the first time in history, had a voice in the matters of their government and a vote in choosing their leader.

The Pilgrims completed their great work in laying for us the foundations of liberty, of faith, and of adherence to the Word of God. They have left for us a great Christian American heritage and with it the challenge to pick up the banner for the Lord Jesus Christ, to be separated unto Him, and to be dedicated to His cause. ★



**Focus
On
Religion**

BY PETER J. FOXX

Religious War In Lebanon

The bloodshed and carnage of civil war half-way around the world came right to our doorsteps with the murder of more than 230 United States Marines and sailors in Beirut. Young American men have become victims of violence and hatred that has periodically simmered and exploded for centuries of time in the land of Lebanon.

The belligerents in battle are known as the Druze and Christians respectively. Who are these people? From where did they come? Are the Christians really Christian?

Harry Genet has written an excellent article on this subject for CHRISTIANITY TODAY (October 21, 1983). I would like to share some of his insight and historical research with our PROJECTOR readers.

Lebanon is a country without strong nationalistic feelings. The allegiances of the people are divided among the religious groups, village chieftains and ruling families. The President of Lebanon is Amin Gemayel of the Maronite clan. This group is also known as the Lebanese Christians and its militia is the Phalangist militia. The opposition leader in the Lebanese parliament is Walid Jumblatt. Jumblatt is the Islamic clan leader of the Druze. Thus we have the basic warring factions—the Maronites and the Druze; the Christians and the Muslims.

Neither group originated in Lebanon, but fled there avoiding persecution. The Maronites came from Northern Syria, the area where the Ancient Biblical Church of Antioch was located. The Maronites became involved in the ancient Christological controversies and were persecuted for believing that Christ had two natures but only one divine will. In the 8th century they fled to Lebanon when the Omayyad Muslims dominated their Syrian Homeland.

The Druze came to Lebanon in the 11th century from Egypt. They fled their homeland as a result of persecution from fellow Muslims for being unorthodox. Genet points out the interesting fact that the Druze refuse to allow conversion to their religion. They believe that

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**From
The
President**



One of the advantages of a small college such as Santa Rosa Christian College is the close relationship the faculty and staff has with each student. Personal care and concern for every student is a watchword at Santa Rosa Christian. We not only are able to help each student personally in the academic area, but we are also able to give individual counsel and guidance in matters concerning God's will and purpose for students.

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Paul's injunction to Timothy carries on today in those training for God's service at Santa Rosa Christian College: "...Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. ...Neglect not the gift that is in thee." I Tim. 4:12,14 ★

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Thanks So Much!

Thanksgiving Concert Slated

Mr. Howard Woods, Chairman of the Fine Arts Department, will direct Santa Rosa Christian College and Academy choirs, band, and ensembles in a special Thanksgiving Concert on Tuesday, November 22. Santa Rosa Christian Schools give special attention to the Thanksgiving season as it is a particularly Christian and American holiday.

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- Senior Choral Readers -
The American Flag
- Ladies Trio -
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- "Aunt Carolyn" -
What Price Liberty?
(Pilgrim Story Excerpts)
- Brass Quartet -
A Mighty Fortress
Is Our God
- SRC Choir -
Antiphonal Psalm
Hymn of Thanksgiving
Alleluia ★

Calendar

- November**
- 2 - Academy Nine Weeks Ends
 - 4 - Junior High Fall Frolic
 - 7 - Parent-Teacher Meeting
 - 8-9 - College Exams
 - 9 - College Mid Term Ends
 - 11 - Senior High Fall Frolic
 - 14 - Sunday School Skating Party
 - 16 - Missions Film
 - 22 - Thanksgiving Concert
 - 24-25 Thanksgiving Holidays
 - 29 - Basketball: Central, Away
- December**
- 1 - Basketball: Jay, Away
 - 4 - Basketball: Pace, Away
Milton, Home
 - 9 - Founder's Day
Basketball: Pensacola, Away
 - 12 - Faculty-Staff Christmas Party
 - 15 - Christmas Program
 - 16 - School Dismissed at Noon
 - 16-January 2 - Christmas Vacation
- January**
- 2 - Dorm Students Report by
6:00 P.M.
 - 3 - Classes Resume ★

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when a Druze dies, his soul enters the body of a newborn Druze.

In the 18th century the Maronites converted as a group to Roman Catholicism. This move would serve them well when the Druze attacked in 1860, killing 12,000 Maronites. France responded to their plea for assistance by sending French troops to restore order. Part of the settlement of the war of 1860 was division of territory. The Druze were to remain in the Shouf and the Maronites were to dwell in the mountain area to the north of the Shouf called the Metn.

The delicate territorial balance of religious factions was maintained until recent years. Several events were to occur that turned the tiny nation into a bloody battleground seething with turmoil and hatred. In 1948, Israel became a nation with thousands of Palestinians pouring into Lebanon as a result. In 1970, a new influx of Palestinians occurred with the expulsion of the PLO from Jordan. Finally, in 1982 Israel invaded Lebanon to again expel the PLO. In a move with monumental consequences, Israel permitted the Maronites to move into the Shouf territory belonging to the Druze. The ensuing conflict was inevitable. Now the United States Marines have been deployed to Beirut to keep the peace - quite an undertaking, to say the least.

Humanly speaking, the situation seems impossible. We do know the Bible teaches that the Antichrist will one day bring a false peace to the Middle East. How we look forward to the day when the Lord Jesus will return to establish His Kingdom of peace and righteousness over this troubled land! ★

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HOMOSEXUALITY, FROM PAGE 1

I will not rehearse the incident, but the violence seen at Sodom was also present at Gibeah. In addition, the blessing of God came on kings such as Asa, Jehoshaphat and Josiah who drove the sodomites out of the land. You will find references in I Kings 15:11,12; I Kings 22:43,46; and II Kings 23:7. God taught His people that sodomy was an infection to be eradicated from among them.

Romans I is the chapter of the New Testament which explains why God has condemned sinful mankind. It indicates that God has given man, in creation, a revelation of Himself. However, man, having seen that revelation, turned to idols of his own making. Man chose to worship idols of men, birds, beasts, and creeping things. Modern man has extended that to religions and philosophies of his own design and to the humanistic worship of mankind and science. Because of man's rejection of God, God has given man up to the ultimate sin of homosexuality.

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:...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: 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 1:24,26,27

Notice the words God used to express His hatred of homosexuality. It is called, "uncleanness." It is the consequence of "vile affections." It springs out of "burning lust." Every part of this description indicates the filthy nature of this perversion. The defenders of homosexuality teach that this state is natural to a certain number of people. However, God says that it is "that which is against nature."

NO HOMOSEXUALS IN HEAVEN

Corinth was a brawling, immoral, seaport town. The church had a background in the filth of the town. Paul found it necessary to warn the church about our subject.

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, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the

kingdom of God. I Cor. 6:9,10

The word "effeminate" and the phrase "abusers of themselves with mankind" are New Testament descriptions of homosexuality. Under Holy Spirit guidance, Paul indicated that those who continue in such practices are obviously not born again and will not be in heaven.

THE ULTIMATE SIN

The picture of homosexuality in the Bible indicates that this perversion is the ultimate sin of a decadent society. When Sodom let its lusts go unbridled in this twisted direction, God destroyed it. When Israel tolerated sodomy, its national fortunes declined. When men rejected and mocked God, God gave them up to an ultimate punishment, a people given to the unnatural perversion of homosexuality.

In the light of Scripture, I would have to believe that the brazen cesspool of homosexuality must be daily driving nails into the coffin of American society. Can God judge Sodom and tolerate San Francisco?

Apostates do not fear, for they have rejected Scripture. The politicians do not fear, for they count only votes. However, I am appalled by neo-evangelicals, like Scanzoni and Mollenkott, who can say, "Since the Bible is silent about the homosexual condition..." Has their liberalism so blinded them that they cannot read? Their statement is blind, inaccurate, and dishonest.

In the course of this article I have asked and answered two questions: WHAT ARE MEN SAYING ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY? Then, WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY? Let me conclude with a final question.

III. What Must We Do About Homosexuality?

We live in an immoral world. We can't stop the world and get off until the Lord calls us home. What do we do in the meantime? We must do at least five things:

First of all, we must teach our children. When I was in grade school, I did not even know the word "homosexual" or any of the other synonyms associated with it. That was a different world. However, your children know those words. They have been forced upon them. Television is determined to introduce children to homosexuality as an "alternate lifestyle."

HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE CLASSROOM

Homosexuals and lesbians cannot produce children from their immoral relationships. Consequently, they are determined to have yours. If

you are a parent, you should shudder as you read these words taken from an article titled "The Gay Movement and the Rights of Children":

A gay identity must be presented to children as a viable developmental option...Children must be informed of the existence of gay-identified adults and of gay life styles. This can be accomplished through the education system and through television and other media...Positive models of gay-identified adults must be available to children... Sex education classes are a good place to begin presenting to young people positive models of gay life styles. For example, lesbian and gay male couples could be invited to attend and discuss their relationships. Opportunities for exploration of gay feelings and life styles must be available in a context which neither discourages experimentation, nor promotes any particularly developmental outcome.¹²

Protect your children by teaching them exactly what the Bible says. Use the references given in this leaflet to show them that it is vile, unclean, and an abomination in God's sight. You must overcome the propaganda of a filthy press with the truth of God's Word.

Second, we must make our homes what they ought to be. It seems to be the conclusion of Christian psychologists that homosexuality is strongly encouraged by homes where the Biblical principles for the father and mother are ignored. James E. Goering, in an article titled "Home Environment Creates Homosexuals," writes:

Homosexuality was a result of childhood experiences formed by a dominant mother and a disinterested or negligent father, and then nurtured by a society that increasingly accepted this style of life.¹³

Children need to be reared in a home where the father gives leadership to the home and love to his wife. That is the divine pattern of Ephesians 5:21-33. Children need to be reared in a home where the wife follows her husband and is a lady in every way.

Third, we must oppose the glamorizing and acceptance of homosexuality. The homosexuals are determined to use our schools to shape young minds in this direction; apostate and compromising religion will press relentlessly for acceptance, ordination and promotion; the media daily does its part; the perverts themselves march, speak and demonstrate.

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What do these people want? They claim to want equal rights and equal standing in the church and society. What they really want is for perversion to be approved as an alternate lifestyle. Can you be faithful to God without opposing that?

Christians should have learned something from the civil rights movement on the racial front. What has resulted from it? It has produced a situation of preferential treatment in hiring, housing, and education. Companies, landlords, and schools must recruit to fill racial quotas. Sodomites seek the same preferential treatment. If they have their way, the public schools will eventually be forced to recruit to fill quotas of perverts. Sodomy will be a positive asset to a job seeker. Sin is always militant and missionary. Thus, every Sodomite is a recruiter. As "the salt of the earth," we must be the active opponents of homosexual acceptance.

Fourth, we must be careful to maintain church discipline in this area. In I Corinthians 5, Paul exhorted the Corinthians to discipline a man guilty of fornication. In the next chapter, God joined fornicators with the "effeminate" and "abusers of themselves with mankind." When this perversion shows itself in the body of Christ, a man or woman must be approached, counselled from Scripture, given opportunity to repent, and be excluded from the body if he or she does not. Homosexuality is an abomination to God; He will not bless us if we knowingly tolerate it in our churches. God can, and does, forgive sin; but He never condones the sin He condemns.

Fifth, we must preach the Gospel to the homosexual and lesbian as the only solution to their needs. In I Corinthians, just after God states that neither "the effeminate" or "the abusers of themselves with mankind" shall inherit the kingdom of God, we read:

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.
I Corinthians 6:11

Some of the members of the church at Corinth were former homosexuals. What had happened to them? First of all, they had realized that they were lost sinners in the sight of a holy God. Man will laugh at sin, but God doesn't. There is no hope of being right with God until sin is cared for.

Second, they had recognized that Christ died for their sins. Christ died as an atonement to bear legally the guilt of sin. He could atone

for the sin of the homosexual because He was not merely man, but God Himself.

Third, they had repented of their sin. Heaven has no place for the defiant homosexual, but Jesus went to prepare a place for repentant sinners. When men defend their sin, the wrath of God is upon them. When they repent of it, God's grace is sufficient.

Fourth, they had received Christ. John 1:12 says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Men cannot earn salvation. Men cannot buy it. Men cannot receive it from the church by participation in baptism, confession, the mass, or any other rites. You must make a personal legal transaction with God. You, as a repentant sinner, must ask God for His grace extended to you in Jesus Christ. This way of salvation is what had transformed perverts at Corinth from homosexuals to heaven-bound saints. This is the Gospel which we must give to all men, including the homosexual.

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If, however, children in what I refer to as the "transitional years" (ages 13 to 20) are going to be able to learn to reason, understand abstract ideas, and develop sound judgment, they will need the foundational capabilities that should be highly developed in the "early years" (ages 5-12). The memorization of many important facts in arithmetic, science, history, etc., will give the needed background for later understanding of concepts.

(3) I believe it is important to understand as Christians that if God has created us with the ability to memorize, it must be important that we utilize this ability as much as possible. The Psalmist thought it important: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Ps. 119:11)

Modern education, with its emphasis upon concepts in the early grades, has played a major role in the un-education of America. It is not by accident that memorization has been de-emphasized; it has been by design. Dr. W. T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education at the turn of the century, wrote the following in the preface to a book entitled, *A History Of Education*, published by D. Appleton and Company in 1904, (p. IX) "Memory is the faculty that subordinates the present under the past, and its intensive training develops a habit of mind that holds by what is prescribed, and recoils from the new and untried. In short, the educational curriculum that lays great stress on memorizing produces a class of conservative people. On the other hand, the studies that develop original powers of observation, and especially a scientific mind, devoted to nature and neglecting human history, produces a radical, not to say revolutionizing tendency."

It is obvious that Dr. Harris understood the vital role of methodology in shaping the direction of students' lives. Teaching methods do much more to shape the direction of the lives of our youth than does the content of teaching. Methods are much more subtle and work more in the subconscious area. The effects may not be obvious for years following their use.

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Dr. Harris says that intensive training of the memory teaches one to hold "by what is prescribed." This is the foundation of deductive reasoning and is basic to Christian education. The Christian young person should learn to hold in suspicion "the new and the untried" until such time as he can examine it in the light of the Word of God.

The "scientific mind" that Dr. Harris refers to has had a great deal to do with the demise of truth. This basically inductive reasoning approach lies at the heart of much scepticism and unbelief.

As Christian educators, let us not neglect the development of memory in our students. It is a very important method in the development of Christian character.

RESOLUTIONS, FROM PAGE 2

REGARDING RELIGIOUS-POLITICAL MOVEMENTS

The World Congress of Fundamentalists believes that government was ordained by God for the purpose of protecting the innocent and punishing the guilty, that good government is the will of God, and that Christians have a responsibility to be active in governmental matters as the salt of the earth, but views with alarm movements such as the Moral Majority in the U.S.A., the Festival of Light in Britain and Australia (both of which are supported by Dr. Jerry Falwell), and all kindred movements as subtle ecumenicity in which Catholics, Jews, Mormons, liberal Protestants, Pseudo-fundamentalists, and Fundamentalists are drawn together in a quasi-political union. We believe that the salvaging of the world's morals is a mere cosmetic treatment of the deeper problem of sin, that correcting the world's morals gives the false impression that the world's ills would be solved if her morality were reformed. We believe that the mission of the church is not moral reformation but is instead the preaching of the saving grace of Christ, which deals with man's sin problem whereby man's morals become correct.

Therefore, we repudiate the false impression and the ecumenical union being promoted by the Moral Majority,

the Festival of Light, and kindred movements as unscriptural and, therefore, unworthy of consideration by and the cooperation of Bible-believing people.

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