

Gay is an Adjective!

Intro:

1. Reader's Digest Great Encyclopedic Dictionary: gay adj.
 - a. Happy and carefree; merry.
 - b. Brightly colorful or ornamental.
 - c. Jaunty; sporty.
 - d. Full of or given to lighthearted pleasure.
 - e. Rakish, libertine.
 - f. *Slang* Homosexual. -gayness *n.* -Syn.
 - g. Cheerful, vivacious, merry, sprightly, lively.
2. What is meant in common slang by "I am gay"?
 - a. As a noun = I am a homosexual or a lesbian person.
 - b. As a verb = I involve myself in homosexual activity.
3. I want to be kind & fair in this presentation because: Their arguments for the homosexual lifestyle are logical.
ILL: The TV discussion between the Gay Jewish lawyer & the Christians.
 - a. "I was born this way. I can't help the way I feel."
 - b. "Why can't two people of the same gender live together?"
 - c. "With all the unwanted children in the world, why can't we adopt & raise children in a loving family?"
 - d. "Why not just let us alone to do our own thing. We're not hurting anyone."
4. So - if these arguments seem so logical - why get so disturbed & try to battle the gay agenda?

I. What About the Arguments in Favor of the Gay Lifestyle?

- A. "I was born that way. I just can't help it!"
 1. They were not born that way!
 2. Most who claim to be homosexual or lesbian are genuine people - misguided by current cultural stereotypes; men & women are supposed to act & feel a certain way because of their gender.
 - a. Men = manly, dominant, work oriented, assertive, strong, outdoors oriented, like sports, wear manly clothes, their idea of camping is a sleeping bag out under the stars.
 - b. Women = feminine, submissive, talkative, like frilly things, home oriented, like domestic activity, their idea of camping is a fully functioning motor home.
 3. Most come from one parent dominated families where normal psychological parent identification is lost or non-existent. They are almost always victims of dysfunctional families.
- B. "Why can't two people of the same gender live together?"
 1. They can & they do. They just don't practice sex with one another. *ILL: My roommates in college & seminary.*
 2. When men & women have sex before marriage it is called fornication - they do what God designed but they do it before He designed it to happen.
 3. When homosexuals have sex it's a perversion of God's creation!
- C. "With all the unwanted children in the world, why can't we adopt a child & raise it in a loving family?"
 1. This one is tough because there are a lot of children that need a home & care.
 2. You need two parents, male & female, to have a wholesome family! Why?
 3. Because being raised in a wholesome home a child feels closer to the opposite gender parent but identifies with the same gender parent.

Romans 1:18-32

II. It Goes Against God's Moral Plan

A. Our American secular/humanistic society operates with relative values most of the time.

1. I spent 27 years in the military willing to defend our country so that we could live in freedom.
2. Freedom is currently interpreted as anything is okay as long as it doesn't break the law or infringe on someone else's freedom. This is why the gay agenda sounds so logical & permissible!
3. However - whatever is permissible around us affects us all.
 - a. Post speed limits on the roads - but don't enforce them; so you become a traffic hazard if you try to obey the speed limits.
 - b. Issue condoms in schools so kids don't get venereal diseases - but don't you dare teach them any moral principles.
4. If you dare stand up to the gay agenda you are viewed as a **bigot** by our society! So what's a bigot?
 - a. **Bigot** = someone who is intolerant of others who are different than they are. They are often associated with hate groups like the Ku Klux Klan.
 - b. If the only reason you oppose the gay agenda is to oppose people who are different than you are - you are a bigot!
5. But - God wants our society to operate with absolute values that He has revealed!

B. God holds those who knowingly violate His moral plan accountable.

1. **Rom 1:18-32** shows that homosexuality is the result of gradual steps of rebellion against God.
 - a. **v18** - They suppress the truth because of their wickedness.
 - b. **v19-20** - God has made Himself known well enough that those who rebel against Him are without excuse.
 - c. **v22** - This leads to idolatry.
 - d. **v24** - This proceeds to sexual immorality between genders; the degrading of their hearts & physical bodies with sexual impurity.
 - e. **v26-27** - God considers shameful lusts as female lesbian acts & male homosexual activity.
2. **v32** - Rebellion against God means knowing God's moral law but continuing to do these things & encouraging others to practice them as well.

C. God's Old Testament Law condemned homosexuality.

1. **Lev 18:22** - Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.
2. **Lev 20:13** - If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.
3. How did God deal with this gross practice? **ILL: The Homosexual Citizens of Sodom & Lot's Angels (Gen 19:1-25).**
4. How do we know these men were homosexual?
 - a. **Know** (יָדַע) = a double meaning: to know intellectually & to have sexual intercourse with. (**v5**)
 - b. The offer to give Lot's daughters to homosexuals was not much of a risk. (**v6-8**)
5. God utterly destroyed these cities on the Sodomite plains.
6. We get our word "sodomy" from this event.

C. The New Testament condemns homosexuality.

1. **I Cor 6:9-10** - Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
2. **I Tim 1:9-10** - We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious; for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for adulterers and perverts. . .
3. **Pervert** (ἀρσενικοίτης) = male homosexual, one who takes the active role in homosexual intercourse.

III. Why is it Important to Oppose the Gay Agenda?

- A. Though relatively small in number, they are a very militant, influential lobby in congress.
 - 1. Much of the intellectual & aristocratic segment of our society is pro gay. They have lots of cash!
 - 2. Much of the entertainment industry has a pro gay agenda.
 - a. Notice the pro gay bias of TV, movies, newspapers & magazine news coverage.
 - b. Our culture has become pro gay & considers you a bigot if you oppose them!
- B. What can you do about this?
 - 1. God wants His redeemed children to accurately represent Him & His values.
 - a. Lord Jesus is the light of this world. (Jn 8:12)
 - b. This light shines in the hearts of His children. (II Cor 4:6)
 - c. His children, then, become the light of the world. (Matt 5:14)
 - 2. We are also His salt of the earth. (Matt 5:13)

As Christians, register & vote your biblical Christian values! Make a mark for God in this secular culture of ours! Live out the Lord's lifestyle in your own life for our sinful world to see!

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