

What is your understanding of homosexuality? What is its cause? To what may we liken it?  
(Where would you place yourself on this line)

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<b>Diversity</b> “God made me this way”		<b>“Flaw”</b> “In a fallen world, this is the way I am”		<b>“Disorder”</b> “Bad people/events have made me this way”		<b>Perversity</b> “I choose to scoff at God”
ANALOGY left-handedness		ANALOGY near-sightedness		ANALOGY rape or incest survivor		ANALOGY rapist

**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

A great many people see homosexuality as not in accord with the physical design (creation) of male and female sexuality in which “genital design” is complementary. If we accept this as a statement of fact, we would then ask:

Does this mean homosexuality is evil or “sinful”? Does it make one less a loved child of God?

Are committed homosexual relationships harmful to homosexual persons? In what way?

In what way is homosexuality harmful to heterosexual persons?

What harm or danger would come to the church through full inclusion of homosexual persons?

What harm or danger to society would result from legal recognition of homosexual relationships?

**STATEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION & DISCUSSION**

- \* no genetic basis has been found for either heterosexuality or homosexuality
- \* the majority of social scientists believe sexuality exists on a continuum, and that “no one is 100% anything”
- \* for millenia, and in most societies, homosexuals have been rejected and persecuted
- \* some homosexual persons are extremely promiscuous
- \* some heterosexual persons are extremely promiscuous
- \* in the area of child-rearing, of all “parenting configurations”, homosexual males are most likely to maintain a home with a stay-at-home parent
- \* some heterosexual persons are confused about their sexual identity (as are some homosexuals)
- \* some homosexual couples have lived together in love and faithfulness for decades
- \* on the face of it, homosexuality runs counter to the physical design of male and female sexuality
- \* some homosexual persons have served as models of spirituality, faith, and religious commitment
- \* some heterosexual persons see homosexuals as sexual predators and view them with alarm