

## The Truth About Being Gay

It is not difficult to see why gay activists want the public to believe that they are born gay. If the theory that sexual orientation is genetically determined is accepted by the general public, then it would greatly aid their political campaign for gay rights, gay marriages, adoption of children by gay couples and state benefits.

If one looks honestly at the gay life, it is anything *but* gay. Homosexual relationships seldom last and promiscuity is rampant in the gay community. In a large survey of 4,329 homosexuals and 962 lesbians conducted by K Jay and A Young, *The Gay Report (New York : Summit, 1979)*, only 7% of homosexuals had been in a relationship that lasted more than 10 years. 55% had *never* been in a relationship that lasted more than 2 years. The most thorough study of homosexual relationships to date is reported by A P Bell and M S Weinberg in their book, *Homosexualities : A Study of Diversity Among Men and Women (New York : Simon & Schuster, 1978)*. They found that 74% of male homosexuals reported having more than 100 partners during their lifetime, 41% more than 500 partners, 28% more than 1,000 partners.

Let us compare this to the general population. According to a study of adult sexual behaviour in America by C Leigh, M T Temple and K F Trocki, *The Sexual Behaviour of U. S. Adults : Results from a Nation Survey ( American Journal of Public Health 83, October 1993)*, 17% of men and 10% of women had more than one partner in the previous year. Another study compared instances of non-monogamy in the previous year among different groups and found that among adults in a “close-coupled” relationship, 79% of homosexuals reported being “sexually unfaithful” in the previous year, compared with 10% among married heterosexuals and 23% among cohabiting heterosexuals (P Blumstein and P Schwartz, “Intimate Relationships and the Creation of Sexuality” in *Homosexuality/Heterosexuality: Concepts of Sexual Orientation*, ed. D P McWhirter, S A Sanders and J M Reinisch, Kinsey Institute Series 2 (New York : Oxford University Press, 1990), p. 317, table 18.2; compare S N Seidman and R O Rieder, “A Review of Sexual Behaviour in the United States”, *American Journal of Psychiatry* 151 (March 1994) p. 336). D P McWhirter and A M Mattison (*The Male Couple : How Relationships Develop*. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1984) found that of the 156 gay couples in their study, *none* of the relationships that lasted more than 5 years was monogamous, and only 7 couples in the study were maintaining

exclusivity (p.253, table 34). F C I Hickson et al. confirm this finding in relation to their British Study “Maintenance of Open Gay Relationships : Some Strategies for Protection Against HIV.” *AIDS Care* 4, no.4 (1992):412.

Eventually, the gay individual is forced to accept this unhappy situation and it is not surprising that even in liberal Netherlands, where homosexuality and gay marriages are widely accepted and public “homophobia” is virtually non-existent, psychiatrists have found that homosexuals suffer from depression and psychiatric disorders significantly more frequently than others. (*Same-Sex Sexual Behaviour and Psychiatric Disorders Findings From the Netherlands Mental Health Survey and Incidence Study (NEMESIS)* by Theo G. M. et al, ( *Arch Gen Psychiatry.* 2001;58:85-91)).

While we should not discriminate against gay people in the routine of life (eg. seeking employment in the civil service), it is quite a different matter to legitimize the promotion of homosexual rights, activities and the unfounded belief that homosexuality is inborn and people who have homosexual inclinations are doomed to live as homosexuals. Do we want to condone homosexual acts? Do we want our young people to believe that homosexual relationships are good and healthy?

That being said, let us remember that homosexuals are people foremost, and they should be treated as human beings. Let us not stone people who are different from us. However, we should be careful not to let our tolerance be seen as the stamp of approval for homosexual activities. Neither should we allow gay activists to “push the envelope” and pursue the gay rights agenda, overturning whatever good values that have protected and guarded our people all these years.