Christian Views on Homosexuality

看看同性戀議題...了解多一些

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1. Homosexuality in Canada







The Canadian Context

- From Confederation (1867) to 1969:
 - Homosexual act was against the law 同性行為是非法的
 - Punishable by up to 14 years
 - Homosexuality was considered a disease 是一種病態 (emotionally damaged, neurotic, perverted, irresponsible)

The Canadian Context

• 1969 onwards:

- "...there's no place for the state in the bedrooms of the nation. I think that what's done in private between adults doesn't concern the Criminal Code..." (Pierre Trudeau, Justice Minister)
- Homosexuality was legal among two consenting adults (21 years and older), and in private
 - 21歲或以上,在私人地方有同性行爲是合法
- 1973: American Psychiatric Association voted out the classification of homosexuality as a disorder
 - 同性取向再不是病態

Prohibiting Discrimination 禁止歧視

1977	Quebec became the first province in Canada to include "sexual orientation" in its human rights legislation 人權
1978	Federal government amended Canada's Immigration Act, removing a ban on homosexuals as immigrants 移民
1992	Federal government lifted its ban on homosexuals in the military, allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly and live with their partners on military bases 軍隊
1999	Supreme Court of Canada ruled that gay and lesbian couples should enjoy the same rights and benefits as common-law couples with regard to pensions, income taxes, and other such matters. The federal government recognized such rights in 2000 普通法伴侣
2004	Federal government extended protection against hate propaganda to gays and lesbians, making it an offence to spread hatred against others based on their sexual orientation 仇恨罪

Same-Sex Marriage 同性婚姻

2003	Ontario Court of Appeal in Halpern v. Canada rules that the exclusion of same-sex couples from the definition of marriage violated the equality rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms 違反權利和自由憲章 Chrétien Liberal government announced it would not appeal the Ontario Court of Appeal ruling. Instead, the Liberal government would introduce new legislation to change the definition of marriage to include same-sex couples
Sept 2003	Conservative government introduced a motion in the House of Commons to reaffirm the traditional definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Defeated 137-132

Same-Sex Marriage 同性婚姻

Feb 2005	Liberal government Introduced Bill C-38, the Civil Marriage Act, which extended the right of marriage to same-sex couples. A vote on the proposed legislation took place on June 28, 2005, and the Act was passed by a margin of 158 to 133 .
July 2005	Same-sex marriage legalized 同性婚姻合法化
2007	Conservative government reintroduced a motion to restore the traditional definition of marriage. Defeated 175-123. Prime Minister Harper publicly stated that the vote was decisive and that his government would not return to the issue.

Methodological Debates 爭論角度

- Methodology determines the lens through which we see, hear, and argue.
- The topic of homosexuality has been framed from a:
 - Social order viewpoint 社會安全
 - Moral/ Religious viewpoint 道德
 - Medical viewpoint 醫學
 - Human rights viewpoint 人權
 - Political viewpoint 政治

Christians' Methodology 基督角度

- THEREFORE, as Christians, we are concerned with what God says 以基督爲中心
 - What does the bible say about sexuality, both hetero and homo-sexuality?
- For Christians, we must first and foremost rely on Scripture What does the bible say? 聖經說什麼

2. Bible on Homosexuality

聖經對同性戀議題

- 舊約:
 - 創世紀19
 - 利未記18:22 & 20:13
- 新約:
 - 羅馬書1:26-27
 - 林前 6:9-10 & 提前1:10
- 不是一個簡單的習作:
 需要把聖經論到同性戀的經文,放回它原有的社會和文化背景下來解釋,進而分別哪些是論到同性戀本身(即其性取向),哪些是論到同性戀的性行為。

創世紀19

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Arguments on both sides

Scripture	Against	For
Genesis 19	神毀滅所多瑪,因爲它是 一個"同性戀之城"。 (或"不義之城"。 同性戀行爲是眾多的罪行 之一。)	所多瑪所犯的罪根本與同性戀行為無關,他們的罪行是普遍的不義與惡待異鄉人,犯了愛鄰舍如同自己的誠命。

利未記18

• 18:18 你妻還在的時候、不可另娶他的姐妹 作對頭、露他的下體。 18:19 女人行經不潔淨的時候、不可露他的 下體、與他親近。 18:20 不可與鄰舍的妻行淫、玷污自己。 18:21 不可使你的兒女經火、歸與摩洛·也 不可褻瀆你神的名。我是耶和華。

18:22 不可與男人苟合、像與女人一樣、這本是可憎惡的。

18:23 不可與獸淫合、玷污自己·女人也不可站在獸前、與他淫合、這本是逆性的事。

利未記20

Arguments on both sides

Scripture	Against	For
Leviticus 18:22 & 20:13	18:3 你們從前住的埃及 地、那裡人的行為 你們們人的 領你們到的 領你們人的 那裡人的 可 知 一 一 一 一 一 一 一 一 一 一 一 一 一 一 一 一 一 一	只是一些分別猶太人與外邦人的條例,像不潔淨食物不可吃的條例,只是表明禮儀上的不潔淨,不是這行爲本身的可惡。 Holiness Code (Leviticus 17-26) 對今天恩典時代的基督徒沒有多大意義。

羅馬書1

Arguments on both sides

Scripture	Against	For
Romans 1:26-27	破壞了創造主的創造秩序。	保羅譴責的是與偶像崇拜 有關的同性戀行爲。 (異教神社的賣淫活動)

林前,提前

- 哥林多前書
- 6:9 你們豈不知、不義的人不能承受 神的國麼。不要自欺·無論是淫亂的、拜偶像的、姦淫的、作變童的、親男色的、6:10 偷竊的、貪婪的、醉酒的、辱罵的、勒索的、都不能承受 神的國。
- 提摩太前書
- 1:9 因爲律法不是爲義人設立的、乃是爲不法和不服的、不虔誠和犯罪的、不聖潔和戀世俗的、弒父母和殺人的、1:10 行淫和親男色的、搶人口和說謊話的、並起假誓的、或是爲別樣敵正道的事設立的。

Arguments on both sides

Scripture	Against	For
1 Corinthians 6:9-10 & 1 Timothy 1:10	保羅視同性戀爲不義的事情中的一項。	認為保羅只是指變童的罪行:一位成年人強迫或誘使一位少年人與他發生性關係。 "親男色的" (arsenokoitai – "male" and "bed") 應翻譯成: 神社(男)娼妓 同性戀罪犯 自慰

Brief Conclusion

Against	For
無法找到聖經對同性戀任何正面的評論,只有負面的評論	聖經沒有譴責爲以 "愛,承諾,爲中心的同性戀關係"
耶穌這個問題上保持沉默 =默認以色列人對同性戀的傳統觀點	耶穌這個問題上保持沉默 =沒有譴責同性戀關係

註: 作爲罪(神所不喜悅的事) ,同性戀與其他罪(如淫亂、拜偶像等)同例,沒有給予極化。

上帝造男造女

- 創世紀1:26-31 神照著自己的樣式造人

About Creation

- Genesis 1:26-31 & 2:18-25
 - 上帝造男造女, 聯合丈夫和妻子成爲一體
 - 以婚姻比擬基督與教會

Not Just About Human Love

- 一個反思:
- God's plan for human sexuality tells us a great deal about God and about human love. (The bible is not merely a book about human love.)
- It is easy to lose focus on God Himself when putting too much attention to the topic at hand.

Not Just About Human Love

- ·利未記 19:1 耶和華對摩西說、 19:2 你曉諭以色列全會眾說、你們要 聖潔、因爲我耶和華你們的 神是聖 潔的。
- 馬太福音 22:37 耶穌對他說、你要盡心、盡性、 盡意、愛主你的 神。 22:38 這是誡命中的第一、且是最大 的。22:39 其次也相倣、就是要愛人如 己。

3. My Faith & Homosexuality 信仰與同性戀議題

社會

- 現今社會:
 - 同性戀生活是普遍的*
 - 同性婚姻合法化是事實



- 我們鄰居, 同事, 和朋友可能都可能是同性戀者
- 在同性戀被應同的社會裏,我們該做基督徒?

耶穌是我們的榜樣

- Live among them 一起生活
 - 耶穌在屋裡坐席的時候,有好些稅吏和罪人來,與耶穌和他的門徒一同坐席。
- Know one another 彼此認識
 - Avoid homophobic biases 不要歧視
 - Finding commonalities 查找共同黠
 - Pray for their struggles 為他的困難們祈禱
 - Showing compassion 表示關懷

爲他的需要祈禱

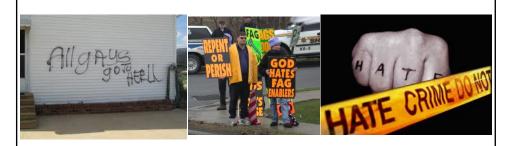








Compassion 憐愛



By showing compassion to the rejected (注意: 不是憐憫他的罪)

作鹽作光

馬太 5: 13-16:

- -你們是世上的光...你們的光也當這樣照在人前,叫他們看見你們的好行爲, 便將榮耀歸給你們在天上的父。
- Let us be Witnesses, not Judges 讓我們作見證, 不是作裁判

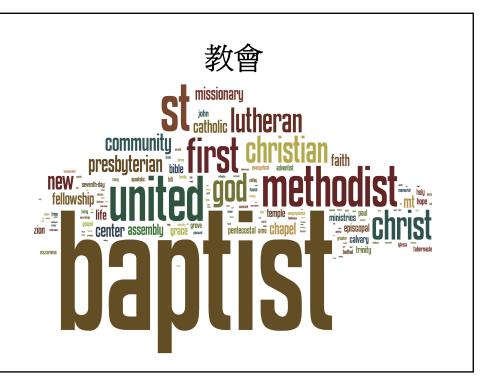
作見證,不是作裁判

• Share your faith, your rebirth (2Cor 5:17), and not just your position on homosexuality.



People Need the Lord人們需要主

- If you have a friend, colleague, or acquaintance:
 - Who is gay 同性戀者
 - See their need for the Gospel, not their gayness.
 - Who is gay and chooses to live promiscuously 濫交的
 - See their need for the Gospel. Care about their promiscuous lifestyle, and not only their gayness.
 - Who is gay and in a committed relationship 相愛的
 - See their need for the Gospel. Their relationship is between themselves and the God whom they will come to know.



宣道會



- Like the rest of God's creation, the sexual differences between man and woman are pronounced "very good" (Genesis 1:31).
- Heterosexual marriage is rooted in the order of creation. Therefore, marriage cannot be redefined at the caprice of public opinion and must not be allowed to shift with the changing tide of cultural mores or social practice.
- All sexual relationships outside of marriage are condemned by Holy Scripture (Matthew 5:27-29, Gal 5:19).
- Homosexual conduct gives evidence of the universal human rejection of God's supreme glory and, like all forms of sexual behavior that violate God's original design, it is sin (Romans 1:25-27).

主內弟兄和姊妹

如果有同性戀肢體在信主後,持 續與一名同性戀者有同性戀生 活,怎辦?



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主內弟兄和姊妹

- 雅各書2:13:
 - 因爲那不憐憫人的, 也要受無憐憫的審判 ;憐憫原是向審判誇 勝。
- 常常為你的領導祈禱
- 爲你的團友和團契祈禱

親人,好朋友

你兒子/兒女/好朋友向你說: 我是gay的...

好多問題在你腦海閃過:

- 我做錯什麼? 點解?是過度期?
- 還可以愛佢? 他會落地獄嗎?叫他悔改?
- 打或罵? 趕出門?

親人,好朋友

- <u>Nick's</u> coming out story
- Born to Chinese parents
- From a Christian family
- Believes in God



我是Gay的

- What if I am a homosexual?
 - Orientation vs. Behaviour
- Debate among Christians who are gay
 - God blesses committed, same-sex relationships.
 - Gay Christians called to life-long celibacy.

我與神*

- "We do not always understand these prohibitions (e.g. homosexuality)...But it is love, not understanding, which God most desires from us. To place our hopes in Him even when we do not understand His ways is a mark of great faith, and even greater love."
- "It is love that inspires me to be celibate: the love of God which gives me the desire to obey His commandments."
- Ecclesiastes 傳道書,所羅門說: 這些事都已聽見了,總意就是:敬畏神,謹守他 的誡命,這是人所當盡的本分。

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