

## Homosexuality and its Interventions (Intersectional, liberal, biological, Religious)

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### Abstract

Homosexuality is not just a matter of personal feelings. It has an impact on human individualism, behaviour, family system and public health. The structure of the human community and its norms has been affected. Early from history, the sexual orientation of developing children had been directed by the parental, cultural and religious nourishment. In this article, we placed out four important interventions on homosexuality. These are intersection, liberalism, biology, and religion. The intersectional analysis put light on the inclination of impetus and expression of the act of which the latter is placed at the stake of critique. The comparison of freedom of expression of human psychosocial behaviours is under talk in liberal analysis. We alert the nation, especially the young people and their parents on the biological and psychological health dangers inherent in adopting a lesbian, gay, queer, bisexual, or transgender identity. The rulings of religions including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam vary from escape path to following the divine commandants that are obvious in restriction of expression of homoeroticism.

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### Introduction

Homosexuality is a romantic enchantment, sexual enchantment, or sexual behaviour among individuals of identical intercourse or gender. If a male is sexually interested in the identical male gender, he can be known as gay. If a lady is sexually interested in identical lady gender, she can be known as a lesbian. Moreover, there are a few different parasexual orientations that are critical like

Bisexual means sexual attraction toward both males and females or to more than one gender.

Transgender humans have a gender identity that differs from the intercourse that they had been assigned at delivery.

Queer gender is used for sexual and gender minorities who aren't heterosexual or aren't cisgender.

Scientists are not sure about the exact cause of sexual orientation but there are numerous theories suggesting the environment, genes and hormones play their role. Out the those, the social or environmental effect is the strongest. The LGBTQ community has popped up in last decades demanding their legitimate rights. Social imperialists and activists have been divided over the debate of the nature of this ideology. As far as the intersectional, liberal, biological and religious analysis are concerned, there is a need to go through them one by one to set our feet in right position.

**Research Questions:**

Is homosexuality genetic?

What are the moral implications of homosexuality?

Does any religion endorse homosexuality?

**Literature Review**

It is found that there is no same literature on the given topic in the assembled form. However, there are some authorized books on the health hazards, biological aspects of sexuality transmitted diseases (STDs) and public health along with religious interventions including intersection.

**Health hazards of Homosexuality:**

This book covers biological and public health relations to gender orientation. The author writes:

“Homosexuality is rooted in perverted practices which defy nature and bring ill health.”<sup>1</sup>

**Judaism and homosexuality:**

This book is about the theological rulings of Jews. The author states:

“Thus, in a world where heterosexuality, or even bisexuality, were assumed as being universal, the biblical and rabbinical prohibitions against mishkav zachar and lesbian activity would present no unique concept.”<sup>2</sup>

**Islamic Homosexualities:**

This book gives a fine comparison of Islamic impact and liberalisation of homosexual pattern with ancient civilizational cult and suppression of it. The author writes:

“Islam sustains all patterns of status differentiated and gender defined homosexuality that had been part of cultural heritage of Oikoumene for millennia”<sup>3</sup>

**Homosexuality and Religion:**

This encyclopaedia is an intersectional review of expression of Homosexuality. The editor states that:

“The relations among religions, homoeroticism, and law also have been complicated by intercultural conflict, especially colonialism and its

aftermath”<sup>4</sup>

### **Intersectional Analysis**

Intersectionality is a term coined by Kimberle William for the first time in 1989<sup>5</sup>. It is a person’s social and political identities enforced by factors like gender, sex, caste, race, religion, disability and height to attain different modes of discrimination and relevant privileges<sup>6</sup>. This idea is primarily based totally on more than one theory, out of which standstill concept is closely reliable. The premise of subject experiences is the overall meter of merit.

The approach of this particular ideology describes two expressions in homosexuals:

Inclination of impetus-Feeling

Guilty of sin-Expression

These feelings can be taken as if they feel inclination of impetus, they can express or oppress it. If it is oppressed, there is no guilty on moral ground but if its expressed, the burden of sin runs across the mind.

According to intersectional approach, it is more legitimate to oppress the feeling than to express it because of the human for example religious identity is more prior here than others.

As a sum, intersectionality intervenes the commitment of homosexual sex.

### **Liberal Analysis**

Liberalism is currently more adopted than the other ideology. It is a political and moral philosophy influenced by totally different principles over the amount of time. The freedom of expression, consent of person and equality are its ground pillars. Most popular principle on which it is based is harm principle which is an extension of hedonistic theory. According to the harm principle, the action of person has a demarcation and limit to harm other people. Within the sphere of this limit, he has subjective moral ground to decide what is good or what is bad. Freedom of expression, freedom of law and freedom of speech has an ionic connection to this foundation. This expressionism melted so strong due a Freud’s psycho-social model which he introduced in his book ‘**Civilization and its Discontent**’. He pointed that in the development of a child there is phallic stage which consists of **Oedipus complex** that can be

Positive when there is unconscious sexual desire towards opposite-gender parent and hatred for the same-sex parent

Negative refers to a child's unconscious sexual desire for the same-sex parent and hatred for the opposite-sex parent

The child learns to control these desires. Freud added that freedom of speech benefits people by providing a harmless way for aggression, suggesting that is it better to express aggression in words than in violent deeds or to repress it together. We can easily find that the psychoanalytic defence of free speech has affinity with various liberal defences based on

harm principle. Interestingly, these are incorporated in Nike's slogan 'Just Do it' and YOLO philosophy. As a whole, the closet of epitome of expression is prioritize here.

If we put all things under the axe now, there should be no contradiction. But the case is opposite. The incest right of expression in liberal democracy has been shattered while homosexual right of expression has been preserved. As a matter of fact, the incest intercourse has affiliated towards harm principle than homosexual intercourse due to only reason of high rates of birth defects. So, here we have to look for biological analysis as a separate arena.

As a sum, the contraception of having legitimation of LGBT rights and no rights for incest based on same principle under the same philosophy makes it null and void.

### **Biological Analysis:**

Before jumping to the specific disorders and their genetic and endocrine relations, we need to look on public health crisis that is an alarming situation.

Physical and mental health is on the stake

More incidence of sexually transmitted diseases

Complex of spread of diseases to heterosexuals who are partners of homosexuals.

A powerful push by social activists diverts the people from awareness of health issues and normalizing these acts especially among children.

There is a debate on 'born gay' theory among scholars and scientists. However, the balance weighs more to the side of no valid scientific proof making the innate sexual orientation irrational. Protagonists are mainly biologists (who believed in genetic causes) and psychologists (who believed in environmental causes). There is a famous research by Doctor Neil Whitehead who came a conclusion through twin studies that neither genes nor choice but same sex reaction is a unique reaction to environmental factors.<sup>7</sup>

According to Dr. Paul McHugh (University Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine) and Professor Gerard V. Bradley (University of Notre Dame Law School),

"Social science research continues to show that sexual orientation, unlike race, colour, and ethnicity, is neither a clearly defined concept nor an immutable characteristic of human beings."<sup>8</sup>

Psychologist A. Dean Byrd stated:

"On the issue of risks of homosexual practices, the national [health] organizations have become reckless guardians of the public health. The failure to report morbidity and mortality rates associated with homosexual practices should be cause for governmental scrutiny. The furthering of an agenda - no matter whose agenda - must not be placed above the lives of those whose interests must be protected. Activism must not be placed above science in

informing public policy. It is an injustice to homosexual men and women to allow activism, including accusations of homophobia, to silence discussion of health risks or to suppress research. A civil society has an obligation to implement policies that promote the health and well-being of its citizens.”<sup>9</sup>

The following health issues are of top significance amongst homosexuals.

HIV/AIDS<sup>10</sup>

HPV causes Condyloma, Genital Warts, Anal Warts.

Anal Cancer<sup>11</sup>

Mental disorders like anxiety, depression, suicidal thinking and attempts<sup>12</sup>

There are AIDS-related cancers, but in addition, there are also non-AIDS defining cancers, which are anal, lung, testicular cancer, and Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

Kaposi Sarcoma is linked to Human Herpes virus-8 (HHV-8)<sup>13</sup>

Genital Herpes is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) caused by the herpes simplex viruses type 1 (HSV-1) or type 2 (HSV-2).

Molluscum is a viral disorder transmitted through sexual touch is molluscum contagiosum

Viral hepatitis A, B, C

Chlamydia (most common infectious disease) and LGV (lymphogranuloma venereum) which rare form of Chlamydia

Gonorrhoea is a bacterial infection that could arise withinside the mouth, throat, urethra, and anus.<sup>14</sup>

Syphilis which is caused by spirochete<sup>15</sup>

Tuberculosis which follows HIV infection

Meningitis is a disorder as a result of the infection of the protecting membranes protecting the brain and spinal cord.

Staphylococcal infection (MRSA)

Urethritis, as characterized by urethral inflammation, can result from infectious and non-infectious conditions.

Mycoplasma genitalium (MG) is a complication of recurrent urethritis

Epididymitis is an inflammation in a tube behind the testicles accompanied by pain and swelling. It is associated with anal intercourse.

Prostatitis is an inflamed prostate gland

Gay bowel syndrome in which clinical diagnosis acuminata, haemorrhoids, nonspecific proctitis, anal fistula, perirectal abscess, anal fissure, amebiasis, benign polyps, viral hepatitis, gonorrhoea, syphilis, anorectal trauma and foreign bodies, shigellosis, rectal ulcers and lymphogranuloma venereum.”

Shigellosis is an infectious disease caused by a group of bacteria called Shigella.

Amoebiasis is an Entamoeba histolytica infection that is the second leading cause of death from parasitic diseases.

Proctitis is an inflammation of the rectal lining.

Rectal incontinence

Anal tear and ulcers

Peyronie's Disease which is the damage to penis creating scar tissue, a misshaped or shortened penis, inflexibility, and even inability to perform.

Aging Issues like Cardiovascular, Diabetes, Physical Disability, Psychological Distress, Impotence.

Yeast Infections, Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Bacterial Vaginosis in lesbians

As a sum, these disorders those problems imply the alert scenario for not only individuals but also for public health.

### **Religious Analysis**

According to Abrahamic religions which includes Judaism, Christianity and Islam, gender orientation is well guided subject of teachings. There are some similarities which needs to be addressed at first.

#### **Judaism:**

The main religious scripture of this religion is based on Hebrew Bible or Thanakh. It is a collection of 5 books out of which first one has full chapter on Prophet Lot and the people of Sodom.

"And he said: 'I pray you, my brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters that have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes; only unto these men do nothing; forasmuch as they are come under the shadow of my roof.' And they said: 'Stand back.' And they said: 'This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs play the judge; now will we deal worse with thee, than with them.' And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and drew near to break the door."<sup>16</sup>

The common interpretation is that Prophet Lot offered his virgin daughters to the crowd as a means to sexually appease the crowd and protect his visitors from abuse.

The similar connotations are found in one of other books that is Leviticus

"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; it is an abomination."<sup>17</sup>

Similarly, in the same book, it is mentioned that

"If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads."<sup>18</sup>

All these statements make it clear that the divine teaching in Jewish context endorse the idea of same gender attraction as euphemism and sin.

#### **Christianity:**

The highest followed religion till today date shares the same scripture of Hebrew Bible as Old Testament. In addition to it, new testament has

flourished it as separate religious identity. However, the main order of law is from church. The Christians mainstreams have been divided on the ruling of gender orientation. Catholic goes with no more sinful and holiness of same gender marriages whereas Orthodox goes with opposite. On the other hand, protestant leans toward both of them.

### **Islam:**

Islam is a primordial human nature religion. Its teachings cowl a crystal-clean tenet for everything of lifestyles and society. The rulings are primarily based totally on Quran and Sahih Hadiths in first preference. Like the other Abrahamic religions, it made the concept of homosexuality obsolete. Putting a strict punishment on this act, emphasise the importance of avoidance of expression. No one else knows things about the creation than a creator. As Allah Almighty Says in Quran;

أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ

Translation; "Does He who created not know, while He is the Subtle, the Aware?"<sup>19</sup>

Islamic standards and prohibitions about homosexuality without a doubt stated withinside the Quran and unanimously agreed upon are final. People of Lut (A.S.) were destroyed by the wrath of God because the men engaged in lustful carnal acts between themselves.

Prophet Lut A.S advised his town:

"Of all the creatures in the world, will you approach males, and leave those whom Allah has created for you to be your mates? No, you are a people transgressing (all limits)!"<sup>20</sup>

The hadith (sayings and actions attributed to Muhammad) show that homosexual behaviour was not unknown in seventh-century Arabia.

From Abu Musa al-Ash'ari, the Prophet states that: "If a woman comes upon a woman, they are both adulteresses, if a man comes upon a man, then they are both adulterers."<sup>21</sup>

Abu 'Isa Muhammad ibn 'Isa at-Tirmidhi (compiling the Sunan al-Tirmidhi around 884) wrote that Muhammad had indeed prescribed the death penalty for both the active and passive partners:

Narrated by Abdullah ibn Abbas: "The Prophet said: 'If you find anyone doing as Lot's people did, kill the one who does it, and the one to whom it is done'."<sup>22</sup>

Narrated Abdullah ibn Abbas: "If a man who is not married is seized committing sodomy he will be stoned to death."<sup>23</sup>

It was narrated that Jabir: "The Prophet said: 'There is nothing I fear for my followers more than the deed of the people of Lot.'"<sup>24</sup>

### **Conclusion:**

Homosexuality can be divided into impetus of feeling and the act of homosexual sex which is the expression. Having the inclination or feeling is not the subject of debate as it involves the inner sensation but to express it or

making it legitimate in society is not only a threat to public health but also the moral values.

According to the intersectional interpretation, religious identity is prior to expressionism. In liberal interpretation, the contraception of expression in homosexual and repression of incest rights make it null and void. Rather, under the same umbrella, the personal believes like considering it a sin should be appreciated. According to biological intervention, the issue matters to personal and public health at an extreme level. At the last, the Islamic view on it makes it crystal clear that it's not only restricted but also a reason of destruction of an entire civilization.



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