

**Truth  
in  
Love**

**What Do  
I Say to My  
Gay Friends?**

   @BrettKunkle

A woman with dark, curly hair and bangs is sitting at a wooden table in a cafe. She is wearing a white, short-sleeved button-down shirt and a long, multi-strand necklace. She has a thoughtful expression, resting her chin on her hand. In front of her is a teal-colored cup of coffee with a heart-shaped latte art on a matching tray. To her left, the hands of a man in a light blue shirt are visible, resting on the table. The background shows a window with a view of a bright outdoor area.

Being  
gay  
is not  
the  
main  
issue.

Jesus is.



## **Bart Campolo**

Former Christian, son of Tony Campolo  
Member of Church in the USA

The fact of the matter is that the majority of the students I encounter here don't believe in God, and some of them ... grew up in Christian households, and Christianity didn't make sense to them, or it used to make sense to them and then it stopped making sense to them for any number of reasons. They found stuff in the Bible that didn't jive with them. They're gay or they have homosexual friends, and the whole evangelical anti-homosexual thing, they just go, "If God doesn't like gay people, I think the Bible is wrong about the gay thing. Therefore, I think the Bible's wrong about everything."



Do you think this is about hate?

# “Made in God’s Image”



It's not about hate, it's about love.

“...let us not love with word or with tongue,  
but in deed and truth.”

– 1 John 3:18

“Love...does not rejoice in unrighteousness,  
but rejoices with the truth.”

– 1 Corinthians 13:4-6

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**C.S. Lewis**

*Author of Mere Christianity*

“Love is not [just] affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the loved persons ultimate good as far as it can be obtained.”

Are you a tolerant person?



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tol·er·ate

“to recognize and respect others' beliefs without sharing them, to bear or put up with someone or something not necessarily liked”



All people  
are equal.



All ideas &  
behaviors are not.



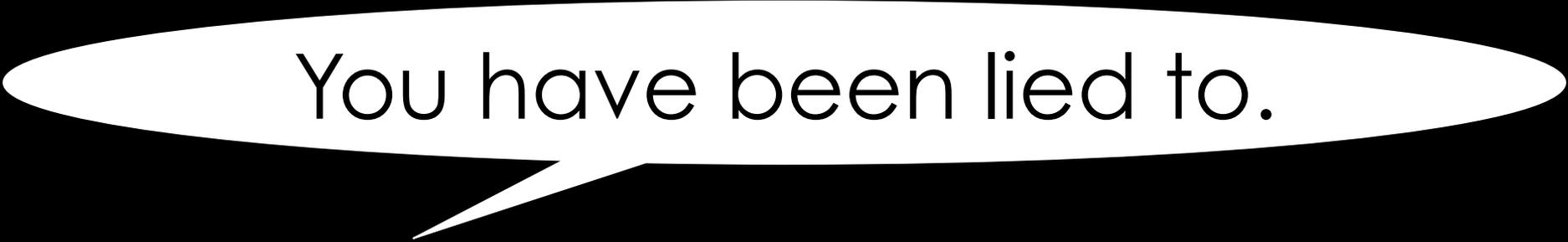
Are you an open-minded person?



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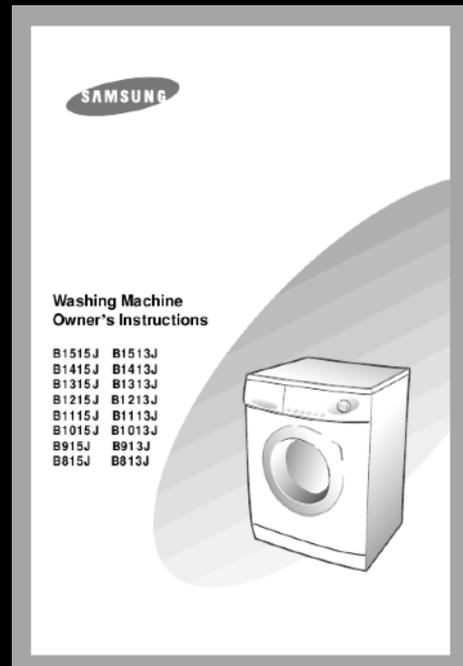


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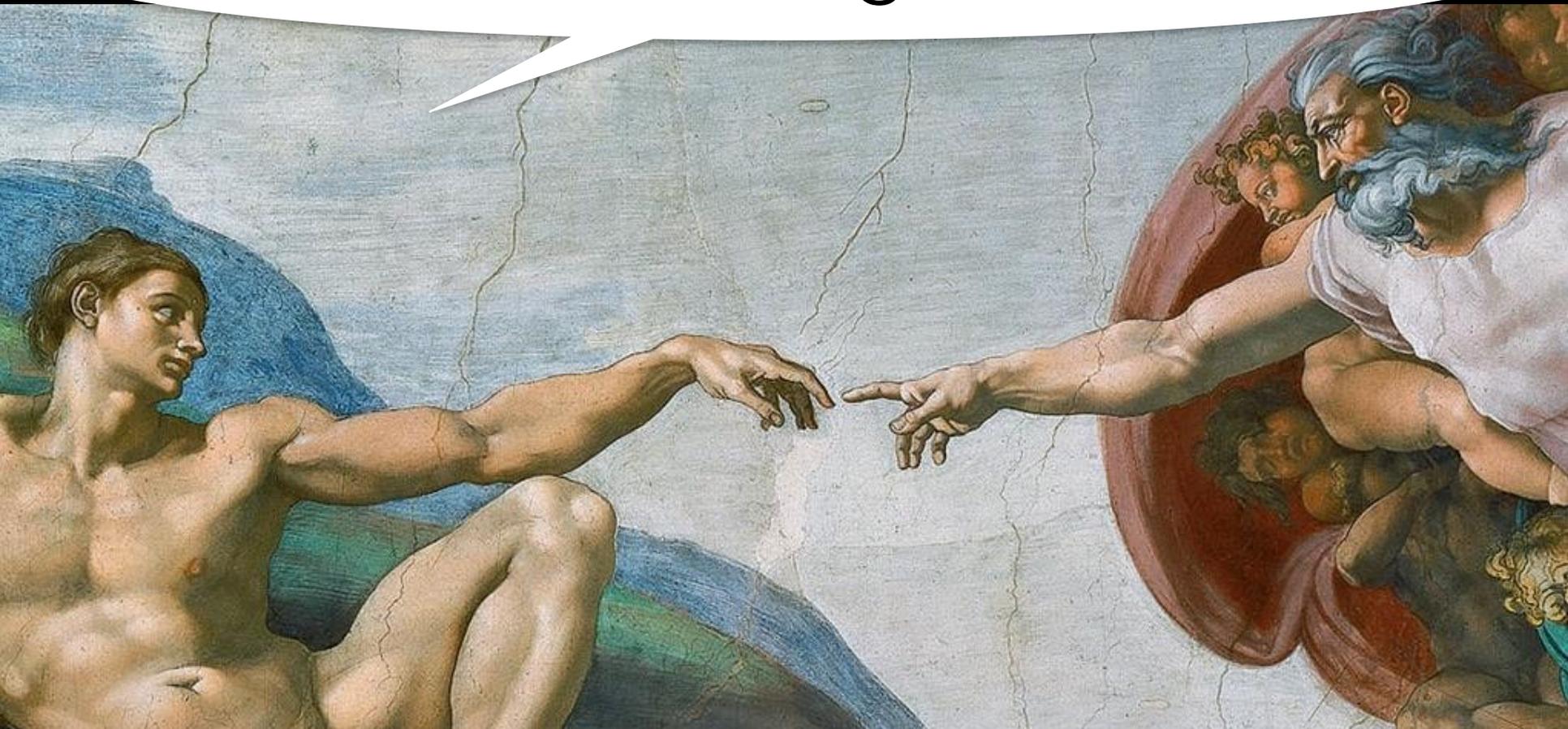


You have been lied to.

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God's Existence

Testimony of Jesus

Self-authentication

Prophetic Fulfillment

Preservation

Testimony of the Holy Spirit

Internal Historical Corroboration

Unity

External Historical Corroboration

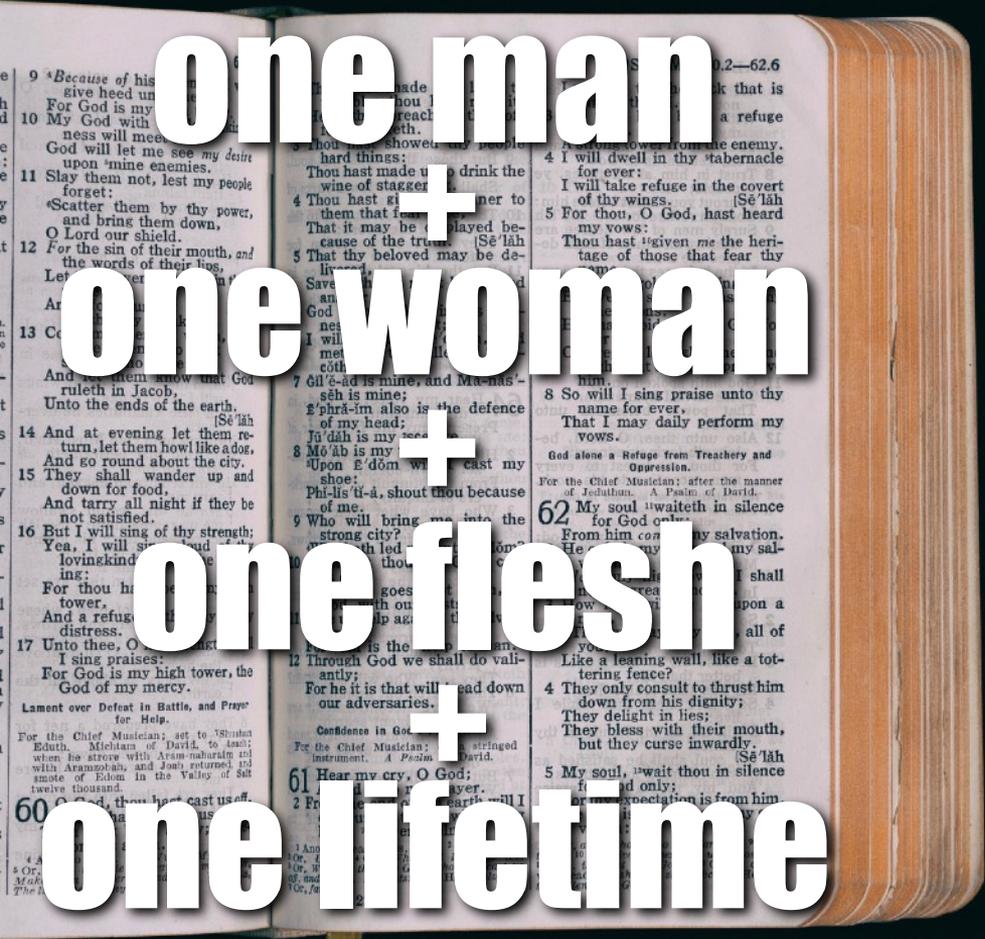
Real-world Correspondence

Societal Impact

Individual Transformation

**AUTHORITY**





one man  
 +  
 one woman  
 +  
 one flesh  
 +  
 one lifetime

Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, "therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?" So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.

Matthew 19:4-6

9 <sup>a</sup>Because of his strength I will give heed unto thee; For God is my high tower, My God with his lovingkindness will meet me: God will let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: Scatter them by thy power, and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, Let them even be taken in their pride,

And for cursing and lying which they speak.

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, so that they shall be no more:

And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob,

Unto the ends of the earth. <sup>b</sup>Sē lāh

14 And at evening let them return, let them howl like a dog, And go round about the city.

15 They shall wander up and down for food,

And tarry all night if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy strength; Yea, I will sing aloud of thy lovingkindness in the morning:

For thou hast been my high tower,

And a refuge in the day of my distress.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises:

For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.

Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help.

For the Chief Musician; set to Shushan Eduth, Michlam of David, to Lailah; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Jonab returned and smote of Edom in the Valley of Salt twice thousand.

60 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken us down; Thou hast been angry; oh restore us again.

<sup>c</sup>Acc. to Sept. and Vulg. My strength. <sup>d</sup>Or, those that lie in wait for me. <sup>e</sup>Or, Make them wander to and fro. <sup>f</sup>That is, The City of testimony.

2 Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast rent it; Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things:

Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,

That it may be displayed because of the truth. <sup>b</sup>Sē lāh

5 That thy beloved may be delivered,

Save with thy right hand, and answer us.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult;

I will divide Shē'chem, and mete out the valley of Siccōth.

7 Gīl'e-ād is mine, and Mā-nās'sēh is mine;

E'phra'im also is the defence of my head;

Ju'dāh is my sceptre.

8 Mō'ab is my washpot; Upon E'dōm will I cast my shoe:

Phi-lis'ti-ā, shout thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me into the sing city?

Who hath led me unto E'dōm? Hast not thou, O God, cast us off?

And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.

11 Give us help against the adversary:

For vain is the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly;

For he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

Confidence in God's Protection.

For the Chief Musician; on a stringed instrument. <sup>a</sup>Psalm of David.

61 Hear my cry, O God; Attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed:

<sup>b</sup>Another reading is, me. <sup>c</sup>Or, transporter. <sup>d</sup>Or, Who will lead me. <sup>e</sup>Or, Will not thou, O God, who hast cast us off, and goest . . . hosts? <sup>f</sup>Heb. salvation. <sup>g</sup>Or, fasteth.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a refuge for me,

A strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever:

I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. <sup>b</sup>Sē lāh

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:

Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life; His years shall be as many generations.

7 He shall abide before God for ever:

Oh prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,

That I may daily perform my vows.

God alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.

For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

62 My soul waiteth in silence for God only:

From him cometh my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my salvation:

He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye set upon a man,

That ye may slay him, all of you,

Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?

4 They only consult to thrust him down from his dignity;

They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth,

but they curse inwardly. <sup>b</sup>Sē lāh

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For my expectation is from him. <sup>c</sup>Or, a rock that is too high for me. <sup>d</sup>Heb. tent. <sup>e</sup>Or, given a heritage unto those etc. <sup>f</sup>Heb. is often unto God. <sup>g</sup>Or, as otherwise read, Ye shall be slain. <sup>h</sup>Heb. be thou silent unto God.

Genesis 19:4 – 8

Leviticus 18:22

Leviticus 20:13

Romans 1:26 – 27

1 Corinthians 6:9 – 10

1 Timothy 1:8 – 11

# action vs. attraction

“For their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.”

Romans 1:26-27

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**68% of 15 year-olds with same-sex attraction had opposite-sex attraction by the age of 21.**

You weren't designed for this biologically.



Men & women were designed to function sexually with one another.

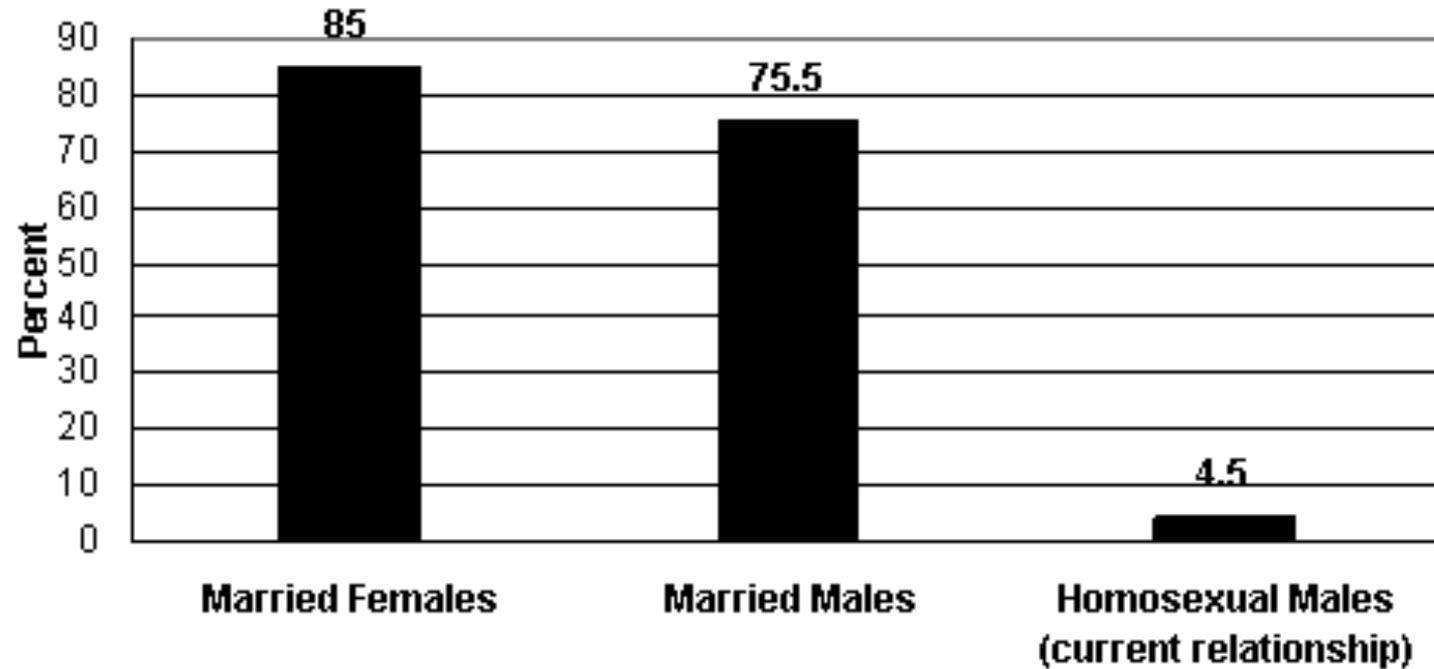
You weren't designed for this relationally.



**43% had 500 or more sex partners**  
**28% had 1,000 or more sex partners**

Homosexualities: A Study of Diversity among Men and Women  
by Alan P. Bell and Martin S Weinberg (Kinsey Institute for Sex Research)

## Percent Reporting Sexual Fidelity



Sources: Laumann, *The Social Organization of Sexuality*, 216; McWhirter and Mattison, *The Male Couple: How Relationships Develop* (1984): 252-253; Wiederman, "Extramarital Sex," 170.

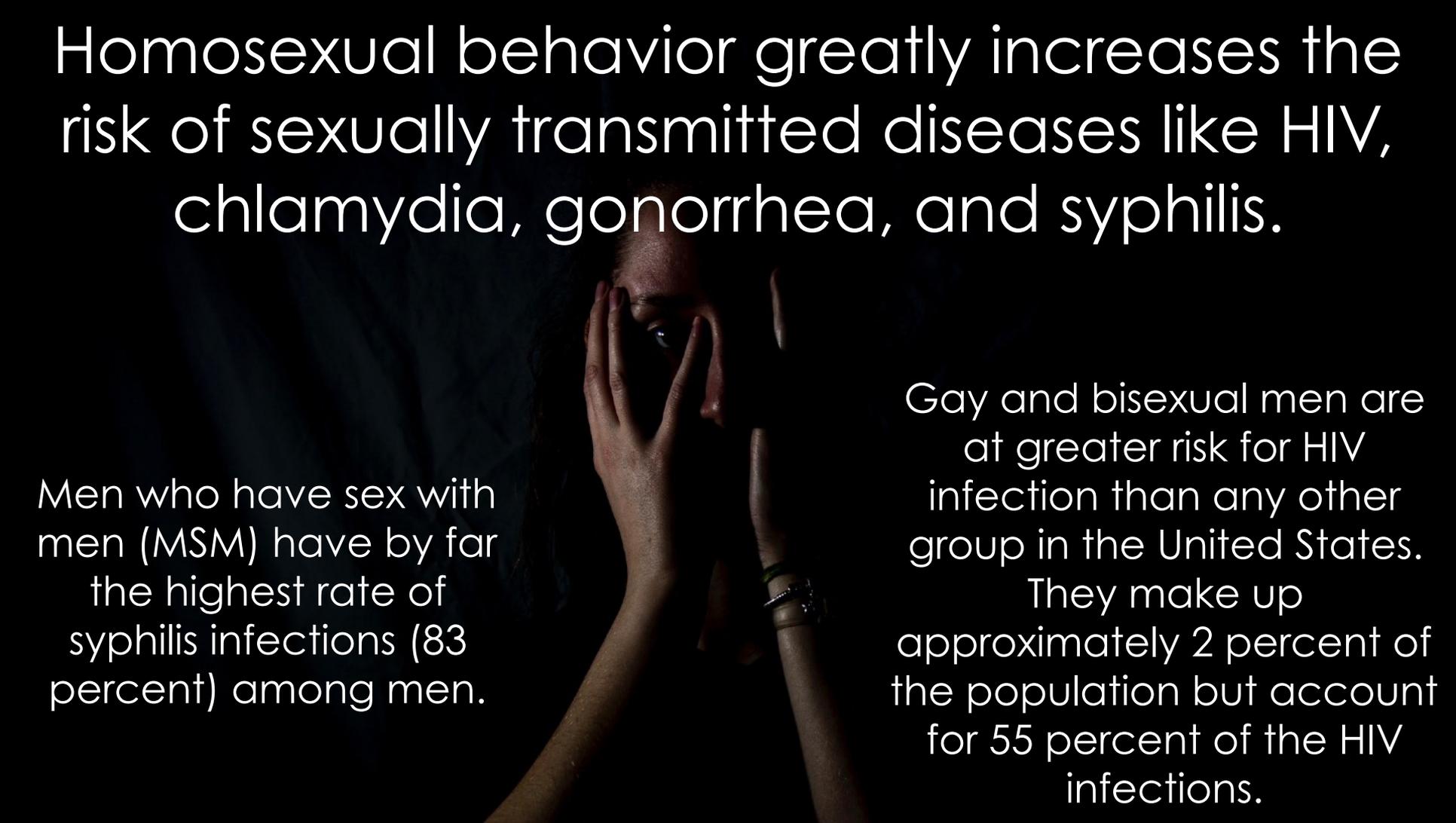


Between 75 and 90 percent of women who have sex with women (WSW) report sexual activity with men as well.

Lesbian women were 4.5 times more likely than heterosexual women to have had fifty or more lifetime male sexual partners.

This will hurt you.



A woman with dark hair is shown from the chest up, covering her face with both hands. She is wearing a dark top and a watch on her left wrist. The background is dark and out of focus.

Homosexual behavior greatly increases the risk of sexually transmitted diseases like HIV, chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis.

Men who have sex with men (MSM) have by far the highest rate of syphilis infections (83 percent) among men.

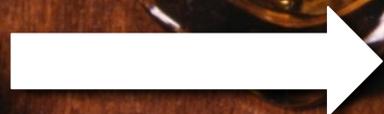
Gay and bisexual men are at greater risk for HIV infection than any other group in the United States. They make up approximately 2 percent of the population but account for 55 percent of the HIV infections.

**89% marijuana**



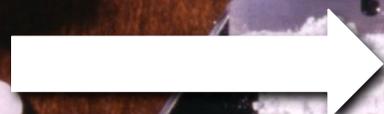
**25% marijuana**

**50% cocaine**



**6% cocaine**

**33% barbiturates**



**9% barbiturates**

**50% LSD**



**3% LSD**



# Psychological Harm

The CDC found the following to be more prevalent among gay, lesbian and bisexual students than heterosexual students:

- physical dating violence (17.5% compared to 8.3%)
- sexual dating violence (22.7% compared to 9.1%)
- having felt sad or hopeless (60.4% compared to 26.4%)
- having seriously considered attempting suicide (42.8% compared to 14.8%)
- having attempted suicide (29.4% compared to 6.4%)



# National Epidemic Survey on Alcohol & Related Conditions

## Original Research

### Sexual Orientation and Its Relation to Mental Disorders and Suicide Attempts: Findings From a Nationally Representative Sample

Shay-Lee Bolton, MSc (PhD Candidate)<sup>1</sup>; Jitender Sareen, MD, FRCPC<sup>2</sup>

**Objective:** To compare the rates of all Axis I and II mental disorders and suicide attempts in sexual orientation minorities with rates in heterosexuals using a nationally representative sample.

**Method:** Data used were from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions Wave 2 (n = 34 853, response rate = 70.2%). Cross-tabulations and multivariate logistic regression analyses were performed to determine differences in rates of mental disorders and suicide attempts by sexual orientation. All analyses were stratified by sex.

**Results:** Compared with their heterosexual counterparts, lesbians and bisexual women demonstrated a 3-fold increased likelihood of substance use disorders, and gay and bisexual men showed twice the rate of anxiety disorders and schizophrenia and (or) psychotic illness, even after accounting for mental disorder comorbidity. Suicide attempts were independently associated with bisexuality, with odds 3 times higher than in heterosexuals.

**Conclusion:** Findings from our study emphasize the fact that sexual orientation minorities are vulnerable to poor mental health outcomes, including suicide attempts. Clinicians need to be aware of these specific negative mental health consequences when assessing sexual orientation minorities.

Can J Psychiatry. 2011;56(1):35-43.

#### Clinical Implications

- Clinicians need to be aware of the high rates of mental disorders among sexual orientation minorities.
- Clinicians need to maintain a high index of suspicion during suicide risk assessment because suicide attempts were independently associated with sexual orientation minority status.
- Findings highlight the significance of substance use disorders in lesbians and in bisexual women even in the context of other mental health problems.

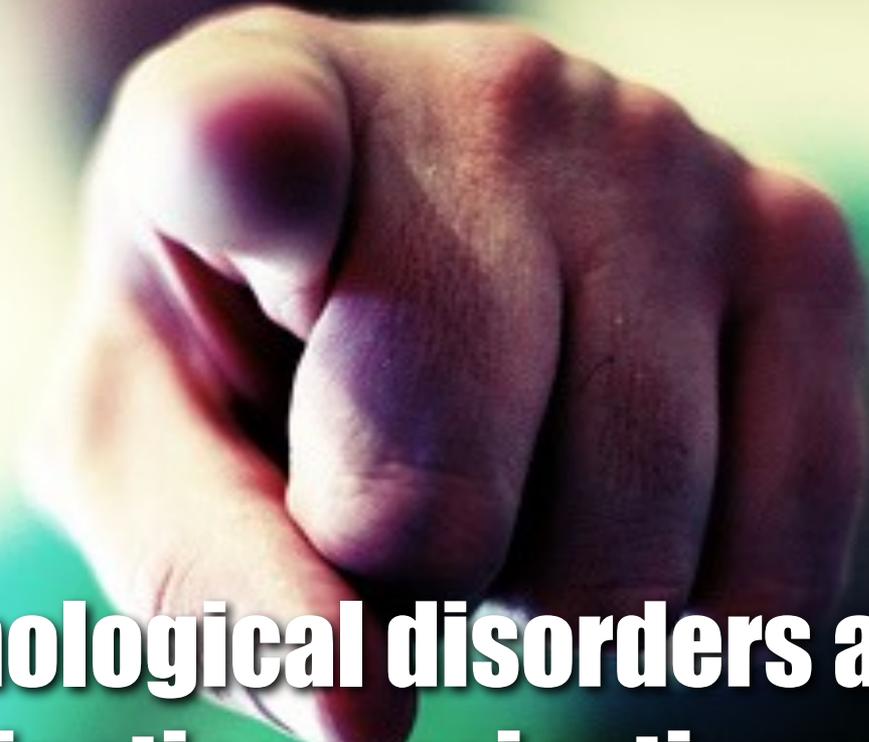
#### Limitations

- Sexual orientation minority status was based on self-identified sexual orientation only.
- Mental disorders were not assessed by clinicians.
- The National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions Wave 2 was used in our study as a cross-sectional dataset, employing lifetime histories of mental disorders and suicide attempts. Therefore, we cannot be certain that mental disorders were experienced in the context of endorsing sexual orientation minority status.

**Key Words:** suicide, attempts, gay, lesbian, sexual minorities, National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions, mental disorders

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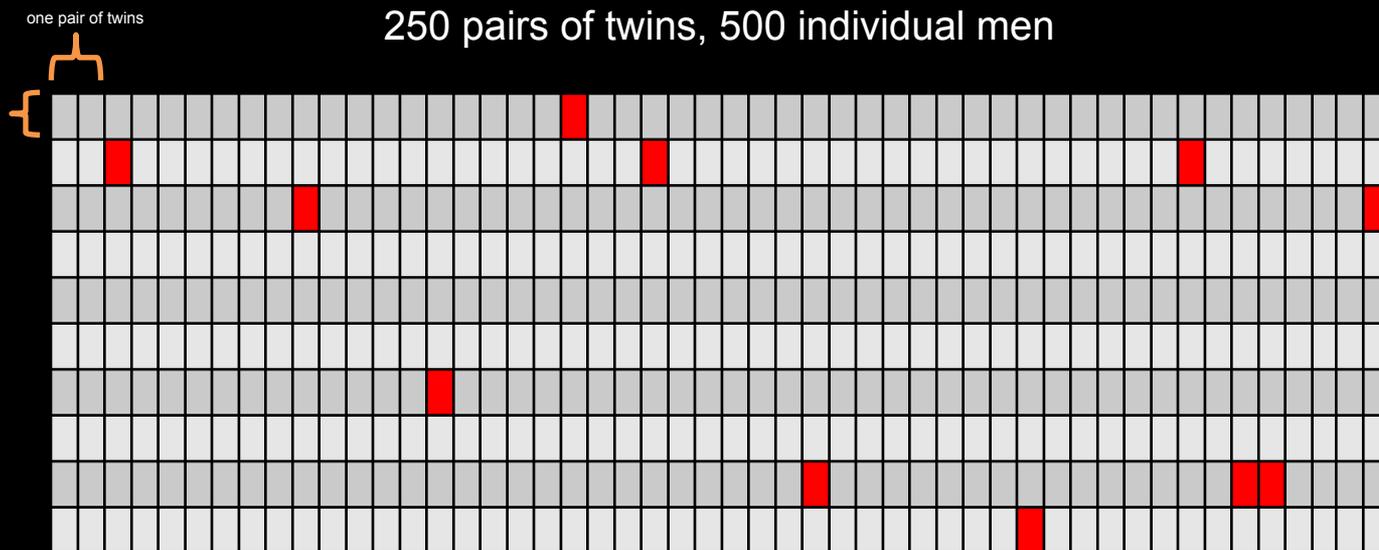
**“The psychological disorders are due to the  
discrimination & rejection of society.”**

Netherlands Mental Health Survey and Incidence Study

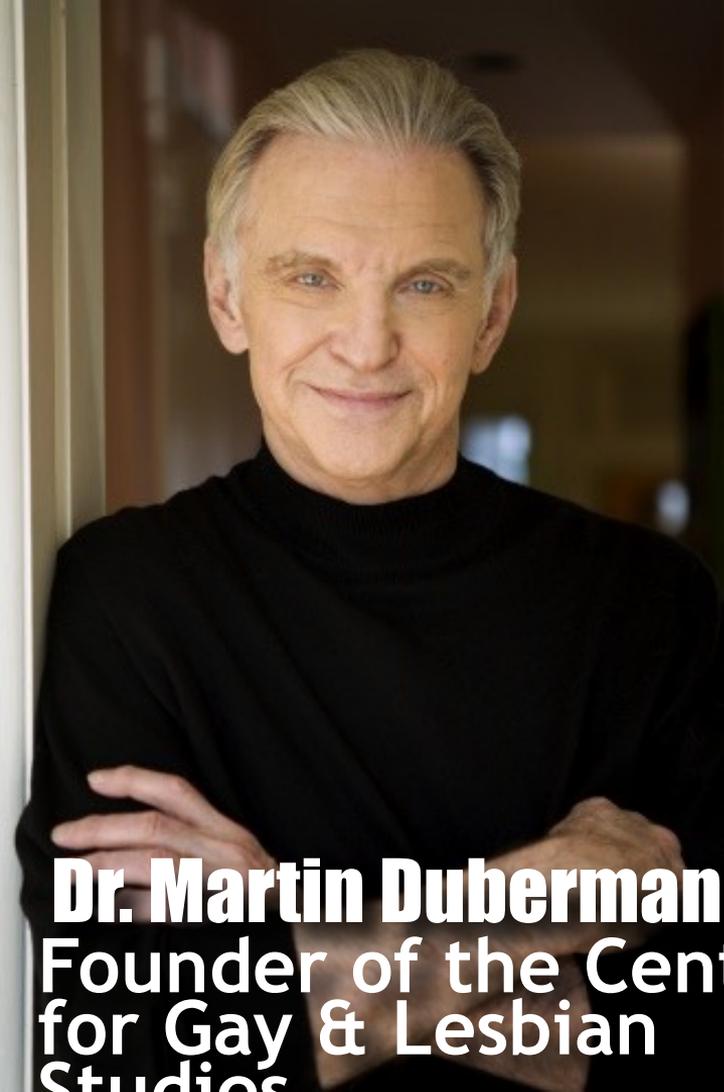
You have been lied to.



# Concordance for SSA in Male Identical Twins Is 11%



Bailey JM, Dunne MP, Martin NG. 2000,  
“Genetic and Environmental influences on sexual orientation  
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*Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 78:524-36



**Dr. Martin Duberman**  
Founder of the Center  
for Gay & Lesbian  
Studies

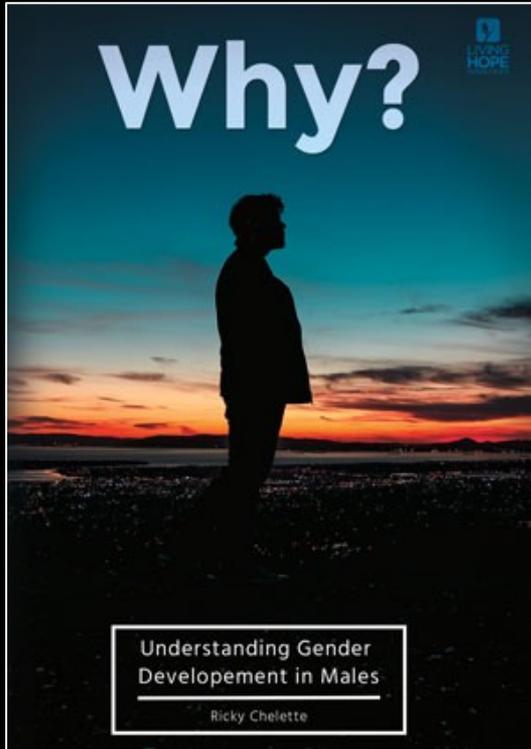
“No good  
scientific work  
establishes that  
people are born  
gay or straight.”

Same-sex attraction is developmental.



*Why? Understanding Homosexuality  
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“I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— **not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral**, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world.”

“But now I am writing to you not to associate with **anyone who bears the name of a brother** if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.”

**1 Corinthians 5:9-11**

A photograph of three young women laughing together outdoors. The woman in the foreground is seen from the side, wearing a dark, textured sweater. The woman in the middle is wearing glasses and a dark jacket. The woman in the background is wearing a black hat and a dark jacket. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The background is blurred, showing a white structure and a dark sky.

Treat your unbelieving gay friends as you would **any** friend.

Practice hospitality.



Find identity in your Designer.



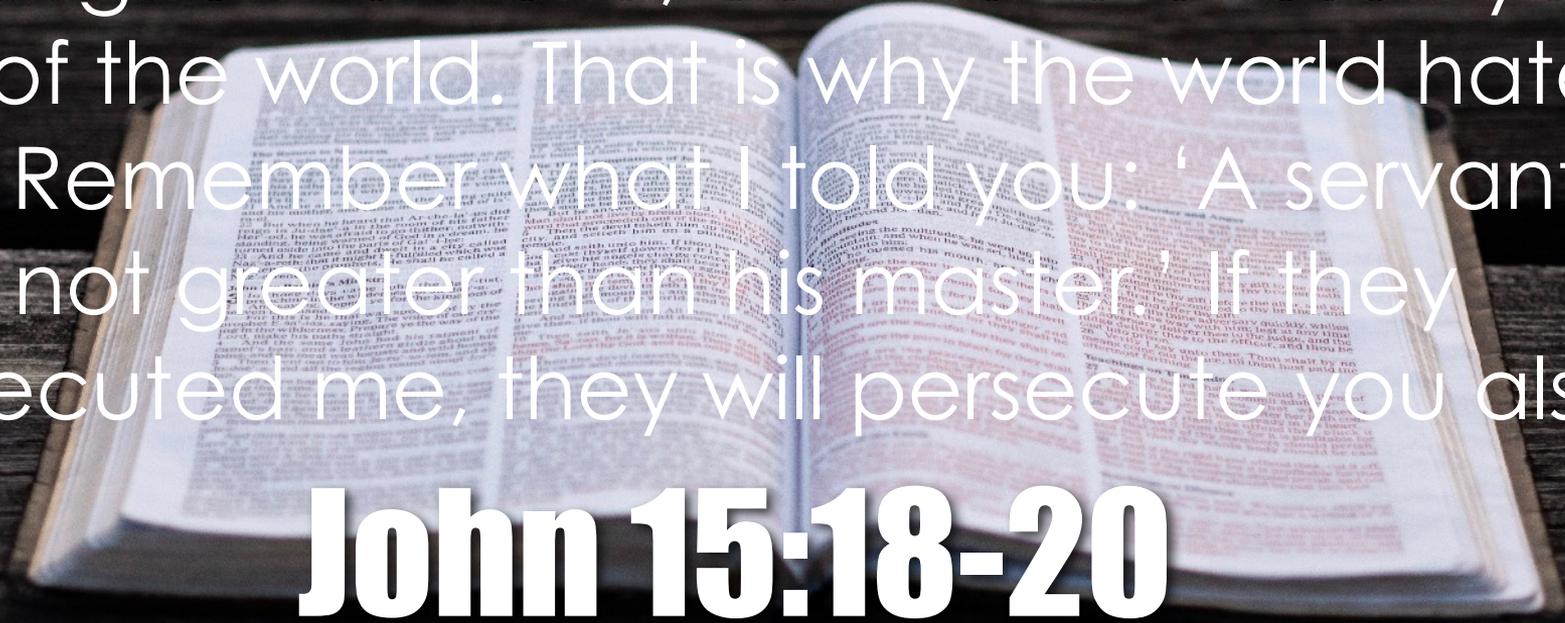
And point others to Him.

A man in a dark suit and glasses is shown from the chest up on the right side of the frame. He is looking towards the left. Three women's hands are visible on the left side, each pointing their index finger towards the man. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

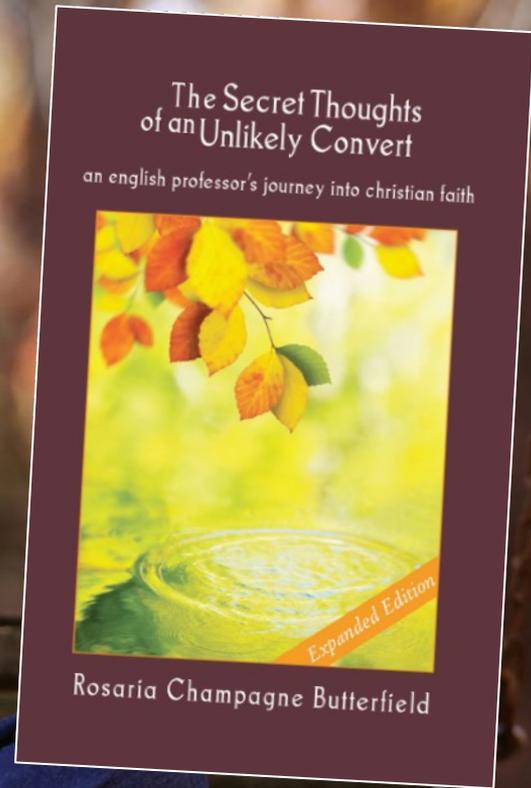
Prepare for the  
social costs  
of holding  
biblical views.

If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.

# John 15:18-20

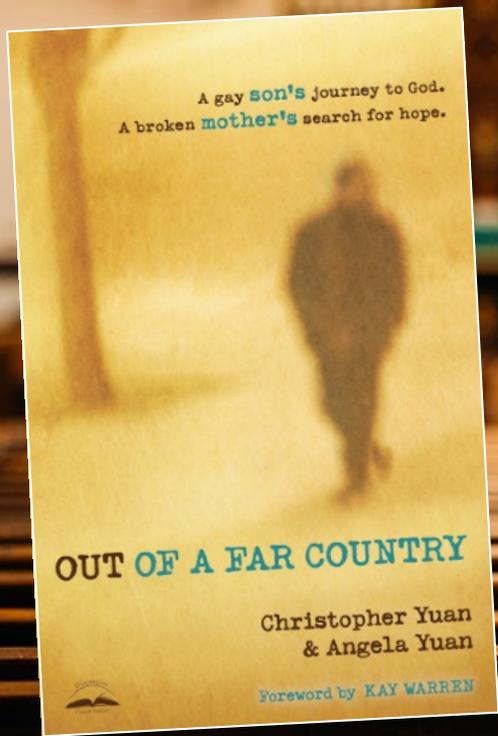


Always hope in the resurrected Jesus.



**Rosaria Butterfield**

Always hope in the resurrected Jesus.



**Christopher Yuan**

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