The Gay Agenda

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What is the “Gay Agenda”?

The ‘Gay Agenda’ is the sum total of pro-homosexuals’ socio-political aspirations and objectives designed to promote and even mandate acceptance and approval of homosexuality.
Summary of the “Gay Agenda”?

... acceptance of homosexuality as a way of life fully on a par with heterosexuality.”

“Gays on the March”, Time magazine, 1975
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Rights - A Brief History

1950s - Homosexuality was a criminal offence

1960s - Sexual Revolution. Sexual Offences Act 1967 decriminalized acts in private for those over 21

1970s - Removal of homosexuality from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders

1992 - W.H.O. declare homosexuality is not an illness

2000 - Homosexuals & Lesbians allowed to serve openly in the military

2001 - Sexual Offences (Amendment) reduced the age of consent for homosexual acts to 18
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2002 - Homosexuals given the right to adopt

2003 - Repeal of Section 28 lifting the ban on the promotion of homosexuality in school curricula

2004 - Established the right to change legal gender

2005 - Legalization of Civil Partnerships

2007 - YouGov Poll - 90% public supported outlawing discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation

2010 - Survey by ONS estimated that 1.5% of Britons identify themselves as homosexual or bisexual

2015 - Government plans to legalize same-sex marriage
A Brief SDA History

Formed in 1976 to provide support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) people
A Brief SDA History

1987 & 1991 - General Conference (GC) failed in two lawsuits to prevent Kinship from using the name Seventh-day Adventist

1987 - GC approved statement listed homosexual acts among perverted sexual behaviours

1999 - GC Statement on Homosexuality reiterating that the Bible makes no accommodation for homosexual acts
Key Aims of the “Gay Agenda”?

- Total parity for gays with heterosexuals in every aspect of society
- Integrate pro-homosexual teachings into primary and secondary education
- Legalize same-sex marriage
- Extend rights for homosexual adoption
- Pass anti-discrimination laws to protect homosexual (hate speech & hate crimes)
Key Strategies of the “Gay Agenda”

- Promote gay issues as loud and often
- Promote gay rights as a civil & human rights issue
- Portray homosexuals as victims
- Stifle all debate on the legitimacy of homosexuality
- Secure political support (Obama, Cameron)
- Pass legislation to protect gay rights
- Portray opposition as bigoted and homophobic
Key Strategies of the “Gay Agenda”

- Utilize the media portray homosexuality in a positive light
- Dismiss religion and the Bible as irrelevant
- Enlist the support of pro-homosexual faiths or churches
- Appeal to science to “legitimize” homosexuality
Key Arguments of the “Gay Agenda”

“Homosexuality Is Natural/Normal”

“Homosexuality is not a mental disorder” therefore attempts to prevent or treat homosexual orientation is invalid

Political not scientific
Key Arguments of the “Gay Agenda”

“Homosexuality Is Natural/Normal”

If you are born with it, you can't help it and you cannot be blamed.
Key Arguments of the “Gay Agenda”

“Homosexuality Is Normal”

Normality is that which functions according to its design.
Key Arguments of the “Gay Agenda”

“Homosexuality Is Normal”

- Cellular level
- Anatomical Level
- Societal Level
What Causes Homosexuality?

Possible Contributory Factors:

- Dysfunctional parental relationships
- Early exposure to pornographic material
- Sexual molestation
- Rejection/Insecurity
- Seeking love and happiness
- Genetic factors
Key Arguments of the “Gay Agenda”

“Homosexuality is Not a Choice”

Homosexual orientation may not be a choice

Homosexual behaviour is a choice
Can God Change Sexual Orientation?

“My grace is sufficient for you.”
2 Corinthians 12:9
What Causes Homosexuality?

Genetics do not determine morality

Whether homosexuality is genetically influenced, a conscious choice or of developmental origin - or even all three - it is still sinful
Implications of the Gay Agenda

• Schools obligated to teach that homosexual relationships are equal to heterosexual ones

• Freedom of conscience and religious liberty are threatened
  • Registrars
  • Hotel owners
  • Doctors
  • Adoption Agencies
  • Dating Services
  • Counsellors
Implications of the Gay Agenda

- State benefits for religious nonprofit organizations could be withheld based on the refusal to treat same-sex marriages the same as opposite-sex marriages
- Organizations might be denied government grants or aid otherwise available to faith-based groups
- Removal of tax-exempt status for refusal to recognize same sex marriages
- Denial of access to public facilities for events
Implications of the Gay Agenda

• Legalization of same-sex marriage further undermines the institution God has created to uphold His values and transmit those values to future generations.

• Same-sex marriage is part of a ‘slippery slope’ which opens the door to further erosions of God’s ideal for the family.

• Same-sex couples who marry abroad will have automatic residence once same-sex marriage is legalized.
Principles of Engagements

- Seek the glory of God
- Know the truth
- Speak the truth in love
It is the sad tendency of modern men to either do the right thing in the wrong way or to do the wrong thing in the right way. We either hold to the truth obnoxiously or we hold to a lie graciously.

George Grant and Mark Horne, Unnatural Affections, 70
Principles of Engagements

Don’t Make Assumptions

- Some homosexuals believe in the biblical principle of monogamy
- Not all homosexual’s practice sodomy
- Do not equate homosexuality with paedophilia
- Homosexuals are rarely seeking to convert others to homosexuality
- Many homosexuals have a good moral value system
- ‘Gentle’ men or ‘butch’ women are not necessarily homosexual/lesbian
Principles of Engagements

Love the sinner

Hate the sin
Should we have friends who are homosexual?

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:14

And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them."

Luke 15:2
"The Church should not remain silent on issues prominent in society, especially when they also touch the Adventist faith community. A Christian church is expected to uphold biblical standards. But it is equally important that as Christians we are always full of grace and compassionate towards everyone."

Ray Dabrowski
SDA Position on Homosexuality, 1999-OCT-03
1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defence to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear . . .