

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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Responding to LGBTQ+ Arguments Pt. 1



In June 2015, the US Supreme Court, with the praise of politicians and the president, ruled that *same-sex marriage become legal across America*. That changed this country forever. For those who do not know, in the **1970's**, *homosexuality was viewed as a mental illness*. But because of gay lobbyists, Hollywood and more, they later got the *American Psychological Association* and now the *World Health Organization*, to say it was **not** a mental illness.

In *America*, June is "*Pride Month*," where you see rainbow flags hanging in various places, rainbow memes online, rainbow shirts, and more. It is *during this month*, gay pride is celebrated.

Theme parks, shoe companies, clothing companies, make-up companies, department stores, various schools, some churches and others, more **celebrate** and "**take pride**" this lifestyle. These ideas are spreading, and this is *not just in America*, but around the world.

Years ago, many who lived this way, said they *just wanted to be recognized*, and were not looking to do anything more. Yet, as time went on, we learn *this was not true!* There is an **agenda**, and while not every homosexual is involved in it, this **push** is **not** just for acceptance. They demand you **celebrate** it, **promote** it, **endorse** it, **legitimize** it and **spread** it to others, like a *religion*.



There are *various arguments* used to justify these things. We can't cover them all, but **today**, by *God's grace*, and *Lord willing*, **next week**, I want to equip you to *lovingly, intelligently, and Biblically, discuss this topic with those who adhere to unbiblical ideas.*

We will look at the argument, and then give a counter argument.



A. Civil Rights Arguments

Homosexuality is a desire expressed in a sexual behavior or act!

Estimates are **less than 2%** identify as **homosexual**, **less than 2%** identify as **bisexual** and **0.3%** identify as

transgender. <https://www.liveabout.com/gay-population-statistics-in-the-united-states-1410784>

Most use the **2%** for this discussion, as a general statement



A. Civil Rights Arguments

What does “*civil right*” mean? According to *Cambridge Dictionary*, **civil rights** are: “the rights of each person in society, including equality under the law and employment and the right to vote.” <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/civil-rights>

It was primarily focused in the 1960’s, where these rights were extended to all Americans, after the *horrible racial divide* that occurred.



A. Civil Rights Arguments

But, civil rights have *nothing to do with sexual orientation*, which means that the definition of “*civil rights*” has to be changed. The idea is that homosexuals, bisexuals, transgender individuals, are “*born that way*” and thus deserve special status like *others* who cannot change, from **their view**. Their view is that just as someone cannot change their skin color, a *homosexual cannot change his or her sexual orientation*.



A. Civil Rights Arguments

If and when homosexuality, transgenderism and more gains *official legal status*, this **will** affect ministries, churches, para-church organizations and mission's organizations. Sooner or later, groups will purposefully try to place people into these ministries, and if they are **refused based on sexual orientation**, that ministry will be sued.



A. Civil Rights Arguments

Various forms of *legislation* are being pushed right now, and *more in the future*, in an *attempt to grant civil rights* to the “2%.” If and when homosexuality and transgenderism is *given* these new “*rights*,” others, such as pedophiles and more will *attempt to do the same thing*, which is *already occurring*.



A. Civil Rights Arguments

Civil rights is *not a legitimate argument...*
Homosexuals have the same "rights" everyone has. They can get a job, vote, get an education and more, which is why a redefinition of civil rights has taken place. By definition, a civil right is something inherent in someone's life that cannot change, like skin color.



B. Biological Arguments

This is the “*gay gene*,” “*I was born this way*,” or something to that effect is a major part of this argument used within the movement.

The *Human Genome Project* began in 1988 and was generally completed in 2015... There is *debate* about the role of genetics, how much of a role it plays, if any, and this study shed some light on it.



“Francis S. Collins, one of the world’s leading scientists who works at the cutting edge of DNA research, concluded that “there is an inescapable component of heritability to many human behavioral traits.” However, he adds, “for virtually none of them, is heredity ever close to predictive.”



In reviewing the heritability (i.e., influence of genetic factors) on personality traits, Dr. Collins referenced the research of Bochart and McGue for the estimated percentage of these traits that can be ascribed to heredity.

The heritability estimates for personality traits were varied: General Cognitive Ability (50%), Extroversion (54%), Agreeableness (42%), Conscientiousness (49%), Neuroticism (48%),



Openness (57%), Aggression (38%) and Traditionalism (54%).

Such estimates of heritability are based upon unbiased, careful analyses of studies conducted with identical twins. The studies lead to the conclusion that heredity is important in many of these personality traits. It is important however, to note that even in such studies with identical twins, that heritability is not to be confused as

inevitability.

As Dr. Collins would agree, environment can influence gene expression, and free will determines the response to whatever predispositions might be present.

Dr. Collins succinctly reviewed the research on homosexuality and offers the following:



"An area of particularly strong public interest is the genetic basis of homosexuality. Evidence from twin studies does in fact support the conclusion that heritable factors play a role in male homosexuality. However, the likelihood that the identical twin of a homosexual male will also be gay is about 20% (compared with 2-4 percent of males in the general population), indicating that sexual orientation is genetically influenced but not hardwired by DNA, and that **whatever**

genes are involved represent predispositions, not predeterminations [emphasis added]."

The heritability estimates for homosexuality is substantially lower than General Cognitive Ability, Extroversion, Agreeableness, Conscientiousness, Neuroticism, Openness, Aggression and Traditionalism!



Dr. Collins noted that environment - particularly childhood experiences - as well as the role of free will and choice affect us all in profound ways. As researchers discover increasing levels of molecular detail about inherited factors that underlie our personalities, it's critical that such data be used to illuminate the issues, not provide support to ideologues...



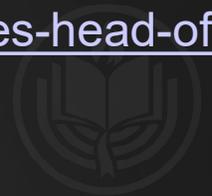
Unfortunately, much of the research in areas such as homosexuality has been misrepresented; not only in the media, but also by the scientists themselves through a tendency to overestimate the quantitative contribution of their findings.



Regarding the contributions of genetics to areas such as homosexuality, Dr. Collins concluded, "Yes, we have all been dealt a particular set of cards, and the cards will eventually be revealed. But how we play the hand is up to us."

"Homosexuality is Not Hardwired, Concludes Head of the Human Genome Project."

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/homosexuality-is-not-hardwired-concludes-head-of-the-human-genome-project>



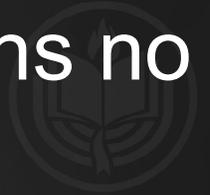
'Sexuality and Gender: Findings from the Biological, Psychological, and Social Sciences'

This study, conducted by world renowned Johns Hopkins University scientists Dr. Lawrence S. Mayer and Dr. Paul R. McHugh, is a meta-analysis of data from over 200 peer-reviewed (and left-leaning) studies regarding “sexual orientation” and “gender identity.” It was published in the fall 2016 edition of *The New*



Atlantis journal and is, far and away, the most objective, exhaustive and comprehensive study on the topic to date. The research established, among other things:

- “Sexual orientation” in adolescents is “fluid over the life course for some people, with one study estimating that as many as 80 percent of male adolescents who report same-sex attractions no longer do so as adults.”



- “The hypothesis that gender identity is an innate, fixed property of human beings that is independent of biological sex — that a person might be ‘a man trapped in a woman’s body’ or ‘a woman trapped in a man’s body’ — is not supported by scientific evidence.”
- “Studies comparing the brain structures of transgender and non-transgender individuals ... do not provide any evidence for a neurobiological

basis for cross-gender identification.”

“Only a minority of children who experience cross-gender identification will continue to do so into adolescence or adulthood.”

Lest you buy the left wing talking point that so-called “homophobia” leads to high rates of suicide and other devastating consequences of the “LGBT” lifestyle, a recent study from “gay”-

affirming Sweden dispels this myth. The research, published in the May issue of the *European Journal of Epidemiology*, found that people entering into a “gay marriage” were... nearly three times as likely to commit suicide than their heterosexual counterparts.”

The Entire LGBT Narrative Just Crumbled:

https://stream.org/entire-lgbt-narrative-just-crumbled/?fbclid=IwAR1IguC3urzdEz9oJAY9FTnkXtRk64L15njs_RcoaDqOSWr4JvzoCvZ-pJw



B. Biological Arguments

Why do many want to find a “*gay gene*?” One reason is they can say, because it is genetic, they cannot change. **First**, this contradicts their statements and standards that say a man can become or identify as a woman or vice versa, because he or she *feels* like the wrong gender. If this was genetic, then they would stay the way they are born and *not try hormone replacement therapy*.

B. Biological Arguments

Second, many want to find this genetically, so they can claim they were “*born that way*” and “*God made them that way.*”

Third, the ultimate reason, it is an *attempt to justify sin and a sinful lifestyle*, by saying choice is *not involved at all.*



B. Biological Arguments

Conversion Therapy or Reparative Therapy.

In the media, this *phrase* and *ideology* is **hate speech**. Celebrities tell people to write senators to make this illegal. It is *illegal in 19 states, Washington DC, Puerto Rico, and some counties* to engage in conversion therapy with someone, mostly **minors**. They say it *doesn't work*.



B. Biological Arguments

This **therapy is counseling for people who do not want homosexuality in their life.** But, those in the gay agenda *equate this to something like shock treatment.* There are movies and documentaries made about this, *making it out to be something it is not.*



B. Biological Arguments

When *discussing the biological or genetic issue*, bring up other topics and bring their argument to its logical conclusion. Say, let's say you are right and there is a *gay gene* that makes someone gay who cannot change. Ask them about **anger**, and if someone has an anger gene, does that justify violence against women, children or the elderly?



B. Biological Arguments

Ask about **sexual abuse**. If there is a sexual gene, does that excuse rape, or molesting children? If someone is an **alcoholic**, and have an alcohol gene, does that justify alcoholism, even if they *kill someone while driving drunk*? What about an **adultery gene**, or **pornography gene**, or **drug addiction gene**?



B. Biological Arguments

Everyone has a *sin or sins* they struggle with.

We cannot blame our genetics on our **actions**.

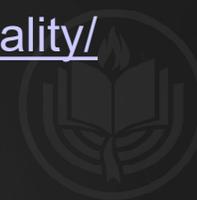
Hormones, genetics and biological factors *affect us* and we *live in a sinful fallen world*. But to say that its **all genetics**, *erases human responsibility* and *denies what the Bible teaches*.



“Just because a guy struggles with same-gender desire doesn’t mean God made him a homosexual, any more than a guy struggling with anger means God made him a murderer. You have a choice about what you do with every temptation.”

Allen Atzbi, *Coming out of the Closet on Homosexuality*

<https://www.livingwaters.com/coming-out-of-the-closet-on-homosexuality/>



B. Biological Arguments

There are **theories** as to *why people struggle with this*. A few have been mentioned. I *won't go into details*, but mention them to you, as *potential contributing factors*.

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B. Biological Arguments

- “Compared to heterosexuals, non-heterosexuals are about two to three times as likely to have experienced childhood sexual abuse.”
- The guy grew up with a domineering mother and passive father
- The girl grew up with a bad relationship with her father



B. Biological Arguments

These are a few possible contributing factors, though it *doesn't fully explain* why some struggle with it and others don't. What *often occurs* is during puberty; the *hurts, longings* or *lack of closeness becomes sexualized* and *acted out*. Genetically, you are either XY or XX, male or female. If they want to use the genetic argument, it **MUST** start with **2 genetic genders!**



C. Pragmatic Arguments

- We should be able to love whom we want.

We have a **choice** to *love who we want*, but that doesn't mean *it is a healthy relationship*. *Anyone* who has been in a relationship with someone they love and had their *heart* or *body broken*, know that *we make wrong choices when it comes to love*.



C. Pragmatic Arguments

- We/they are not hurting anyone.

That's **false**. They hurt themselves and others, emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually.

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C. Pragmatic Arguments

- “Gay”-identified people are “at an elevated risk for a variety of adverse health and mental health outcomes.”
 - “Gay”-identified people experience “nearly 2.5 times the risk of suicide.”
 - “[S]ex-reassigned individuals [are] about five times more likely to attempt suicide and about 19 times more likely to die by suicide.”
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C. Pragmatic Arguments

- “[T]he rate of lifetime suicide attempts across all ages of transgender individuals is estimated at 41 percent, compared to under 5 percent in the overall U.S. population.”

Love demands we tell them the consequences of their actions and lifestyle, which *also includes sexually transmitted diseases*. Pragmatic arguments don't work.

