GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF THE GAY AGENDA

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Surely, we are nearing the end of time! Our beloved nation is turning into a government-sponsored Sodom.

According to the Bible, men and women are only to marry one another. This is God's standard for mankind.

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth."—Genesis 1:27-28.

"The Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him an help meet for him . .

"The Lord God . . made . . a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh . . $\,$

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh."—Genesis 2:18, 22-24.

In order to remove any doubt regarding the matter, we are told this about those who would conduct themselves differently:

"Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator . .

"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections, for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature.

"And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that

which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient."—Romans 1:24-28.

We are also told what will happen to the nation which becomes a cesspool of iniquity. Rather early in this earth's history, the God of heaven burned a hole into the ground where there previously stood cities which had corrupted themselves. That hollowed-out place has remained down to the present time—as the deepest continental location on the planet. Men of science cannot explain why it should be so deep, but the Bible tells us why (Genesis 18 and 19).

The God of heaven has not changed. He will not tolerate iniquity. We must pray that men and women will return to God before it is too late.

Unfortunately, our own nation is today rapidly moving on the downward path in regard to abortion, gambling, drunkeness, governmental bribery, and industrial and labor union corruption.

Let us briefly consider the latest developments in the downward trend toward U.S. governmental support of homosexuals:

In September 1996, the U.S. Senate came within a single vote of passing the *Employment Non-Discrimination Act*, which would have produced terrible conditions in the nation. This legislation would have made sexual orientation a protected class—equivalent to racial minorities under federal civil rights laws (Jon Frandsen and Fredreka Schouten, "Senate Votes against Same-Sex Marriage, Rejects Anti-Gay Discrimination Bill," Gannett News Service, September 10, 1996)!

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It had been expected that the same bill would soon be once again presented to Congress for passage. More on this later in this report.

On May 30, 1997, President Clinton quietly canceled President Ronald Reagan's executive order supporting and defending the institution of the family (Cheryl Wetzstein, "Clinton Kills Order Protecting Families," The Washington Times, May 30, 1997).

On November 8, 1997, President Clinton spoke at a fund-raising dinner on behalf of a homosexual activist organization dedicated to the radical gay and lesbian agenda. It was the first time in U.S. history that a sitting president had given the status and authority of his office to a group defined by their sexual behavior. During his speech, after mentioning Thomas Jefferson, Clinton declared, "We are redefining in practical terms the immutable ideals [of the founders of our nation] that have guided us from the beginning" (William J. Clinton, speech at Human Rights Campaign Dinner, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, D.C., November 8, 1997).

At that dinner, Clinton called for a revamping of the nation's school curricula to include homosexual propaganda in the classrooms, assemblies, and publications made available to children—yet not one Washington, D.C. legislator spoke up the next day—or any day thereafter—about that speech.

In that same speech, Clinton bragged that his administration had allocated more money for AIDS research than to breast or prostate cancer combined (ibid).

To clarify this point, in fiscal year 1994, here is the amount of money *spent by the federal government per death* on each of the five deadliest diseases: HIV-AIDS - \$39,172 / diabetes - \$5,449 / cancer - \$3,776 / heart disease - \$1,056 / stroke - \$765 (Folder, "Research Funding Dollars spent per Death," Department of Health and Human Services, FY 1994).

Two days later, on November 10, 1997, a "hate crimes" conference was convened by the White House in the District at George Washington University. At this conference Clinton declared, in a speech, that public schools across the nation should initiate pro-homosexual diversity programs. The objective of these programs, he said, must be "to teach [children] a different way" (W.J. Clinton, quoted in Paul Bedard, "Clinton Urges School Diversity Training," Washington Times, November 11, 1997).

No protest was afterward heard in the halls of Congress. Indeed, only one national figure spoke up against this affront to our children—William Bennett, former drug czar under President Reagan (William Bennett, "Clinton, Gays and the Truth," The Weekly Standard, November 24, 1997).

On May 28, 1998, Bill Clinton issued an executive order, establishing the equivalent of an affirmative action program for homosexuals throughout the executive branch of the federal government. This action was carefully timed to occur over the Memorial Day weekend when most congressmen were out of town. The wording of the executive order guarantees that those who claim to be homosexuals will henceforth be given preferential treatment in governmental hiring, firing, and other job-related activities. For example, if two men are applying for the same position, a government official will risk a lawsuit if he gives the job to the one who is not gay. Henceforth, in all government jobs throughout the nation, all the civil rights policies which have applied to minorities will now be enforced on behalf of homosexuals. Intimidation of government officials, backed by the threat of costly legal battles, will bring the U.S. civil service to its knees in subservience to homosexuals.

Immediately after signing that executive order, Clinton announced that he would again seek passage in Congress of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), the same bill which the Senate defeated by only one vote in September 1996.

It may be voted on soon. If enacted, it will broaden Clinton's executive order—to include not just government offices, but every business in America!

Does anyone speak up? Hardly a soul. One of the very few was Trent Lott. On June 15, 1998, when asked if he considered homosexuality to be a sin, Senate Majority leader, Trent Lott, said "Yes, it is, . ." In America right now, there's an element that wants to make that alternative lifestyle acceptable" (New York Times, June 16, 1998). In retaliation, the public press attacked Lott as an evil bigot.

Only one denomination in America has come out in extremely strong denunciation of homosexuality and other vices. *No, it was not ours.*

On June 9-11, 1998, at the annual convention in Salt Lake City of the Southern Baptists, a resolution was passed which condemned Clinton's May 28 executive order.

In addition, that convention of Southern Baptists passed resolutions condemning the placement of women in combat units and government support of the National Endowment for the Arts. Another resolution declared that public officials should be moral!

Yet our own people are silent on such issues which is taking our nation down the drain.

Throughout the country, homosexuals are battling in state courthouses for legalization of same-

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sex marriages. In November, the question will come to a vote again in **Hawaii**. It is expected to be a close contest, and the gays may win.

The **Vermont** Supreme Court is poised to hear arguments in favor of same-sex marriages for that state. Since those particular judges are very liberal, they are likely to force legalized homosexual marriages on the state.

That will, in turn, force it on many other states in the nation. Why? Because most states have laws on their books that they will recognize any marriage performed in another state. California, the largest state of all in population, is one of those states. It has a 126-year-old law mandating recognition and validation of all out-of-state marriages. It is the most influential state in the nation.

However, with such a threat facing them, within the last couple years a number of states have enacted *Defense of Marriage Acts*.

Here are the 29 states which are now so protected:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Deleware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, Utah, and Washington.

But there are still 21 states where such legislation is either pending, under court challenge, or has been defeated,

Here are these states:

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Is the United States alone in this homosexual takeover of national governments? What is happening elsewhere?

The homosexual agenda is even more successful in Canada. It is becoming illegal to even criticize the movement. Several Canadian provinces have enacted human rights legislation that prohibits the publication of any statements deemed as "discriminatory" toward homosexuality (Norm Ovenden, "Supreme Court Blasts Alberta over Gay Rights," Ottawa Citizen, November 5, 1997).

The Canadian Radio, Television, and Telecommunications Commission (equivalent to our Federal Communications Commission) now monitors all programming which portrays homosexuality in a negative light (Religion Roundup, Ottawa Citi-

zen, November 5, 1997).

In early summer 1997, the British Columbia College of Teachers refused to accredit a teacher education program offered by Trinity Western University (a Christian school). TWU was charged with having violated their mandate. TWU was still requiring its students to sign a code of conduct which, among other things, prohibits homosexual behavior. When asked about the problem, a BCCT attorney said that students "need to be exposed to other lifestyles" in order to have a better balance in their lives (Sandra Thomas, "Christian University Sues B.C. Teachers' College," Vancouver Sun, May 8, 1997).

Then there is King's College in Edmonton. This Christian school had fired a lab instructor because of his openly homosexual conduct. The man filed suit against the province of Alberta, charging that it had refused to extend human rights protection to homosexuality.

In April 1998, the Canadian Supreme Court ruled that legal protection (i.e., preference) must be extended immediately to Albert's homosexual community, and that sexual orientation must be included in the province's *Human Rights Code*. In commenting on the decision, one Supreme Court justice said this: "I believe that judicial intervention is warranted to correct a democratic process that has acted improperly" (Norm Ovenden, "Provinces Must Protect Gays against Bias," Ottwa Citizen, April 3, 1998).

An astounded political science teacher at the University of Calgary said that the ruling would not only suppress hiring policies,—but also religious belief and even freedom of association in the nation.

"There will be strong pressures to define and isolate any private—especially religion-based—educational institutions that do not embrace 'gay positive' policies. The argument has already been made before the courts in Canada that 'equality rights' are more important than freedom of religion and freedom of association."—Ted Morton, Ph.D., "Decision Opens the Door for More Challenges," Calgary Herald, April 4, 1998.

In April 1998, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the traditional definition of "spouse" is unconstitutional! The court demanded that the federal *Income Tax Act* be rewritten to include same-sex partners ("Ontario Court Advances Recognition of Same-Sex Couples," Associated Press, April 24, 1998).

Apparently, in order to encourage sex by smaller children with adults, the age of consent in Canada has been lowered to 14! Very immature

boys and girls are now at the mercy of adults who would exploit them for sexual purposes, knowing that the children are less likely to transmit HIV to them ("Age of Consent Comparatively Low," Ottawa Citizen, December 10, 1997).

Is Canada becoming a nation given over to perversion? Consider Europe:

In the Netherlands, where prostitution, pornography, and pedophilia are already rampant and generally legal (Amsterdam alone has 10,000 professional prostitutes; an equal number are in Las Vegas!), the Dutch government recently enacted a law that homosexuals could marry one another and have the same inheritance and tax rights as normal couples (Debbie Price, "Roads to Equality: Gay Rights in Europe," Detroit News, October 29, 1997).

The Netherlands is also in the process of lowering the legal age of consent from 14 to 12 years of age! It is not enough to destroy the adults, but the children must be ruined also (Robert Hondsmerk, Sterling Chris, April 27, 1998).

Meanwhile, in Britain, the militant gay lobby is urging passage of laws more favorable to themselves. At this time, Parliament is planning to reduce the age of consent for homosexual intercourse between "adult" males from 18 to 16. The age of consent is already down to 16 or 14 in several other nations of Europe, including Sweden.

The homosexual agenda, if carried through to completion, will destroy the well-being of society everywhere. Any change in the traditional understanding of the family will undermine its legal foundation and render it meaningless. If marriage can occur between two men or two women, then it can occur between three men and six women. Polygamy will be legalized soon after. It was 116 years ago that Congress outlawed polygamy in the United States. Now we are going to return to it—and worse. (In July 1998, the governor of Utah publicly declared that polygamy, widely practiced without penalty especially in southern Utah, should be legalized.) Incest and bestiality will be condoned. The entire world is becoming a sink of corruption.

"All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."—Edmond Burke, the English parliamentarian.

We are nearing the end of time! Only a little time can remain, before God steps in. In closing this study, here are several passages which I culled from the Bible. They help orient us as to our situation and duty in these last days:

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."—Psalm 119:105.

"For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven."—Psalm 119:89.

"I am the Lord; I change not."—Malachi 3:6.

"Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not Thy law."—Psalm 119:136.

"The Lord looked down from heaven, upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good."—Psalm 14:2-3.

"There is no fear of God before their eyes."— *Romans 3:18.*

"It is time for Thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void Thy law."—Psalm 119:126.

"My Spirit shall not always strive with men."— Genesis 6:3.

"If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes!"—
Luke 19:42.

"And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst.

"The Lord will not spare him, but then the anger of the Lord and His jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven."—Deuteronomy 29:19-20.

"Set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof."—Ezekiel 9:4.

"And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created."—*Genesis 6:6-7.*

"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah."—2 Peter 2:5.

Will you and I be among the faithful who go through to the end? Only by resolute trust in God, and obedience, through the grace of Christ to the Ten Commandments, will anyone be saved.

Enoch lived in a corrupt generation, and yet God enabled him to live a morally clean life. Men and women can do the same today. -vf