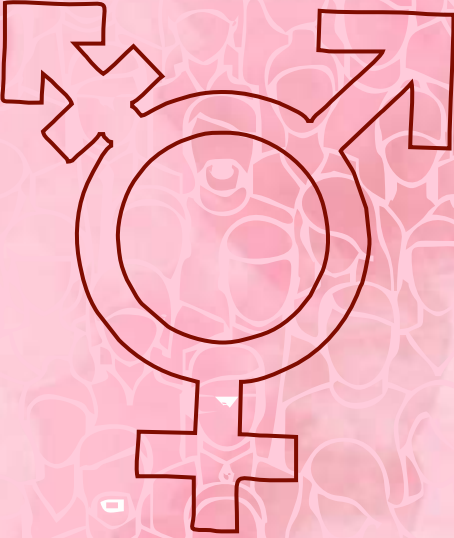


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INTRODUCTION

According to all moral and religious teachings, homosexuality is Sin. Only legitimate relationships are proper between man and woman i.e. after marriage. From history we can learn that the people of Prophet Lut (peace be upon him) indulged in the act of homosexuality and later God destroyed them. God says in the Quran:

“Indeed, you approach men with desire, instead of women. Rather, you are a transgressing people” (Quran 7:81)

NO SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

Basically, till date there is no worthwhile scientific evidence that people are born homosexuals. The argument of homosexuality is illogical and self-destructive. If everyone becomes homosexual, then the human race will cease to exist. It may be argued that people can artificially inseminate and produce babies to keep the population going. But one must realise that population growth will certainly slow down and may become negative which will result in multiple problems. One may imagine skill shortage in many fields. God did not design human beings to be homosexuals. It is a lifestyle which the misguided adopt due to satanic impulses.

IMPACT ON HEALTH

A major problem related to homosexuality is that of venereal and sexual diseases. They are

usual consequence of homosexual behaviour. Estimates have been made of infectious disease rate among homosexuals. It is about ten times higher than that of the general population. They include venereal diseases, hepatitis B, AIDS, urethritis, viral herpes and pediculosis infestation. The perverse behaviour puts homosexuals at higher risk. Usually there is also a high level of promiscuity. Surveys indicate that homosexual males have an average of over 50 sexual partners in their lifetime. Another study found that 28% had more than 1,000 partners, 15% had 500 to 1,000, 32% from 100 to 500, and only 25% had less than 100 partners in their lifetime. While surveys in this area vary, depending upon the sampling population, sample size and specific questions asked, all reveal that high degree of promiscuity is a normal feature of the gay lifestyle. Studies have also revealed that homosexual behaviour produces a rate of venereal disease 22 times higher than the average.

ILLOGICAL PRACTICE

For the sake of argument one might imagine that all gays confined themselves to monogamous relationships (which is highly unlikely as statistics have shown). They might marry and live together even then a number of problems will arise, ranging from psychological to social and ethical.

IS IT PRIVATE AFFAIR?

Some people argue that ethics need not regulate what people do in private. The distinction between public and private is irrelevant when two people are involved. Moral and legal issues cannot be avoided. Activities done in private usually have an effect in public domain. For example, one might

consider consumption of heroin and abortion. Such acts may be done in private but the individual harms himself as well as others. When perverse acts are appreciable in number, negative impact on the society as a whole will be visible.

DECEPTION

A person might imagine himself to be a homosexual at subjective level. But actually, he is in the trap of improper desires. He is deceiving himself. For example, there are mentally deficient individuals who believe themselves to be partially or entirely non-human. They have a very strong feeling that they are partially animals like foxes, rabbits or kangaroos, etc. Their behaviour could be guided by such feelings, but will not be acceptable in society.

PRACTICAL PROBLEMS

Due to homosexuality, family of parents and children will not be possible. Experience of being parents will be denied to people. Same-sex couples cannot be parents. Studies have proved that care of heterosexual parents is crucial for children. If children are raised by homosexuals, they are likely to experience psychological and sexual disorders. Same-sex marriage would undercut the norm of sexual fidelity. It would isolate marriage from its natural procreative purpose and would destroy paternal commitment. All these problems have been identified by reliable research and experience of years.

SEXUAL ANARCHY

In the last century, western society was pressured to accept all kinds of immoral

sexual relationships between men and women. Today one is witnessing a new wave of sexual anarchy, where one is being asked to accept sodomy and same-sex 'marriage'. If homosexual 'marriage' is accepted on the pretext of sexual "freedom," what logical arguments can be used to stop the practices of incest, paedophilia, bestiality, and other forms of unnatural behaviour?

WHAT GREAT PERSONALITIES HAVE TO SAY?

Pope Shenouda III was the 117th Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch, his episcopate lasted for 40 years. He said, "Homosexuality is against nature. Sexual expression is permitted only within marriage, between man and woman, male and female. Anything else is an abnormality and is against nature". When we observe, according to nature and biology, God has given roles of males as penetrators and females as recipients of penetration.

Pat Robertson is an American media mogul and a former Southern Baptist minister. He is presently serving as chancellor and CEO of Regent University and chairman of the Christian Broadcasting Network. He generally supports conservative Christian ideals. He said, "The acceptance of homosexuality is the last step in the decline of Gentile civilization".

PROMOTION OF SIN

When something is morally wrong and against nature, a lot of effort has to be put to make it popular. Thus, a lobby in the west is adopting various methods to promote homosexuality in India. It is mostly making use of media and in particular social media. In the past many movies have emerged where

homosexuality was promoted as something good, trendy, modern, cool and beneficial. The west has also taken the help of United Nations (UN) in this attempt. They produced a video for Indian audience to promote homosexuality. It shows youth indulging in homosexuality and elders accepting it.

CONCLUSION

Religion in general and Islam in particular, is clear in its prohibition of homosexual acts. The reason of prohibiting homosexuality is based on the teachings of the Quran and the sayings of Prophet (peace be upon him). It is prohibited because it clashes with the "natural" order in which God created human beings. The practice brings destruction of the family and the institutions of marriage. It leads people to ignore God's guidance. Islam regards homosexuality as an obscene act and abnormality.

The so-called modern society has bombarded people with the unacceptable idea of same-sex attraction. It has been presented as natural, 'gay sexual orientation'. The claim is that such behaviour is acceptable and even healthy. In spite of propaganda, such views are rubbish. It is high time that moral values be asserted by people. Human beings are elevated creatures. They should know who they are? They must grasp the purpose of life. We shall all ultimately return to our Lord, as we are answerable to Him.



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