

## "Gay History" & "Gay Pride"

Opposition to homosexuality is something which is common to Judaism, Catholicism, Mormons and several Protestant denominations. Below we outline what a great deviation and depravity homosexuality is.

### **Democracy and It's Role In Making The Strictly Forbidden Allowed:**

In thirteenth century France, homosexuality was the great craze of the day and the government of the country had to enact a law that those found guilty of this unnatural crime will be put to death. And Germany was not far behind in the pursuit of this craze.

Before Nazi Germany there was a famous person, Dr Magnus Herschfield, (who had been the president of the society for the Reformation of Sexual behaviour), who launched powerful propaganda in favour of sodomy for six years. Finally 'democracy' acceded to this demand and the strictly forbidden became approved. It was decided by majority vote that homosexuality among the males was no longer an offence provided it was indulged in with mutual consent of the parties involved and in case of the object of the unnatural love being a minor, his guardian had to give his consent.

In the Orient, Iran has been notorious and Persian poetry amply supports it. Karachi has also been named in this regard. It is said there were three centres there, where eunuchs carried on that unnatural business. Afghanistan (then under Communist influence) has also been mentioned. India, too, is not so clean in her records in this field, although the common people are involved in it to a limited extent. It is the educated and the sophisticated people who take to it as a diversion. The educational institutions, schools, colleges and centres of oriental studies too are not free from this curse.

### **A Humiliating History:**

Man's gratification of his sexual appetite with another man has a long history of its own. The Qur'aan bears testimony to the fact that the people of the prophet Lut (Alayhis salaam), the nephew of Ibraaheem (Alayhis salaam), sent as a warning to the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, were those who initiated this heinous practice. Before them it was unknown. In this connection the Qur'aan mentions:

**"We also sent Lut. He said to his people, 'Do you commit indecency such as no people in creation (ever) committed before you? For you practise your lusts on men in preference to women; you are indeed a people transgressing beyond bounds.'"**

These Sodomites even indulged in their homosexual orgies publicly. Their wickedness had attained the level where the mere sight of a handsome young man made them so agitated that they pounced upon him as famished people would fall on food. Even honoured guests did not enjoy immunity or any privileged position. They did not hesitate in even resorting to violence in achieving their lustful objective.

The Qur'aan has depicted the scene when the angels of punishment came to Lut (Alayhis salaam) as his guests in the guise of handsome young men. Lut (Alayhis salaam) did not recognise them in the first instance. But he knew the shameless

habit of his people. He was extremely distressed and he apprehended that his people would certainly demand unnatural and shameful sexual activity.

His apprehension was correct. They could not sit silently at the news of such "boys" of excellent beauty. These sodomites recklessly rushed to the home of Lut (Alayhis salaam) to gratify their unnatural desires. Lut (Alayhis salaam) found himself in a difficult situation. He prompted them to legally satisfy their sexual appetite with women even offering his daughter in lawful marriage to the most gentle of them, and not insisting on this unnatural outlet. Then he very effectively appealed to them, in the name of the Almighty, that they should abstain from disgracing him by dishonouring his guests. The Qur'aan states:

**"And his people came rushing towards him, and they had been long in the habit of practising abominations. He said: "O my people! Here are my daughters: they are purer for you (if you marry)! Now fear Allaah, and cover me not with shame about my guests! Is there not among you a right-handed man?"**

But the accursed people inflamed with evil passions turned a deaf ear to all his reasoning with them. They had lost all sense of morality and were blind in their voluptuous sentiments. On this occasion they even taunted him for his frequent protests in the past against their sins. Lut (Alayhis salaam) seemed helpless in the situation in which he found himself, - alone against a rabble of people inflamed with lustful passions. He wished he had the strength to suppress them himself or had some powerful support to lean on! But the powerful support was there, though he had not realized it till then. It was the support of the Almighty. His guests were not ordinary men, but Angels who had come to test the people before they inflicted punishment. They now declared themselves and gave him directions to get away before the morning, when the punishment would descend on the doomed cities.

Even in Lut's (Alayhis salaam) household was one, i.e. his wife, who detracted from the harmony of the family. She lagged behind and looked back, i.e. one whose mental and moral attitude, in spite of association with the righteous was to hark back to the glitter of wickedness and sin. In this regard Allaah says:

**"Allaah has set an example to the unbelievers in the wife of Nuh (Noah) and the wife of Lut (Lot). They were married to two of Our righteous servants, but they betrayed them. In no way could their husbands protect them from Allaah. Both of them were told: "Enter the fire, along with those who enter." [Surah At-Tahrim Ayat 10]**

Finally, the wrath of the Almighty descended upon them, their cities were turned upside down and showers of stone rained on them. Regarding this the Qur'aan mentions:

**"Then when Our decree came to pass. We turned the cities upside down, and We rained thereon stones of baked clay, piled up."**

The punishment of turning upside down given to this people resembles outwardly their shameless deed of homosexuality. The shower of stone was very thick so as to form layers. It is also said that the name of each man was written or engraved on those stones which were the cause of their annihilation. The inversion of cities by way of punishment was the task which was assigned to Jibraeel (Alayhis salaam). Homosexuality is also a form of sexual inversion, hence the type of punishment was most befitting in that it also symbolized their unnatural acts of immorality. Showers of stones (not hail-stones, but real stones) are not a normal

occurrence. So too, the punishment of the inversion of the cities (was quite rightly justified). Thus, unnatural forms of punishment were prescribed by Allaah for the unnatural sins of the homosexual community.

The community of Lut (Alayhis salaam) was a prosperous nation materially and they inhabited five cities: Sodom, Gamurah, Udmah, Laboobem and Sughar. The Qur'aan refers collectively to these five cities with the term Mu'tafikaat (the inverted cities). The cities are so designated because of the perverted crimes of sexual inversion of their inhabitants and because they were physically inverted and eliminated by the command of Allaah.

Before the people of Sodom, never did this evil even enter the mind of mankind, let alone practicing it. The Umayyad Khalifah Abdul Malik said that if this episode of the homosexuals was not mentioned in the Qur'aan, he would not have conceded the reality of this crime since it was unthinkable that man will descend to such a degenerate level and debase himself in a type of act which is not indulged in by even the overwhelming majority of lowly beasts.

Nevertheless, even after the community to which prophet Lut (Alayhis salaam) was sent as cautioner, met their catastrophic end, sodomy continued and even sometimes flourished. It is now known that homosexuality existed before the pre-Christian era among the so-called 'civilised' nations of the world especially the Greeks and Romans. It was not only confined to common masses, but even legendary and prominent figures such as Socrates, Aristotle, Julius Caesar and many others practiced it.

## **The Forbiddance Of Homosexuality In Islam:**

Islam strictly forbade this detestable deed and prescribed a severe punishment, relenting not in the least in making it a deterrent. The Qur'aan cautions that once people take to homosexuality, they sink to the depths of moral degradation. The admonitory punishment meted out to these transgressors was described in such a moving way that those reciting the Qur'aan may learn the harsh consequences of this evil, and may protect themselves from this outrageous crime. To deter the Muslims from evil, the Qur'aan initially declared to those participating in this perversion:

**"If two men among you are guilty of indecency, punish them both."**

Once Prophet Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alayhi Wasallam) expressed his anticipated fear by stating that among the evils that his ummah can take to, he feared sodomy most. In fact, this was a forewarning measure that the ummah may guard against, realizing that the prophet himself had forbidden it. On one occasion the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alayhi Wasallam) declared:

"Whoever gratifies his sexual urge with another (individual} of his own sex, the Almighty will not so much as look at him."

Undoubtedly, sodomy is one of the most repulsive acts, even observed among beasts. Therefore, the sight of a homosexual will be so disgusting to Allaah that it will intensify His anger to heights where He will not even consider glancing at a sodomist. Through this act, man degrades his humanity and announces extermination as his policy. Moreover, it implies wretchedness and misery of the womenfolk and he himself is prone to so many diseases: the basic organs of his body, brain, heart, liver and kidneys become deficiently immune (AIDS), his face lacks the sparkle of health and he looks off-colour and melancholy, with the result that such an incapacitated criminal becomes worthless to women. This wretched

outcast deprives himself of the bounty of procreation and the priceless jewel of morality.

## **Attempts To Reduce The Stigma Of Homosexuality**

The aim of natural sexuality is procreation. Lawful and natural sexual relations between man and woman has been designed by Allaah to preserve the human race here on earth. Homosexuality is negatory of the natural role and aim of sexual activity.

Modern studies and the many consequent theories regarding the crime of homosexuality lend to convey a blurred conception of the Biological disturbances as well as some environmental factors are even tendered as mitigating circumstances to reduce the stigma and the blame from the homosexual. This idea has made homosexuals daring and revengeful of their unnatural crimes. They have come to regard their misdirected lust as morally acceptable. They, as well as the 'experts' who have undertaken research in homosexuality, have deceived themselves into believing in the idea of diminished, blame and moral acceptance, of this unnatural act.

As long as man's intelligence is not inflicted with insanity, he is held responsible for his actions and he is Islamically under compulsion to restrain his perverted cravings so that he does not descend into a sub-human level of existence.

## **Justifications To Remove Blame**

Islam does not accept any type of justification for the unnatural sin of homosexuality regardless of any biological, psychological or environmental factors which may influence a man to indulge in this type of grossly unnatural immorality. This should not be interpreted to mean that Islam does not recognize the reality or validity of the existence of the various factors which influence man to commit homosexuality. However, the presence of any destructive influences which lead man towards this unnatural and bestial act of immorality does not constitute a valid excuse for indulgence in acts of deviation and inhumanity.

Just as fornication, rape and other criminal acts of immorality cannot be condoned because of biological, psychological, environmental, factors, etc, which may be the causes which occasion the crime, so too, can these factors not be cited in favour of diminished blame for the act of homosexuality. In spite of the existence of the factors (described as causes) of adultery, human culture does not permit man and woman to indulge in this crime notwithstanding the naturalness of heterosexuality. They are required to restrain themselves and behave within the bounds of chastity and morality.

In like manner, man is required to exercise restraint and overcome his emotional, biological demands, etc. and manage the disturbances within him. He, as a member of the highest species of Allaah's creation, is under a moral obligation to control the dictates of his lust - whether such lust directs him towards unnatural or natural avenues - and refrain from smearing his soul and intellect in such loathsome indulgence.

## **Born Homosexual?**

Those who excuse homosexuals on the grounds that this is the way they were created should note that NO ONE in this world is BORN a Homosexual. Human beings were created upon the fitrah - in a good, pure, natural disposition. Besides, Allaah does not punish by the way we are created, after all, Allaah

created us, but Allaah punishes His slaves by the choices that they make. Every human being is created recognising Allaah as their Lord but if they CHOOSE to deny this; then they become a kaafir and for this covering of the truth, they are punished. Just like those who choose to steal, choose to lie, choose to commit zinaa, etc Allaah does not punish for the way that He created us, born female, male, spanish, chinese, etc. These are not choices, but HOW we live is a choice in every sense of the word.

Such a claim, that their orientation is natural serves only to propagat and spread immorality, and it is just an excuse for them. Allaah does not create anyone just to punish or torture them. He created mankind to worship Him, and He is too Just to force a person to commit sin and then punish him. On the contrary, people commit sins by their own free choice – like homosexuality. Allaah says:

**"And your Lord treats no one with injustice"**

[Surah al-Kahf 18:49]

And Allaah says:

**"Nay, Allaah never commands Fahshaa'** (evil deeds, unlawful sexual intercourse). **Do you say of Allaah what you know not?"**

[Surah Al-Anbiya al-A'raaf 7:28]

The act of two men having sex (arabic: liwaat) is NOT considered fornication, neither is of two women having sex (arabic: sihaaq) considered fornication. By definition, fornication is sex between a man and a woman who are virgins and this is not punishable by death, but by lashings. When two men are together this is called SODOMY and sex that occurs between a man and a woman who are currently married or who have been married is Zinaa and this is punishable by death. There are important differences here.

Islaam is not alone in prohibiting homosexuality and viewing it as an abomination. This also holds for Jews, Catholics, Mormons and several Protestant denominations. But while Western societies offer a range of spiritual alternatives for Gay Christians, Jews and others who seek to maintain some form of religious faith, Islaam has traditionally closed the door to even the notion of homosexuality.

Its an old cliché but a truthful one: 'God created Adam and Eve **NOT ADAM AND STEVE**', and from all three semitic religions, Christianity, Judaism, and Islaam, we see that homosexuality only brought destruction onto itself. In other words, they were destroyed by Allaah, thus there is no "gay history", except that of destruction, and there is no "gay pride", since they were humiliated through the wrath of Allaah.

Let this be a warning for those who transgress the limits laid by Allaah.