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### GAY PRIDE: THE WAR AGAINST THE CULTURE - PART III CHOICE OR COMPULSION ?

*Much of the agenda of the radical Gay movement rests on the argument that being gay, is not a choice, but rather a compulsion. It is, 'Who they are'. God / nature - made them this way. Once this premise is accepted, it is easy to argue that this is much like the Civil Rights struggle of the '60's. This is how they justify the full acceptance of their practices by the culture. But is this foundational premise true? In this installment we will examine this myth.*

#### Stating Cases

1993 was a banner year for the homosexual movement! In July, Science Magazine claimed a genetic cause for homosexuality. The mainstream media; NY Times, NPR et al; picked up the chorus.<sup>1</sup> The implications were potentially enormous. If homosexuality indeed had a genetic cause, then "gayness" was something akin to skin color or gender, - like being born black, or a woman, - and equality and acceptance was demanded on that basis. Immediately, 'Gayness' became a civil rights issue. There would be no moral reason to prefer heterosexuality to sodomy. If homosexuality was a condition, a state of being, rather than a behavior or a choice, - then the moral basis of discrimination would be totally destroyed. That study, by geneticist Dean Hamer of the National Cancer Institute came on the heels of research that showed that the brains of homosexual cadavers differed from those of a supposed hetero population.<sup>2</sup> Giddy times were those! But they didn't last.

The idea of a 'gay gene' began to blow up almost immediately. Four months after its original publication, Science Magazine ran a scathing critique of Hamer's study, pointing out flaws in assumptions, and statistics.<sup>3</sup> Other follow up studies began to undermine the results of the study's reported claims. Dr. Hamer's research had purportedly pinpointed a genetic link on the q28 region of the X chromosome of gay men.<sup>4</sup> By 1999, a much larger study, attempting to reproduce the results of the Hamer study at Western Ontario and Stanford Universities, had instead reversed his results. Instead they came to the conclusion that the "...results do not support an X-linked gene underlying male homosexuality". There was no gene "...influencing sexual orientation at position Xq28".<sup>5</sup> Even Dr Hamer himself, has been clarifying his position since his study came out. Just a year after his 'landmark research', Hamer was saying that complex behavioral traits, such as homosexuality, were the result of the interplay between genetic and environmental agents.<sup>6</sup> Even 'gay researchers' joined the good doctor in that retreat.

Despite the wishful squealing of the popular media, Dr Hamer was just confirming what geneticists already knew. In 1993, Columbia University had conducted a comprehensive review of the results of 135 research projects on the subject. Dr Jeffrey Santinover summarized the results. The study found that "...there is no evidence at present to substantiate that biological factors are the primary basis for sexual orientation".<sup>7</sup> By 1995 Dr Hamer was admitting in Scientific American that "...half or more of the variability in sexual orientation is not inherited".<sup>8</sup> Even the discoverer of the 'gay gene' was admitting that sexual orientation is not fixed at birth. Santinover summed up the truth of the matter. "There is no evidence that shows that homosexuality is genetic - and none of the research claims that it is."<sup>9</sup>

So if it is not genetic, what does cause homosexuality? The general consensus is that it is influenced by the complex interaction of multiple factors including; - genetic, psychological, hormonal, social, early childhood experiences and “juvenile sexual rehearsal play”.<sup>10</sup> The American Psychological Association, which removed homosexuality from its lists of disorders back in 1973, attributes the condition to “...biological, psychological and social factors”.<sup>11</sup> Santinover again, writing in his book *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*, acknowledges the mix of genetic, intrauterine and childhood influences, yet believes that in the end it comes down to a “...series of repeatedly reinforced choices occurring at critical phases of development.”<sup>12</sup>

There is that ugly word: “Choice”. This is probably the most resisted notion of the Gay Lobby; - the idea that being gay is in any way a choice. Perhaps this is best illustrated in the positively violent reaction of the homosexual community to the notion that anyone can change their orientation. Because, - if people can change their behavior, - then it is not determined by our genes - therefore it is not like “being black” - therefore the whole notion of a ‘civil rights’ struggle becomes severely undermined. Perhaps that is what explains the near mobbing of a group of Christians attending a gay festival in Philadelphia early last year. It could also explain the homosexual mobs that harassed, intimidated and tried to shut down a Focus on the Family Conference on recovering from homosexuality, held in Boston last fall. Gay protesters screamed, waved signs, took close up pictures of conference attendees and chanted “Shut it down” and “1-2-3-4- Open up the closet door - 5-6-7-8- Don’t assume your kids are straight”, - amplifying their protests with a sound truck to interfere with the conference going inside a the Boston Baptist Church.<sup>13</sup> The self-identified LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community realizes the damage that the notion of anyone leaving the gay lifestyle does to their cause. If people living the gay lifestyle, can with effort and prayer - leave that way of life - it becomes self-evident that homosexuality is just a choice, just a behavior. The gay community intrinsically realized that behavior does have a moral component.

Now the Bible, puts the moral component first and foremost. All sin is the result of glorifying ‘the self’ over God. Paul puts it thus: **“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools... Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another... Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.”** (Romans 1:21-22, 24, 26-27)

Perhaps most damaging to the homosexual cause are the hundreds of ex-gays that have successfully changed their sexual orientation and are now living normal lives. Some of the most damning research in this area comes from Robert Spitzer, who was once a hero of the LGBT community. He was a prime force in removing homosexuality from the APA’s list of mental illnesses back in the 70’s. Spitzer studied 200 subjects, 143 men and 57 women, who claimed to have changed their sexual orientation. After studying the subjects, he found that nearly all of the participants had substantially changed “core aspects” of their sexuality, “...not merely overt behavior”. Summarizing, Spitzer claims, “This study provides evidence that some gay men and lesbians are able to also change the core features of sexual orientation”. Of course, he realizes that this is a controversial position in the gay community. Radical-Gaydom is staunchly opposed to even offering this sort of orientation changing therapy - even to those that seek to change. Still he defends the rights of individuals “bothered by their sexuality” to receive the therapy.<sup>14</sup> The fact is that study after study shows that “sexual identity” is a fluid concept. Researchers from Columbia U. concluded that “The assertion that homosexuality is genetic is so reductionist that it must be dismissed out of hand”.<sup>15</sup> Spitzer weighs in, saying that any hangover notion to the contrary is due to “...a gay activist group that’s very strong and very vocal”, and exists with the nodding approval of the American Psychiatric Association.<sup>16</sup>

Despite their claims that sexual orientation is immutable, thousands of ex-gays living in long-term heterosexual relationships, give the lie to that claim. So does the data of Robert Goetze's ongoing research project. He has identified at least 31 studies where change in sexual orientation has been quantified.<sup>17</sup> Perhaps it is best summed up by the report *"This is the Way God Made Me" A Scientific Examination of Homosexuality and the "Gay Gene"* It concludes, "...there are sufficient data to indicate that an individual can change his or her sexual orientation from homosexual to heterosexual—something that would be an impossibility if homosexuality were caused by genetics."<sup>18</sup> And this is bad news for the radical-gay community; It takes it out of the realm of 'civil rights' and into the area of choice and behavior, - exactly where the Bible has squarely put it. Paul concludes his thought on moral responsibility for all sin with this sobering thought: **"Therefore you have no excuse"**! (Romans 2:1)

## **A WHOLE LOTTA YADAS**

**TIME TO GET SERIOUS** – For the last several years, the US, the UN & the West has not be able to decide whether the nuclear program in Iran was a serious threat or not. Now – it seem – it is! The American think tank called the RAND Corporation now says that Tehran is just a few weeks away from making their own bombs.<sup>19</sup> What makes that especially dangerous is the fact that on numerous occasions Iran's President Ahmadinejad has threatened Israel with annihilation. He cares not the cost to his own country. [In the best tradition of the 'Blues Brothers'] – he believes he is on a 'mission from God' to create the chaos that would bring the Mahdi – the Islamic messiah – to power.

Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu addressed the issue during last month's appearance before a joint session of Congress. *"A nuclear-armed Iran would ignite a nuclear arms race in the Middle East. It would give terrorists a nuclear umbrella. It would make the nightmare of nuclear terrorism a clear and present danger throughout the world. I want you to understand what this means, because if we don't stop it, it's coming. They could put a bomb anywhere. They could put it in a missile; they're working on missiles that could reach this city. They could put it on a ship inside a container; could reach every port. They could eventually put it in a suitcase or in a subway...Those who dismiss it are sticking their heads in the sand. Less than seven decades after 6 million Jews were murdered, Iran's leaders deny the Holocaust of the Jewish people while calling for the annihilation of the Jewish state."*<sup>20</sup>

**THEY'RE COMING TO GET YOU AMERICA** – New study: 80% of the American mosques surveyed were found to be advocating "violent jihad". 60% brought in outside speakers to push that Shariah based agenda.<sup>21</sup> World Net Daily quotes former terrorist – (now Christian) – Kamal Saleem: *"The Muslim Brotherhood is here specifically to destroy the house of the United States of America and bring about the Islamic House and that's done by the Muslim's hand."*<sup>22</sup>

**THEY'RE COMING TO GET YOU ISRAEL** – Hey folks. Hamas, those fun loving terror guys from Gaza who forever can't help themselves and keep throwing rockets at Israelis school busses and other civilian targets – well they've got a warm, cuddly side too. They've been running summer camps for children. These camps take in about 100,000 kids each year and feature "Islamic indoctrination, paramilitary training and social activities."<sup>23</sup>

**'WE DON'T NEED NO STINKIN' JEWS'** – Keep this in mind: The entire world is pushing Israel to negotiate with a Palestinian government in which Hamas is major player. (At least Fatah, their Palestinian partners in that government have the good sense to shut up about their ultimate intentions. But not so Hamas!) The new Hamas representative laid out the end game very clearly. As reported in The Blaze, Khaled al-Qoddoumi made clear in his opening remarks that *"the ultimate goal of the movement was to free the entire Palestinian land, destroy the Zionist regime and rescue the revered Quds from the claws of the Zionists."*<sup>24</sup> An Arab member of Israel's parliament – the Knesset – (yes there are those, despite how media bias attempts to hide that fact) - concurred in those sentiments. Ibrahim Sarsour, called for an Islamic caliphate – (multi-nation Islamic state) - to be established with its capital at Jerusalem.<sup>25</sup> At the same time a new radical government has taken power in Lebanon, putting even more pressure on Israel. The coalition is headed by Najib

Mikati, a staunch ally of Syria's President Assad who despite trouble at home is calling for Israel to return the Golan encouraging periodic 'peaceful' assaults against Israel's borders.<sup>26</sup>

**'WE DON'T NEED NO STINKIN' CHRISTIANS'** – In Egypt, the Arab Spring has not turned out to be all it was originally advertised as. Coptic Christians have increasingly become the target of the radical Salafi sect of Islam. Families are murdered by neighbors, churches burned. That is increasingly true in Pakistan too as Christians are becoming the target of violence.<sup>27 28</sup> Ah, the Religion of Peace!

**AND THE HEAT IS ON** – President of the European Parliament Jerzy Buzek: It's time for a Palestinian State using the '67 Borders with Jerusalem as its capital.<sup>29</sup> AND...The Gaza Flotilla is coming. That's an organized attempt to embarrass Israel by forcing them to deploy force against this 'civilian' coalition of radical Islamists and leftist-radical westerners from the US and other nations. Last year, Israeli naval personnel were attacked with deadly weapons when they boarded the lone vessel. The Israelis were forced to respond with deadly force. The flotilla is scheduled to embark as I write this – and may be on the water by the time this newsletter comes your way.<sup>30</sup>

**BIG BROTHERISM 1** – Looking like a SWAT Team, 13 agents of the Department of Education descended on the Stockton, Californian home of Kenneth Wright, a 6 AM one morning, busted down the front door – “*dragged him out in his boxer shorts, threw him to the ground and handcuffed him*” – all in front of his three kids, ages 3, 9 & 11. His kids were held in a patrol car for two hours. At issue were student loans. He was told “*they were investigating his estranged wife's use of federal aid for students. But she doesn't even live in his house.*”<sup>31</sup> The Department of Education – had brought “*guns, armor and battering rams*” to the party. Further investigation revealed that the Department has an approved list of “*shotguns authorized for ED.*” (The Education Department) – [Why, pray tell?] – And agents have engaged in “*combat training and protocol*”.<sup>32</sup>

**BIG BROTHERISM 2** – Stealing the rights of parents. From a headline in Natural News: “Stealth Vaccine Laws” in North Carolina and a pending bill in California, “Allow Children to Consent to Vaccines.”<sup>33</sup>

**BIG BROTHERISM 3** – They're coming to get our guns! Secretary of State Clinton is leading the administration's charge to sign on to the UN's Small Arms Treaty that, if approved, will go a long way toward compromising our national sovereignty by superseding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution. If ratified it would result in tougher licensing, destruction of “*unauthorized' civilian firearms*”, institute an “*international gun registry*” and effectively outlaw any weapon with a magazine.<sup>34</sup> Taking arms away from their civilian populations has been the very effective modus operandi of all the great dictators – from Stalin to Hitler.

**BIG BROTHERISM 4** – ‘They’ have the technology. The ‘They’ this time – is the Chinese. But I'm sure ‘We’ have it too. The Chinese have been caught installing recording devices on new cars. The installations allowed officials to listen in on conversations taking place in the vehicles within about a 13 mile range.<sup>35</sup>

**A SIGN IN THE MOON ?** – Melbourne Australia saw the “Longest lunar eclipse for a decade” turn the moon blood red. It normally would turn copper, but because of ash in the atmosphere – it turned red. Now I know that the Scriptures that talk about this are referring to a actual Last Days phenomenon just before Christ's return to judge the world. But it is an interesting precursor nonetheless.<sup>36</sup> **“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.”** (Joel 2:31) (KJV)

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