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Against Same-Sex Marriage

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Time For Truth Ministries is a nonprofit ministry dedicated to the purpose of educating today’s church about end-time lies and equipping it to combat them with the truths of God’s Word.
In this book, I will put forth the compelling arguments against the legalization of same-sex marriage. Recently, on the most popular cable news program in America, The O'Reilly Factor, Bill O'Reilly praised the proponents of same-sex marriage for putting forth the only compelling argument in the debate on this critical issue of our time. Then, much to the surprise of many in his listening audience, O'Reilly characterized opponents of same-sex marriage as inept debaters incapable of doing "anything but thump the Bible."
If truth be told, there are no compelling arguments to be made in favor of same-sex marriage. The few that appear compelling are found upon close examination to be both empty and equivocal. The compelling arguments are all against the legalization of same-sex marriage. The problem facing opponents of same-sex marriage is not their lack of compelling arguments, as Mr. O'Reilly bloviates, but the monopoly of the media by their counterparts, as well as their widespread condemnation by today's politically correct culture for daring to challenge public opinion.

Our nation’s second president, John Adams, once said, “Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.” Truth is immutable! Right shall forever be right and wrong shall forever be wrong. Truth cannot be changed by personal sentiment or public opinion; neither can right be made wrong nor wrong be made right by a straw poll. Although an ever-growing majority of Americans favor the legalization of same-sex marriage, the truth about this issue remains unaltered. It may be, as the truth always is in this truth-hating world, unpopular, but it is still the truth nonetheless. Those who hold to the truth may be in the minority and those who spurn it in the majority, but this doesn’t make the minority any less right nor the majority any less wrong.

Along with providing compelling arguments against same-sex marriage, this book will also show why this issue matters so much. Unbeknownst to most Americans, the legalization of same-sex marriage will serve as the death knell to the America we’ve known and loved. It will pull out from under our society the God ordained bedrocks of all orderly society; namely, traditional marriage and the traditional family. It will serve as a sure sign of our nation’s spiritual reprobation, proving that we’ve passed a point of no return with God. And it will arm militant homosexuals and their godless allies with the coercive powers of government, which they will readily wield to silence once and for all the church’s witness in our land.
As the Supreme Court ponders cases that could lead to the legalization of same-sex marriage across the fruited plain (see Appendix), as an ever-growing majority of Americans come out in favor of the legalization of same-sex marriage, as President Obama begins his second term, having been reelected to the Oval Office thanks in no small part to his shrewd political calculation to put a final nail in the coffin of holy matrimony (traditional marriage) by nailing a plank into his party’s platform for unholy matrimony (same-sex marriage), and as one politician after another, from both sides...
of the political aisle, jumps ship on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in order to
jump on the bandwagon of the Gay Rights Movement, Bill O'Reilly, the host of the
most popular cable news program in America, has come out in praise of the propo-
nents of same-sex marriage for being the lone possessors of a compelling argument in
the debate over this critical issue of our time.

Surprising many in his listening audience, Mr. O'Reilly took opponents of same-
sex marriage to task for their lack of a compelling argument and inability to do "any-
thing" in support of their position apart from "thump the Bible." According to
O'Reilly, the Scripture is insufficient substantiation for the position of same-sex mar-
riage opponents, since public policy shouldn't be based upon the Bible. What, then,
does Mr. O'Reilly propose as a better basis for public policy than the Bible?

Bill O'Reilly, like the vast majority of Americans today, fails to understand man’s
most fundamental problem. The Fall of Man and the doctrine of original sin are bibli-
cal truths that have been incontrovertibly proven time after time throughout human
history. Man’s fall in the Garden of Eden was precipitated by his choice of the tree of
the knowledge of good and evil over the tree of life. The tree of life represented eternal
life, which can only be lived by believing and obeying God’s Word. The tree of the
knowledge of good and evil represented death and corruption, which is the inescap-
able consequence of man opting to live by his wits (what he thinks) rather than by
God’s Word (what God says).

The Bible teaches us that judging things by our perception and leaning upon our
understanding leads us in a way that "seems right," but in the end results in our de-
struction (John 7:24; Proverbs 3:5; 14:12; 16:25). On the other hand, Jesus taught that
men were created to live forever "by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of
God" (Matthew 4:4). It is Christ alone who has the words of eternal life and it is only
those who believe and obey Christ's Word that will live forever (John 6:68; Matthew
7:21-27).

All of the problems in the world today are traceable back to our original parents’
disastrous decision in the Garden of Eden. Furthermore, these problems are being pro-
liferated today like never before by the perpetrating of Adam and Eve's same fatal mis-
take by their present-day progeny.
If you listen carefully to the words of Bill O’Reilly you’ll be able to hear the serpent hissing just as surely as Eve did in the Garden of Eden. Mr. O’Reilly, like the serpent, dismisses what God says and proposes instead that we capitulate to the compelling human argument. In other words, we should think for ourselves rather than take God at His Word. It’s not the oracles of God, according to the serpentine O’Reilly, but the arguments of men upon which public policy should be made.

As sad as it is to discover that fallen man has not moved an inch from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil since that eventful day when Eve first bit into its seemingly delectable fruit, what is even sadder, not to mention most frightening, is to see how mankind has grown so accustomed to living under the shadow of that tree as to actually mistake its dark shade for the light.

According to homosexuals, homosexuality is not a sexual preference, as they once maintained, but a sexual orientation, as they now claim. Their revised rhetoric was necessitated by the fact that civil rights cannot be sought on the basis of people's chosen sexual behavior, but only on the basis of inborn traits, such as gender and race. Therefore, gays and lesbians now argue that their natural proclivity for sexual perversion proves that homosexuality is innate and that all homosexuals should be eligible for special governmental protection under civil rights legislation. Though these claims are quite preposterous, what is even more outlandish, not to mention sacrilegious, is the claim of today’s homosexuals that their sexual perversion is not just innate, but God ordained. “Why would God have made us this way,” they argue, “if He didn’t intend for us to be homosexual?”

The biblical doctrine of original sin teaches us that all men, not just homosexuals, have a natural tendency to sin. Granted, the sins we are most prone to commit may differ from those others are most prone to commit. Whereas you may be an honest person who struggles with a bad temper, your next door neighbor may be an easy-
going person who struggles with dishonesty. In addition, inborn biological traits, both
good and bad, may contribute to a heightened proclivity toward certain sins. For in-
stance, a man born blind is less susceptible to pornography than a man born with
sight. Yet, no one with 20/20 vision can justify an addiction to pornography on the ba-
sis that they've been blessed by God with good eyes.

Although physical factors may contribute to our susceptibility to certain tempta-
tions, they do not justify us falling to temptation. Our proneness to sin, though height-
ened or lessened by physical factors, is a result of our sinful nature, not our biological
makeup. It is a spiritual problem brought on by our separation from God, not a physi-
cal problem caused by the way God formed us in the womb.

According to the doctrine of original sin, we are sinners by birth, by nature, and
by choice. First, we are born sinners. David said, “I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin
did my mother conceive me” (Psalm 51:5). David was not saying that he was born ille-
gitimately, but that he was born a sinner. Second, we are sinners by nature. The natu-
ral proclivity of all unregenerate men is to sin; it is not the practice of righteousness,
but of unrighteousness. Finally, we are also sinners by choice. We all come to a point
in life when “we know to do good,” but deliberately choose to do wrong instead (James
4:17). Nothing forces us to sin; we choose to do so of our own volition. The moment we
do; that is, the moment we knowingly and deliberately choose our way over God’s way
(Isaiah 53:6), we become accountable to God, imperil our immortal soul, and are
henceforth in desperate need of a Savior.

In light of the biblical doctrine of original sin, it is easy to see how all sinners
could make the same argument in justification of their sin that homosexuals make in
justification of theirs. Could the thief not argue that he has a natural proclivity to
steal? Thus, stealing is not only innate, but God ordained. "Why would God have made
me the way he did," the thief could argue, "if He didn’t intend for me to be a thief?"
Contrariwise, one could use this same faulty premise to argue against righteousness
just as vehemently as he could in favor of unrighteousness. For instance, righteous-
ness could be said to be unnatural and suspect simply because fallen humanity has no
natural proclivity for it.

When we callously dismiss God’s Word as the ultimate arbiter of what is good
and evil, and set up the natural proclivities of fallen humanity as the standard by
which natural and unnatural, as well as right and wrong are to be judged, we chart for ourselves a disastrous course into the future. Rest assured that it will inevitably lead us into what the Bible predicts, perilous times in which good—the truths of the Scripture—will be called "evil" and evil—the sinful tendencies of man—will be called "good."
Although necessity dictates that they deny the authority of Scripture in order to condone what the Bible condemns, proponents of same-sex marriage are nonetheless resolute in their determination to undermine biblical doctrine and to malign all Bible believers. In response, the church must, as admonished by the Word of God, "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3). We must not remain silent, but must speak up in defense of the Scripture from distortion and of the saints from defamation. Besides, as Christians we would be horribly amiss to disre-
gard the Bible, our sole standard for faith and practice, in any critical debate of our
time, regardless of the low regard of Scripture held by those on the other side of the de-
bate.

Proponents of same-sex marriage often contend that the Bible’s condemnation of
homosexuality is only found in the earliest writings of the Old Testament, writings
that they allege are both antiquated and ambiguous. They staunchly contend that
these scant and obscure verses were not only written for the benefit of ancient cultures
alone, but are totally inapplicable to our modern-day world. This assertion by the pro-
onponents of same-sex marriage is patently false, as is easily proven by a cursory reading
of Holy Writ. For instance, consider the biblical references below from both the Old
and New Testaments.

1. The word “sodomy,” which originally meant unnatural sexual relations with a
member of the same sex, was derived from the homosexual proclivities of the men
of Sodom, whom the Bible describes as “sinners before the Lord exceedingly”
(Genesis 13:13). According to Genesis 18:16-33, God determined to destroy the
Sodomites because “their sin [was so] grievous.” It was after an attempt by the
city’s male inhabitants to forcefully have sex with a pair of angels that God de-
stroyed Sodom with “brimstone and fire...out of heaven” (Genesis 19:1-28).

2. In the New Testament, Jude refers to God’s destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
with fire and brimstone as a warning of the punishment of “eternal fire” that
awaits all who are guilty of sexual perversion (Jude 1:7).

3. In both Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13, the Bible calls homosexuality “an abomina-
tion”; that is, “a detestable thing” in the eyes of God.

4. In Deuteronomy 23:17-18, God forbids the inclusion of “sodomites”—male prosti-
tutes—among His chosen people.

5. In Judges 19:22, homosexuals in Gibeah, who demand that a visiting Levite be
handed over to them for their sexual pleasure, are condemned as “sons of Belial,”
which means “wicked” or “worthless men.”
6. In Romans 1:18-32, the sin of homosexuality is condemned in no uncertain terms. Paul identifies it as a sin that is characteristic of people who have been given over by God “to a reprobate [depraved] mind.” According to the Apostle Paul, once homosexuals begin giving into the “uncleanness” and “vile affections” of their sinful “lusts,” they proceed to “dishonor [degrade] their own bodies” by doing that which is “against nature” and “unseemly.” Despite the fact that they know “the judgment of God”—“that they which commit such things are worthy of death”—homosexuals will, according to Paul, persist in their sin and even “have pleasure” in others who follow suit.

7. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV), Paul makes it plain that no one practicing the homosexual lifestyle—“male prostitutes or homosexual offenders”—will “inherit the kingdom of God.” Furthermore, Paul intimates that no Christian is a homosexual. Although some Christians “were” homosexuals before being “washed...sanctified [and] justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God,” no true Christian will ever be found living the homosexual lifestyle subsequent to conversion.

8. In 1 Timothy 1:8-11, Paul numbers homosexuals—those “that defile themselves with mankind”—among “sinners” who are “lawless... disobedient... ungodly... unholy and profane.”

That homosexuality is a sin, even an abominable sin in the eyes of God, is clearly taught in the Bible. Needless to say, this unmistakable scriptural truth is highly offensive to the politically correct sensibilities of our contemporary culture. Consequently, anyone daring enough to personally profess what the Bible teaches, much less daring enough to preach it to others, will find himself immediately and roundly condemned as a “homophobe” and “hatemonger.” In other words, there is no quicker way to be perceived as an enemy of the homosexual community and of today's politically correct culture than to personally profess and publicly preach biblical truth.
In Galatians 4:16, the Apostle Paul asked the church in Galatia, “Have I become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” Far from making him their foe, Paul’s persistence in speaking the truth to the Galatians proved him to be their friend. Only those who genuinely care for you can be counted on to always speak the truth to you. Anyone who refuses to tell you the truth, because he is more concerned about your feelings than your general welfare, should never be counted among your true friends.

Contrary to popular opinion, refusing to acknowledge the obvious truth of Scripture is not helpful to homosexuals. Neither is the acknowledging of it proof of one’s hostility toward the homosexual community. Instead, refusing to speak the truth to homosexuals is harmful to them and an indictment against us, proving our lack of genuine concern for the homosexual’s general welfare, not to mention the homosexual’s immortal soul.

Those who refuse to pass out permission slips to homosexuals are not hatemongers wishing ill upon the practitioners of sexual perversion. In the case of Bible-believing Christians, they are simply people genuinely concerned for the sakes and souls of gays and lesbians. Far from being a bunch of hate speech-spewing, hate crimes-scheming hatemongers, Bible-believing Christians are really homosexuals’ best friends. It is love, not hate, which motivates the Christian to share the truth of Scripture with homosexuals. If Christians fail to speak the truth in love to homosexuals (Ephesians 4:15), who will?

Many, especially homosexuals and those who have loved ones who are homosexual, are horribly offended by the Bible’s blunt denunciation of homosexuality. For this reason, they choose to discard the Scripture as the mere musings of an antiquated text. As a Christian, I recognize their God-given right to do so. All men are free to discount the teachings of the Scripture as sheer nonsense and to ascribe to the Bible no authority whatsoever. However, those who do so should be aware of the fact that the Bible they discount warns of a day when they will give an account of themselves to God (Romans 14:12). Furthermore, on that day, the Bible itself will be the standard by which they are judged (John 12:48). Granted, all deniers of biblical truth may write-off this biblical warning as being void of all trepidation, due to their dismissal of the Bible as nothing more than balderdash. Still, in spite of such outward smugness, I suspect that this biblical warning will ever remain a haunting specter in the back of the mind of many a Bible-basher.
While everyone has the God-given right to reject the Bible’s teachings, no one has the right to revise its text. Rather than rejecting what the Bible says or repenting—changing one’s mind—to believe what the Bible says, many modern-day proponents of same-sex marriage attempt to revise the Scripture so as to fill its pages with their opinions and God’s mouth with their words. Those who take such license with God’s Word are referred to by the Apostle Peter as “those who twist the Scriptures to their own destruction” (2 Peter 3:16).

God is serious about His Word. According to the Bible, it is the one thing that He honors above His own name (Psalm 138:2). I’ve always been intrigued by the way the Bible begins and ends. It begins with the story of the subtle serpent ensnaring mankind by stretching God’s Word further than God ever intended for it to go (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1). It ends with a solemn warning against altering the Scripture by adding anything to it or taking anything from it (Revelation 22:18-19). It is as though God purposely sandwiched His Word between two sure warning signs; the first showing us the Satanic inspiration behind all perversions of God’s Word and the second showing us the divine indignation awaiting all who pervert God’s Word.

In light of the above, the Bible warns all who propose to speak for God on a given subject to confine their speech to what God has actually said (1 Peter 4:11). We can do this by carefully staying within the confines of what is written in the Scripture (1 Corinthians 4:6). Whenever the Scripture is silent on a subject, no one should propose to speak for God; instead, everyone should follow their own conscience and recognize the right of all others to do the same (Romans 14). On the other hand, if a subject is addressed by the Scripture, no one saying anything more or less than what the Scripture says is truly speaking for God.

Many present-day proponents of same-sex marriage are taking atrocious liberties with the Scripture. By doing so, they are not only leaving themselves culpable before God of sexual perversion, but of scriptural perversion as well. In a myriad of ways, today’s gay activists are guilty of indefensible distortions of the Word of God, distortions intended to convince the credulous that the Bible’s text is contradictory—condoning and championing homosexuality—to its actual teachings—condemning homosexuality. Let’s look at a few of the loathsome liberties today’s homosexual lobby takes with the Scripture.
1. They distort Ruth’s devotion to her mother-in-law Naomi into a lesbian “love affair” (Ruth 1:16-18).

2. They twist the friendship of David and Jonathan into a homosexual relationship (1 Samuel 20).

3. They suggest that the Prophets Elijah and Elisha both raised dead boys back to life by stretching themselves out on their corpses and performing an ancient homosexual ritual (1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:8-37).

4. They make the Roman Centurion’s servant out to be his gay lover and Jesus’ miraculous healing of the servant out to be a divine sanctioning of same-sex marriage (Matthew 8:5-13).

5. They insist that it is not the celibate—those who forego marriage and the bearing of children for the kingdom of God’s sake—who are commended by Christ in Matthew 19:12. Instead, it is Christ’s homosexual disciples that are singled out by Him for this special commendation.

6. In what is undoubtedly their most despicable and blasphemous distortion of God’s Word, they twist the Apostle John’s references to himself in his gospel as the “disciple whom Jesus loved” and his leaning on “Jesus’ bosom” during the Last Supper as evidence that John and Jesus were gay lovers (John 13:23; 19:26; 21:7, 20).

7. They even indifferently dismiss the Apostle Paul’s incontrovertible condemnations of homosexuality in the New Testament by chalking them up to the fact that Paul himself was a repressed, self-hating homosexual.

One cannot help but feel the need to be hosed off after wading through the mire of such vile misrepresentations of God’s Holy Word. Still, spelling out the sullied versions of Scripture being perpetrated by modern-day gay activists is necessary. By doing so, we alert everyone daring enough to oppose today’s gay agenda of the abject profaneness with which they will certainly and constantly be confronted. Truly, there is nothing sacred to the modern-day Gay Rights Movement, nor is there any fear of God before their eyes. They are, as the Apostle Paul points out in the first chapter of Romans, unrepentantly irreverent and unapologetically profane.
As we proved in our last argument against same-sex marriage, homosexuality is definitely condemned in the Bible as a sin. Granted, men are free to believe or disbelieve what the Bible plainly says, but no man should revise the Scripture in order to insert his personal opinions into the sacred text. All who presume to put their words into God's mouth will incur God's wrath.

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COMPELLING ARGUMENT #3

NATURAL PROCREATION VS. UNNATURAL SEXUAL PERVERSION

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Whereas same-sex marriage proponents' contention of the moral equivalency of heterosexuality and homosexuality is clearly refuted by the Bible, their additional contention that homosexuality is as normal and natural as heterosexuality is clearly refuted by human biology.

One of the main arguments against same-sex marriage is called the “objective biological fact.” According to this argument, natural procreation, which is imperative for the survival of the human race, is exclusive to heterosexual relationships. Therefore, in order to be “founded in nature,” marriage must be exclusively and indubitably defined as a relationship between a man and a woman. Since homosexuality is not only biologically objectionable, but also imperiling to the propagation of the human race, same-sex couples must be seen as unmarriageable and homosexuality as unnatural.

Although proponents of same-sex marriage will shout out against this argument at the top of their lungs, the sheer volume of their protest cannot drown out the incontrovertible biological fact. Homosexuality is unnatural. It is proven to be perversion by a rudimentary understanding of human biology. Our bodies are definitely not designed for sexual relations with members of the same sex.

Despite the fact that same-sex relations preclude the possibility of reproduction, proponents of same-sex marriage will argue that such is no longer the case, thanks to modern-medicine’s artificial insemination. Yet, the key word here is “artificial,” which means unnatural. Whether we’re talking about copulation or reproduction homosexuality leaves its practitioners without natural options. It is therefore perversion, plain and simple. There is no doubt about it and no getting around it, no matter the quantity or seeming quality of countervailing arguments.
Proponents of same-sex marriage argue for its legalization on the grounds of civil and equal rights. As we’ve already proven, the civil rights argument is unsustainable, since homosexuality is not innate but unnatural. It is a choice, not an inborn trait. Although gays may argue that they have a natural proclivity for homosexuality, all sinners can make the very same argument in regards to the sin or sins they’re most prone to commit.
The explanation for fallen man’s personal proneness to commit particular sins is found in our sinful nature and the biblical doctrine of original sin, not in inborn traits and our biological makeup. Whereas it may be argued that physical factors can heighten or lessen our propensity to perpetrate particular sins, our sinful choices cannot be blamed on our physical traits, much less on our Creator for having predisposed us to make certain sinful choices. Our sin is the result of our choice alone and the blame for it must be laid at our feet alone, never at the feet of nature or nature’s God.

Like the civil rights argument, the equal rights argument is also unsustainable. In fact, it is absolutely groundless and utterly fallacious, as we will prove with this argument and the two succeeding ones.

Contrary to the protest of homosexuals, they already have the same right to marry as everyone else. If a gay man wants to marry a woman, he has every right to do so. Likewise, if a lesbian wants to marry a man, she has every right to do so. The problem with homosexuals and marriage is that they want nothing to do with it. What they want is to redefine marriage to fit their sexual perversion. This is what the legalization of same-sex marriage is all about; namely, the redefining of marriage, the God ordained bedrock of all orderly human society, so as to include within its definition the sexual perversion of homosexuals.

There are only three divinely ordained institutions in our world, the government, the church, and the oldest of the three, the home.

**THE GOVERNMENT:** The God-given responsibility of government is the protection of its citizenry from evil (Romans 13:1-7). This explains why government alone is given the sword to wield in criminal prosecution and national defense. Any individual attempting to usurp government's God-given role is guilty of being either a vigilante or mercenary.

**THE CHURCH:** The God-given responsibility of the church is the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth (Matthew 28:18-20). The church, as the lone recipient of the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, serves as the lone steward of Christ's Gospel in the world. We alone have "the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 16:13-19). If we fail to confess to others that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," we lock them outside Heaven's gates. On the other hand, if we faith-
fully fulfill Christ's Great Commission, we unlock the gates of Heaven so that all men everywhere have an opportunity to be saved.

**THE HOME:** The God-given responsibility of the home is procreation and the proper rearing of children, both of which are obviously necessary for the preservation of the human race and of orderly human society (Genesis 1:26-28). As goes the home, so goes the government and the church, for it is the home alone that can produce the next generation of good citizens and good Christians. The importance of the home cannot be overemphasized or exaggerated, since it serves as the bedrock institution of the three divinely ordained institutions.

The healthy and happy home intended by God to serve as the bedrock of all orderly human society is conceived in the concept of traditional marriage alone. All the variables of the so-called modern family are found to be seriously wanting when weighed on the scales of sacred Scripture. Whether we're talking about single-parent homes, unmarried couples, or same-sex marriage, all are found to be seriously deficient when it comes to the proper propagation of the human race and the preservation of orderly human society. We simply cannot compromise the biblical concept of traditional marriage without:

1. Revolting against God’s divine design.
2. Unraveling the fabric of orderly society.
3. Robbing children of needed role models—father and mother.
4. Robbing children of needed relationships—paternal, maternal and sibling.
5. Robbing children of a secure and healthy development.
Every civilization in the history of the world has been built upon the home. If the home flourished, the civilization flourished. If the home decayed, the civilization decayed. And whenever the home collapsed, the collapse of the civilization quickly ensued.

For decades now the home has been under assault in America. It is as though our nation is suicidally determined to slit the wrists of its core institution. It all began in the sixties with the Sexual Revolution. Whereas past propriety restricted sex to the sanctity of a lifelong and loving marital relationship, which alone provides for the proper propagation of the human race and the proper upbringing of well-balanced children, the Sexual Revolution reduced sex to something casual. As a result, sex ceased to be equated with the lofty ideals of love and commitment and was abased to a mere matter of lust and consent. Rather than meaningful intimacy between a loving couple committed to one another for life in the holy bonds of matrimony, sex became a casual encounter between consenting adults in which each used the other for their own momentary sensual pleasure.

Contrary to the claim of the sixties Flower Children, "Free Love" actually exacted a heavy toll on America. Not only did it bring us an epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases and an eruption of teenage pregnancies, but it has also resulted in millions of aborted, abused, and neglected children. Thanks to the Sexual Revolution, many children are no longer intentionally conceived in their parents' love and welcomed into this world by a doting mom and dad. Instead, they are accidentally conceived by relative strangers during a momentary sexual tryst. As a result of being the unwanted offspring of the sexually wanton, these children end up tossed into the dumpsters of abortion clinics or to the side in abusive homes where they're neither provided for nor properly parented.

Along with the Sexual Revolution and its reducing of sex to something casual, the sixties also brought us no-fault divorce laws, which trivialized marriage. The nuptial vows "till death do us part" and "so long as we both shall live" went from being hallowed to being hollow. Marriage itself was reduced from a permanent social contract to little more than a non-binding agreement.

Prior to no-fault divorce laws, courts sparingly issued divorce decrees. To obtain a divorce required proof of wrongdoing. Divorces were only granted on the gravest of
grounds. One's spouse had to be proven guilty of some serious offense; such as, cruelty, adultery, or abandonment. All of this changed, however, with the passage of no-fault divorce laws. Today, divorce decrees are liberally issued by courts and easily obtained by all petitioners. The marital contract, once indissoluble without proper cause, is now easier broken than a cell phone contract. Anyone anywhere can divorce an exemplary spouse at anytime for any reason, even for no reason at all. Consequently, our country's divorce rate has skyrocketed to the point where the majority of modern-day marriages end in divorce?

Today, the only difference most Americans see between marriage and cohabitation is the possession of a marriage certificate, which, thanks to no-fault divorce laws, is believed to be worth no more than the paper it's printed on. This explains to us the cohabiters' common refrain, "Marriage is just a piece of paper." In addition, it explains, along with the sexual promiscuity spawned by the sixties Sexual Revolution, why almost half of the babies born in America today are born out of wedlock.

Although the Sexual Revolution and no-fault divorce laws slit the wrists of traditional marriage, it is the Women's Liberation Movement that should be credited with decapitating America's homes. The feminist firebrands of the sixties and seventies were ignited by the biblical teaching that the husband is the head of the home (Ephesians 5:21-33). Dismissing this divine design for the home as antiquated, not to mention denouncing it as discriminatory, radical feminists launched an all-out assault on the God-ordained role of men in the home.

Along with their attack on the role of men in the home, feminists, with no less venom and vehemence, launched an all-out assault on motherhood, especially on stay-at-home moms. Believing housekeeping to be demeaning, childrearing undeserving of full-time attention, and a career outside the home a woman's only path to ultimate significance, radical feminists challenged America's women to take off their domestic aprons and to take on the business world's glass ceiling. Contrary to the poet, William Ross Wallace, who said, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world," the fib of Women's Lib convinced many women that rocking the cradle only hindered their career and cramped their style.

The decapitating of America's homes—cutting off men as the head of households—has been accomplished in no small part by our government's aiding and abet-
ting of the feminist movement. In the minds of many emancipated women, men in the
home have been rendered superfluous by today's welfare system. Now that groceries
can be provided by Food Stamps and shelter by public housing, women and children
no longer need men to provide for them. Likewise, women and children no longer
need the protection of a loving husband and father now that they have caring social
workers to solve their problems and safeguard them from peril. This reducing of the
value of men in the home to expendability goes a long way in explaining why the ma-
jority of Americans now see marriage as an obsolete institution and why the majority
of American homes are no longer occupied by a traditional family—a husband, a wife,
and their biological children.

Thanks to the teaming up of the nanny state with the feminist movement, a pleth-
ora of problems has been spawned in these United States. For instance, the chief cause
of crime and substance abuse in America, especially in America's inner cities, is not ra-
cism, as is customarily claimed, but absentee fathers. Whereas almost half of the ba-
bies born in our country today are born out of wedlock, birth statistics in our inner cit-
ies are even more frightening. In our inner cities, eighty percent of African American
babies are born to unwed mothers and into single-parent homes without a male bread-
winner or a father's supervision. This is a formula for social disaster, as is being incon-
trovertibly proven today in beleaguered cities and towns across the fruited plain.

Make no mistake about it; the breakdown of American society is directly attribut-
able to the breakdown of the American home. In addition, America's current financial
crisis is largely attributable to the breakdown of the home. Our nation's rising flood of
fatherless homes is swelling welfare rolls and entitlement programs to the point of
bankrupting both our federal and state governments. Draining our government coffers
and decimating our civilization, this perfect storm whipped up by Flower Children,
no-fault divorce laws, feminists, and the welfare state needs little more than another
huff and puff to blow our house down.

The final straw needed to break the back of the home in America will be provided
by the legalization of same-sex marriage. It will serve as the final nail in the coffin of
traditional marriage, the God-ordained bedrock of all orderly human society. Now,
I'm well aware that my foreboding will be readily dismissed as the height of hyperbole
and roundly denounced as hate speech. "All gays and lesbians want," proponents of
same-sex marriage will argue, "is the same right to marry as everyone else." Yet, as
we've already pointed out, homosexuals already have the same right as everyone else to enter into a lifetime partnership with a member of the opposite sex for the purpose of procreation.

The elephant in the room of the same-sex marriage debate is the fact that homosexuals really don't want to marry. What they really want is the legitimization of homosexuality through the redefinition of marriage. They want same-sex marriage enshrined in law, so that the definition of marriage will be expanded to include their sexual perversion. Once this Pandora's Box is opened, our country's fate will be sealed. Here, human history serves us as an unimpeachable witness. Although it records periods within which homosexuality flourished in particular civilizations; such as, Sodom and Gomorrah, ancient Greece, and the Roman Empire, history also attests to the fact that none of these civilizations survived. Furthermore, in each instance, the fall of the civilization came on the heels of flourishing homosexuality.

Once the pebble of same-sex marriage is cast into the pond, the ripples in our society will never stop. Marriage will be perpetually subject to redefinition in order to accommodate all sexual preferences and perversions. Having set a legal precedent, our courts will be obligated by stare decisis to allow two marriages for bisexuals, multiple marriages for polygamists, and even the marrying of consenting minors to adult pedophiles. In the end, all sexual relationships will be deemed marriageable and any dissent will be denounced as discriminatory.

Stretching the legal definition of marriage to encompass same-sex marriage on the false premise of anti-discrimination will inevitably lead to redefining marriage to the lowest common denominator. Marriage will be defined down by our courts until it is all-inclusive, nondescript, offensive to no one and agreeable to everyone. In other words, marriage will be reduced to meaninglessness and our society to madness.

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1 Stare decisis comes from the Latin for “Let the decision stand.” It is the policy of courts to abide by or adhere to principles established by decisions in earlier cases.
Monogamy is rare; in fact, it is practically nonexistent in the gay community. Multiple studies have shown that monogamy is definitely the exception rather than the rule among homosexuals. For instance, consider the following:

1. A past study of gay men in San Francisco, America's gay Mecca, revealed that only 10 percent were in a "close-coupled" relationship. Furthermore, these so-called relationships could not be characterized as monogamous, but only as "relatively less..."
promiscuous." A mere 17 percent of gay men in San Francisco were found to have had less than 50 sexual partners.

2. A study of 156 male homosexual relationships revealed that none of those who had been together for any length of time had been monogamous. The authors of the study, themselves a gay couple, explained their lack of surprise over the lack of monogamy as the gay community's overcoming of "internalized homophobia." They went on to explain how gay men differentiate between emotional fidelity and sexual exclusivity. In other words, they have no problem with their "significant other" having other sexual partners as long as they don't become emotionally attached to them.

3. According to research published in the journal AIDS, the average length of partnered relationships in the gay community is one and a half years, during which time both parties have an average of twelve other sexual partners outside of the primary relationship.

4. In another revealing study, homosexuals actually professed their belief that the adoption of a monogamous standard in the gay community would be a form of oppression.

5. In their classic 1978 study of gays and lesbians, A. P. Bell and M. S. Weinberg discovered that 48 percent of male homosexuals have had 500 or more sexual partners and that 28 percent have had 1,000 or more.

6. According to a study published in the Journal of Sex Research, "the modal range for number of sexual partners [among male homosexuals] is 100-500. In addition, around 15 percent have between 500-1,000 sexual partners.

7. Interestingly, according to the journal Sexually Transmitted Infections, lesbians, who have high rates of promiscuity among themselves, also have high rates of promiscuity with men, many reporting having had as many as 50 male sexual partners.

In light of such startling statistics, one cannot help but be bewildered over how hell-bent homosexuals are to have marriage redefined to fit their sexual perversion.
Since homosexuals insist upon practicing their sexual perversion with such unbridled promiscuity and view monogamy as a form of oppression, why would they want to kneel at the nuptial altar and repeat to one another vows of lifetime fidelity? Obviously, they don't!

Don't be deceived; homosexuals' incessant demand to codify their sin in law has nothing to do with their desire to marry. Marriage is an institution that they disparage and spurn. Their sincere and surreptitious motive lies elsewhere. It has nothing to do with their nuptial bliss, but everything to do with us ending up under government duress.
Once monogamy is dispelled as a motive behind the drive for same-sex marriage in the promiscuous gay community; proponents of same-sex marriage fallback on an equally specious argument. They argue in favor of same-sex marriage on the spurious grounds that gay and lesbian couples are being denied exclusive benefits guaranteed under the law to married couples alone. However, a close examination of this argument will expose it to be nothing more than smoke and mirrors.
The truth is; homosexuals can easily secure these so-called denied marital benefits through other means. Private contractual agreements, such as a last will and testament, power of attorney, or even a health care proxy, are legal ways for homosexuals to easily obtain benefits that they presently claim are unavailable to them because of their inability to obtain a marriage license.

One can easily see through the smoke and mirrors of this artificial argument by simply posing a pair of probing questions. First, if the legal benefits of a marriage license are really so considerable, as well as unattainable by other means, why do so many heterosexuals opt to cohabit without the benefit of a marriage license? Second, if the real reason same-sex couples want legal access to a marriage license is to secure its accompanying benefits, why are so few of them presently seeking those benefits through the legal means already provided to them?

Obviously, truthful answers to the above probing questions peel the veneer off this trumped-up argument. It, like all the other arguments posed by proponents of the legalization of same-sex marriage, is proven, upon close examination, to be nothing more than a ruse. Far from obtaining benefits guaranteed to them by a marriage license, the real reason homosexuals are hell-bent on the legalization of same-sex marriage is to deny the constitutionally guaranteed rights of freedom of speech and of freedom of religion to all who dare to condemn rather than condone their sinful sexual perversion.
Having dispelled the mythical desires among homosexuals for marital fidelity and benefits, we now turn to the task of ripping the mask off the Gay Rights Movement in order to expose its real, ugly and malignant intent. What it is really all about is legiti-
mizing the sexual deviancy of homosexuals. Gays and lesbians fully understand that the legalizing of same-sex marriage will subject all who refuse to attest to its legitimacy to civil suits for discrimination and even possible criminal prosecution for hate crimes. Once their sin is enshrined in law, homosexuals can sit back and count on the coercive power of government to silence all contrary and condemning voices.

Make no mistake about it; this is the real gay agenda. It is all about validating their sin and vilifying and silencing all dissenters. In order to do so, the coercive power of government must be co-opted. To co-opt government’s coercive power, same-sex marriage must be legalized and homosexuality legitimized as a legal civil right deserving of special government protection and benefits. Contrary to popular opinion, which unfortunately has been formed by the specious arguments put forth by the sly proponents of same-sex marriage, the real reason and motive behind the homosexual lobby’s indefatigable drive for the legalization of same-sex marriage is government coercion and intimidation of the public into compliance with homosexual deviancy.

The popular refrain of the homosexual lobby—“Others have no right to force their morality on us”—is actually nothing more than a diversionary tactic. It is intended to divert everyone’s attention from what is really going on in America today; namely, homosexuals’ attempt to force their immorality on everyone else.

Historians have called the first shot fired by British infantry on American militiamen at Lexington Square on April 19, 1775, “the shot heard around the world.” Once the trigger is pulled on the legalization of same-sex marriage—legitimizing homosexuality as a legal civil right deserving of special government protection and benefits—another shot will be heard around the world. This one, however, will not mark the beginning of the Revolutionary War, but the final skirmish of the cultural war, which will prove to be America’s spiritual Waterloo. Once this shot is fired, its reverberations will prove perpetual. The following will be forced upon all Americans.
1. Public schools will be forced to teach our children the moral equivalency of homosexuality and heterosexuality.

2. States will be forced to legalize the adoption of children by same-sex couples.

3. Property owners will be subject to civil suits for refusing to rent or lease properties to same-sex couples.

4. Business owners and employers will be subject to civil suits for refusing to hire homosexuals in their businesses or for refusing to provide insurance benefits for their same-sex partners.

5. Churches will be subject to civil suits or at risk of losing their tax exemption over refusing to allow same-sex marriage ceremonies in their facilities or homosexuals onto their membership rolls.

6. Christian charities will be subject to civil suits for refusing to place children with homosexual couples.

In case you have any doubt about the probability of the above perils becoming realities in our immediate future, consider these actual and foreboding present-day examples.

1. The Attorney General of the state of Washington is presently suing a Christian florist for refusing to provide flowers for a same-sex wedding ceremony.

2. A Christian baker in Iowa is facing the possibility of a suit over her refusal to make a wedding cake for a lesbian couple.

3. Christian photographers in New Mexico have been sued for declining to take wedding pictures for a same-sex couple.

4. A T-shirt shop has been sued in Lexington, Kentucky over refusing to make T-shirts for the Gay and Lesbian Services Organization.
5. A Methodist church in New Jersey has been sued over its refusal to offer its facilities to homosexuals for same-sex wedding ceremonies. In this particular case, a judge has already ruled against the church.

6. A same-sex couple from California has sued the Christian owner of a Hawaiian bed and breakfast for not allowing them to rent a room.

7. A bed and breakfast in Alton, Illinois, which is privately owned by a Christian couple, has been sued for refusing to host a same-sex civil union ceremony.

8. Owners of a small, privately owned inn in Vermont were sued when they declined to host a same-sex wedding reception due to their religious beliefs.

9. An employee of Allstate insurance was reportedly fired from his job after writing a personal essay online that disagreed with same-sex marriage.

10. Catholic Charities has been barred from assisting in adoptions in Massachusetts, Washington, D.C., and Illinois, as well as excluded from future contracts because of its refusal to consider same-sex couples as adoptive parents.

Along with the financially ruinous sword of civil liability, the legalization of same-sex marriage will also put the threatening sword of criminal prosecution into the hands of homosexuals, a sword that they will freely wield against all who dare to speak out against their sinful and perverse sexual practices. Anyone seeing this pending peril to opponents of same-sex marriage as far-fetched can be easily convinced otherwise by considering the cases of Dale McAlpine and William Whatcott.

McAlpine was arrested in Britain for preaching that "homosexuality is a crime against the Creator." According to the British version of hate-crimes laws, "offensive words," among other things, are criminal and prosecutable. Thus, McAlpine was arrested for the crime of saying something offensive to homosexuals.

When it comes to William Whatcott, he was arrested, tried and convicted of a hate crime in Canada. His legally condemnable offense was the distribution of flyers containing biblical denunciations of homosexuality as a sin. In his appeal, which went all of the way to Canada's Supreme Court, Whatcott lost in a unanimous decision. Ac-
cording to Canada's Supreme Court justices, biblical speech opposing homosexual beha-

vior, even in written form, constitutes a hate crime, since it has the potential to in-
cite or inspire discriminatory treatment.

Not only did the Canadian Supreme Court's Whatcott decision financially de-
stroy William Whatcott, who was ordered by the court to pay $7,500 to two homosex-
uals offended over his leaflets, as well as all the legal fees accumulated in the prosecu-
tion of his case by the Human Rights Commission, fees which may amount to hun-
dreds of thousands of dollars, but it also virtually banned the Bible in Canada. After 
all, the court's ruling criminalizes in Canada anything found offensive to sinners on 
the sacred pages of Holy Writ.

Already banned in our neighboring country to the north, how much longer do you think it will be before the Bible is banned in America as well? Don't kid yourself; it's just around the corner from the legalization of same-sex marriage!

Unbeknownst to most Americans today, the Gay Rights Movement is armed and dangerous. It already wields the triple-threat of reputation destroying bad press, financially ruinous civil litigation for discrimination, and the possibility of criminal prosecu-
tion for hate crimes, thanks to recently passed hate crimes legislation, which normal-
izes homosexuality and criminalizes any opposition to it. Once judicial fiat—the legali-
ation of same-sex marriage—is added to the homosexuals' arsenal, there will be no stopping them in their strong-arming of American society into complete capitulation.
Many people, even many Christians today, protest the singling out of homosexuality for particular opposition by the church. They argue that there is parity among sin and that homosexuality is no more a sin than divorce or overeating; two sins they point out the contemporary church is fraught with. "Why should we be so hard on the mote in the homosexual's eye," they ask, "when we're ignoring the beam in our own eye?" While this argument sounds pious enough on the surface, the least little digging into it proves it to be most superficial.
To begin with, the Bible does not teach parity among sin. Contrary to popular opinion, all sins are not indistinguishable and seen as equally odious in the eyes of God. Though it is true that committing any sin makes one a sinner and that the mere breaking of any commandment leaves us as condemned before God as if we had broken all of the commandments (James 4:17; 2:10), it is not true that all sins are equal in the eyes of God.

Our Lord distinguished one sin, "the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost," from all other sins by proclaiming it alone unpardonable (Matthew 12:31). It is the sinner's shunning of the Spirit's conviction over his sin and his refusal to answer the Spirit's call to come to Christ for his salvation that seals the unrepentant sinner's eternal fate and results in the forfeiture of his immortal soul. To suggest then that the sin of unbelief is no more consequential than other sins is obviously an absurdity in light of our Lord's designating of it as the lone unforgivable offense against God.

In 1 John 5:16, the Apostle John instructs us to pray for the forgiveness of a "brother" who has committed "a sin which is not unto death." However, according to John, there is "a sin unto death" that is impervious to all prayers "for it." What John may be alluding to in this most difficult passage is a situation similar to the one that existed in the church of Corinth, a situation involving the public and Christ-dishonoring sin of an unrepentant church member.

In 1 Corinthians chapter 5, the Apostle Paul chastens the church in Corinth for having failed to discipline an unrepentant church member who was involved in a scandalous sexual relationship with his own stepmother. According to Paul, this member of the church had become such an embarrassment to the cause of Christ that he needed to be excommunicated from the church and handed over to "Satan for the destruction of [his] flesh." Although there was no shortage of sins being committed in the carnal Corinthian church, this is the only one Paul singled out as deserving of excommunication and a premature grave. Obviously, not every sin committed in the church calls for so severe a penalty; otherwise, our church houses would be empty and our graveyards full.

As any serious student of the Scripture knows, the Bible teaches that there are rewards in heaven and different degrees of punishment in hell (1 Corinthians 3:14-15; Revelation 22:12; Matthew 10:15; 11:20-24). From this clear teaching of Scripture we
are forced to conclude that there are definitely distinctions between sins in the eyes of the Judge of all the earth, who certainly sees some sins as deserving of more severe punishment than others.

In the Old Testament, certain sacrifices were prescribed when certain sins were committed. The less expensive sacrifices were obviously required for the lesser sins and the more expensive sacrifices for the graver sins. At the same time, there were no sacrifices prescribed for capital offenses, such as murder or homosexuality. The culprit of these sins was to be executed without benefit of a pardon through any sacrifice or atonement.

The Scripture makes a clear distinction between sexual sins and all other sins. According to the Apostle Paul, sexual sins, unlike all others, which Paul says are committed "outside the body," are, according to Paul, "sins" committed "against [one's] own body" (1 Corinthians 6:18). Furthermore, the sin of homosexuality is actually distinguished from all other sexual sins. Whereas all of them are sins "against [one's] own body," the sin of homosexuality carries with it the additional dubious distinction of being a sin that also "dishonors" (degrades) one's body by giving it over to unnatural and "vile affections" (Romans 1:24-27).

The sin of homosexuality carries additional scriptural distinctions as well. For instance, it is one of the few sins in the Bible specifically called an abomination. Granted, it is called an abomination along with other sexual sins in Leviticus 18:26, but it is the only sexual sin in the list specifically called an abomination when individually mentioned (Leviticus 18:22). Also, it alone is distinguished as an abominable sin in a subsequent list of sexual sins listed two chapters later (Leviticus 20:13).

Finally, and most disturbing of all, the Apostle Paul teaches that the acceptance and advocacy of homosexuality—both of which today's America is becoming increasingly guilty of—is a sure sign of spiritual reprobation (Romans 1:18-32). It serves as proof positive that one has passed a point of no return with God and been given over by God to a reprobate or depraved mind. No other sin in all of Scripture carries this odious distinction.

Having dispelled the myth of parity among sins and having shown the sin of homosexuality to be distinguished in Scripture from other sins, we have rebuffed the ar-
argument that homosexuality should not be singled out for special opposition by today's church. Let us now proceed to show why today's church must mount special opposition against this particular sin.

Unlike most other sinners, homosexuals are militant in their sin. Have you ever heard the homosexual argument that what gays and lesbians do in the privacy of their own bedrooms is no one's business but their own? I totally agree. What they do in the privacy of their own bedrooms is between them and God. I don't need to know anything about it and, what's more, I don't want to know anything about it. Yet, a salient point being continually overlooked today is that modern-day homosexuals have not just come out of their closets, but out of the privacy of their bedrooms as well. In fact, they insist upon publicly parading their sin up and down the main street of every city and town in America.

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Have you ever heard of a "Thieves' Pride Parade," "Adulterers' Pride Parade," "Rapists' Pride Parade," or "Murderers' Pride Parade?" While I'm sure you haven't, I'm equally sure you have heard of a "Gay Pride Parade." Homosexuals, unlike other sinners, who prefer to keep their sins private and unpublicized, are militant in the advocacy of their sin. Not even abortionists advocate abortion. They all insist that they are against abortion, but only for a woman's right to choose. Yet, Homosexuals insist upon parading their sin up and down Main Street and publicly promoting it to everyone, even to our children.

Gays and lesbians are militantly on the march, publicly parading their sexual perversion past city halls and practicing a scorched earth policy toward anyone refusing to condone their sexual deviancy, which the Bible clearly condemns in no uncertain terms. Whereas homosexuals would be the first to protest any government allowance of the least little display of religious faith in the public square, they fully expect government complicity when it comes to scheduling Gay Days and striking up the band for
Gay Pride Parades. Some cities, such as San Diego, California, have actually gone so far as to temporarily suspend their decency laws in order to accommodate the openly odious and decadent behavior of Gay Pride Parade participants.

For far too long now militant homosexuals have marched on and through our towns, while milquetoast Christians have stood on the curb of the culture war and waved olive branches at the passing parade. Fearful of being accused of intolerance, we’ve stood by mealy-mouthed while militant homosexuals have publicly flaunted their sexual perversion in our faces, not to mention the faces of our children. In the end, it’s all been made possible by the contemporary church’s fear of showing disrespect to those who have neither respect for others nor reverence for God.

While many a contemporary Christian sits around and worries over how to share the Gospel inoffensively with gays and lesbians, militant homosexuals are on the march in our land to silence our sharing of the Gospel altogether. Make no mistake about it; they will not rest until you and I are living in a country where the words of sacred Scripture are considered hate speech, the practice of the Christian faith a hate crime, and all Christians hatemongers.

All false religions lead their adherents to the same place, into a Christless grave and into a Christless eternity. However, there is one modern-day false religion that carries with it the dubious distinction of being seen as far more dangerous than all of the others. Islam, the religion of the sword, is seen as more dangerous because it is a militant religion. Its prophet taught world conquest. According to Mohammed, jihad, holy war, is to be waged until the whole world is forced to its knees before Allah, the god of the Muslims.

Like Islam among false religions, there are two modern-day sins among all others that are made distinguishable by their militancy. These two sins are particularly threatening to the fabric of American society and peerless in their imperiling of the church's freedom to preach the Gospel. They are both being militantly advocated by
their present-day practitioners to the coercion of their countrymen and to the sup-
pressing of their critics.

First, there are the so-called new atheists, who are on the march to completely
secularize our society by stripping our land of all semblance of faith in God. They have
already succeeded to a large extent in silencing our government's acknowledgement of
God, despite the fact that our government was actually founded upon an acknowledg-
ment of God. Rest assured that these militant atheists will remain resolute until our so-
ciety is completely profaned and all professions of faith in God are relegated to peo-
ple's private lives, which will for all practical purposes silence the church's public
preaching of the Gospel.

Second, there are today's militant homosexuals, who, like the new atheists, are
hell-bent on transforming our society and silencing the church's witness within it.
That today's militant homosexuals are on the march to destroy both traditional mar-
riage and the traditional family, the God ordained bedrocks of all orderly society, as
well as to radically transform our society, is proven beyond doubt by people like the
late Paula Ettlebrick, who served as policy director for the National Center for Lesbian
Rights. According to an editorial by Mike Gabbard in the Honolulu Advertiser, Et-
tlebrick once said: “Being queer means pushing the parameters of sex, sexuality and
family, and in the process, transforming the very fabric of society. We must keep our
eyes on the goals of providing true alternatives to marriage and of radically reordering
society’s views of reality.”

That today's militant homosexuals are on the march to muzzle the message of the
Gospel and to prohibit the church's preaching of it in the future should be obvious to
everyone who peers through the veneer of their specious arguments to clearly see their
real diabolical intent. Homosexuals know that once their sin is made unassailable by
the legalization of same-sex marriage, their long sought after goal will at last be ob-
tained. They will have successfully co-opted the coercive power of government to
freely wield against anyone condemning rather than condoning their sexual perver-
sion. By dangling the double-edged sword of civil suits and criminal prosecution over
the heads of all dissenters and detractors, they will be able to force all objectors to
same-sex marriage into forever holding their peace.
Many modern-day Christians are blind to the fact that what they’ve portrayed as a mere "mote" in the homosexual’s eye has actually grown into a stake that gays and lesbians fully intend to drive through the heart of the church, silencing its witness in America once and for all. It is not the church that has drawn this line in the sand and declared all-out war on homosexuals; instead, it is militant homosexuals who have drawn this line in the sand and declared all-out war on the church. Unfortunately, the contemporary church is proving itself to be filled with spiritual conscientious objectors. Rather than "earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3), today’s church is cowering before the rainbow flag of a militant homosexual army.
In Psalm 11:3, David asked the question: “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Whenever a structure’s foundation is destroyed, the structure is beyond repair. Its eventual collapse is inevitable. It is not a question of “if” it will fall, but only a question of “when” it will fall.

When the foundations of nations are destroyed, the eventual demise of those nations is inevitable. There is nothing the righteous can do to prevent their country’s in-
evitable collapse. It doesn’t matter if it’s ancient Israel or modern-day America, destroyed foundations are always forerunners of a nation’s inevitable downfall.

America’s foundations are already severely cracked, thanks to a multitude of moral and spiritual sinkholes, as well as the deep roots of our rebellion against God, which have been growing unabated beneath our nation for decades. Still, the “Condemned” sign will not be hung on America’s house by the hand of divine providence until homosexuality is legitimized by the legalization of same-sex marriage. As soon as this occurs, the death knell for America will sound and the final nail will be driven into our country’s coffin.

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THE LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE WILL PULL OUT FROM UNDER OUR COUNTRY ITS GOD-ORDAINED FOUNDATIONS.

1. The legalization of same-sex marriage will destroy traditional marriage, the God ordained bedrock of all orderly society, by redefining it. Marriage will be defined down until it is all-inclusive, nondescript, offensive to no one and agreeable to everyone. All sexual relationships will eventually be deemed marriageable. As a result, marriage will be reduced to meaningless and our society to madness.

2. Along with traditional marriage, the legalization of same-sex marriage will also destroy the traditional family, the only institution ordained by God for the purposes of procreation and proper childrearing. Like marriage, family will also be redefined. The traditional family—two married parents of opposite genders and their biological or adopted children living together in the same home—will be reduced to just one of many modern-day variants. All “modern families” will be perceived as equivalent to the traditional family and the traditional family will not be lauded in any way as being the least little bit superior or even preferable. In the end, the traditional family will continue to disappear from the American landscape and America’s children will be robbed of a secure and healthy development.
3. The legalization of same-sex marriage will result in the reversal of the God ordained role of government in these United States (Romans 13:1-5). Instead of punishing the evil and protecting the righteous, as God ordained government to do, our government will punish the righteous and protect the evil. It will provide evil-doers with special rights and protections, while holding over the heads of the righteous the threatening, double-edged sword of civil litigation and criminal prosecution.

4. The legalization of same-sex marriage will silence the voice of the church in America. As the “light of the world” and “the salt of the earth,” the church is to serve as the conscience of our country and the preserver of our society (Matthew 5:13-16). However, the church in America will be forbidden from speaking out or standing up for the right, as well as speaking out and standing against the wrong, once homosexuals have co-opted the coercive power of government. With the coercive power of government in their hands, homosexuals, along with their godless allies, will readily wield it to silence the church’s witness in America. Our society will cease to be “a quiet and peaceable” one within which the church freely preaches the Gospel and all Americans have an opportunity “to come unto the knowledge of the truth” and “be saved” (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

THE LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE WILL SERVE AS A SURE SIGN OF OUR COUNTRY’S SPIRITUAL REPROBATION.

The Apostle Paul clearly teaches that the acceptance and advocacy of homosexuality is the last step on the road to spiritual reprobation (Romans 1:18-32). The first step is taken when you sinfully suppress the truth about the one only true God. The second step is taken when you exchange the glory of the one and only true God for a god of your own making, a god who shamefully excuses sin and exonerates sinners. The final step is taken when you begin condoning and even championing sins that are not only condemned by the one and only true God, but are also so vile that they are contrary to nature.

It must not be overlooked that the particular profane sin being accepted and advocated in Scripture as a sure sign of spiritual reprobation is the sexual perversion of homosexuality. Once same-sex marriage is legalized in these United States, this sure sign of our nation’s spiritual reprobation will be enshrined in our law. What further
proof will we need to prove that our country has finally passed the point of no return with God?

**THE LEGALIZATION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS INEVITABLE AND THERE IS NOTHING THE RIGHTEOUS CAN DO TO PREVENT IT.**

I am under no illusion that the compelling arguments against same-sex marriage contained in this volume will win the day. I believe the day is over and the night is falling on America. The legalization of same-sex marriage is inevitable in these United States. It cannot be stopped. Furthermore, there is nothing the righteous can do to prevent it. Now, this is not to say that the righteous need do nothing, but only to say that there is nothing we can do to change the sealed fate of a spiritually reprobate nation.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the famous Russian dissident, once said, “The simple step of a courageous individual is not to take part in the lie. The lie may take the world, but not through me.” As the Bible predicts, the lie will take the end-time world. The church’s resolve, however, should be that it does not do so through us. It is to this end that I have penned this volume, believing with all of my heart what Sir Robert Anderson once declared and our precious Lord clearly demonstrated on Calvary; namely, that “truth is divine, and is worth living and dying for.”

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When I began this manuscript, a case was pending before the United States Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the federal Defense of Marriage Act. This federal law passed by congress in 1996 defined marriage as the “legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife.” It also protected states that have banned same-sex marriage from being forced to recognize any “relationship between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws of [another] state.”
Five days after I finished this manuscript, the Supreme Court, by the slimmest of margins (5 to 4), struck down the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) as unconstitutional. By doing so, the court nullified the legal definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman and opened the way for marriage to be redefined to accommodate all sexual preferences and perversions. In addition, the court’s ruling erases state borders in the same-sex marriage debate, forcing states where same-sex marriage is banned to recognize the legality of same-sex marriages obtained in other states where it is sanctioned.

While this Supreme Court ruling does not invalidate state laws banning same-sex marriage—37 states currently have constitutional amendments prohibiting same-sex marriage—it certainly provides same-sex couples with an end run around state laws. All same-sex couples residing in a state where same-sex marriage is currently banned can now go to be married in a neighboring state where same-sex marriage is legal. Afterward, they can return to their home state, which will be forced to recognize the legality of their marriage, despite an amendment to its own state constitution banning same-sex marriage within its borders.

In addition to providing same-sex couples with an end run around state laws, the Supreme Court’s DOMA decision also arms proponents of same-sex marriage with a “legal” argument and a Supreme Court precedent to use in their ongoing war against state laws banning same-sex marriage. As Justice Antonin Scalia pointed out in his scathing dissent, the majority decision, which was written by Justice Anthony Kennedy, could just as easily have been argued against state laws as it was against the federal law. Consequently, now that it has prevailed against the constitutionality of the federal law, this same argument will be taken up with equal vigor and the added authority of Supreme Court precedent against the constitutionality of all state laws banning same-sex marriage.

Along with enabling same-sex couples to do an end run around state laws and creating an inevitable domino effect that will eventually lead to the downfall of every state ban on same-sex marriage in America, the Supreme Court’s DOMA decision also paves the way for the future criminal prosecution of everyone dissenting to the court’s majority opinion and its subsequent legalization of same-sex marriage. Without constitutional basis or any legal precedent, the Supreme Court’s ruling in the DOMA case amounts to nothing more than the personal indictment of all defenders of traditional
marriage by five of the court’s sitting justices. Writing for the majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy, condemned all opponents of same-sex marriage for wanting to demean the “moral and sexual choices” of homosexuals and for wanting to humiliate “tens of thousands of children now being raised by same-sex couples.” In response, Justice Scalia said that such an indictment of everyone disagreeing with the majority opinion took “real cheek.” Then, Scalia forebodingly warned, “By formally declaring anyone opposed to same-sex marriage an enemy of human decency, the majority arms well every challenger to a state law restricting marriage to its traditional definition.”

As we have already stated in this volume, the Gay Rights Movement is armed and dangerous. It already wields the triple-threat of reputation destroying bad press, financially ruinous civil litigation for discrimination, and the possibility of criminal prosecution for hate crimes. Now that the gavels of the Supreme Court have been added to the homosexual’s arsenal, thanks to the Supreme Court’s DOMA decision, there will be no stopping of homosexuals in their hammering of American society into complete capitulation and of their hammering of the church into complete silence.
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