*Gay Marriage & the LGBTQ Agenda*

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*What About Same-Sex Marriage?* What’s the most weight a human ever lifted? Would you believe 6,270 pounds? In 1956 Olympic gold medalist (and Christian), Paul Anderson, did this with a back lift.

I visited with his daughter years ago at his home and even though he’s gone to heaven, his incredible record still stands.

What’s the worst entrée in a national restaurant in America: Would you believe Outback Baby Back Ribs containing over 3,000 calories and 242 grams of fat!?

Now what’s the data on sexual-related issues revealing how “enlightened” or deceived we’ve become since the 1960s sexual revolution? Have we actually progressed or declined as a culture when we see the fruit?

1. *Divorce*: Increased from 4% to 51% since my childhood; 46,523 weekly. The breakdown of the family is contributing to the breakdown of our nation. In the blockbuster movie, *Jurasic World*, a teenage boy consoles his crying younger brother because their parents are divorcing with, “Hey, it’s okay. All my friends’ parents are divorced.” This is a good thing? It’s devastating. It’s tragic.
2. *Cohabitation*: Sixty-five Percent of “altar-bound” couples now live together (a euphemism for lifestyle fornication) before marriage. No commitment *before* conditions couples for little commitment *after*.
3. *Abortion*/*Infanticide*/*Euthanasia*: In 40 years, we’ve killed over 58 million unborn babies (almost 10 times the number of victims of Hitler’s Holocaust), and now we do it with clever maneuverings using tax-payer funding and Obamacare. Two states have legalized “mercy-killing” and deformed or unwanted babies are casually left to die in a “culture of death” that is emerging.
4. *Out-of-Wedlock Births*: For the first time in US history, it’s more than 50% with resultant fatherless households and an orphaned generation. Increased crime, drugs, dropouts and violence result as fathers are removed from families.
5. *Pornography*: Graphic sexual activity and nudity are now “just a click away” on computers and smartphones (generating more revenue than the NFL, NBA and MLB combined) destroying innocence, while promoting deviancy.
6. *Homosexuality*: Lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender lifestyles are being endorsed and celebrated along with same-sex marriage, school indoctrination and new laws promoting this lifestyle, even though the gay population is only 1.7% (UCLA). Mainstream Christian denominations are compromising and even granting the ordination of homosexuals.
7. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*: According To the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), there are now over 110 million venereal diseases in the population. This is now an epidemic.

A culture can spiral into sexual anarchy and lawlessness quickly when it removes God and His standards from its public life. Germany, an educated and civilized nation, moved from democracy to dictatorship and demise in less that 6 years! Can a once-thriving nation have its heritage and faith so decimated that history records it as a tragic collapse? The answer is *yes*.

In his final sermon, Billy Graham said, “I’ve wept for America.” On his 95th birthday, he stated the nation is “in great need of a spiritual awakening,” something he prays for fervently every day.

Ronald Reagan once said, *“We can become one nation gone under instead of one nation under God.”* He also stated that freedom is always *“one generation away from extinction”* if we don’t courageously defend it. Retreat is not an option. Jesus said, “Occupy ‘til I come.” Obama’s former Secret Service agent told us, “It’s worse than people know...I’m not trying to scare you either.”

As we continue our Bullseye Challenge, we cross over to the next category, “Sexuality, Marriage and Relationships.” The most controversial is “Same-Sex Marriage” so let’s start here, pulling no punches. Buckle your seatbelt and remember we unfold this charitably yet clearly from a Scriptural worldview.

*Ten Reasons Why Same-Sex Marriage Is Wrong*

 *“Don’t tear down a fence until you know why it was put up.’ - African Proverb*

1. It violates the clear and unambiguous teaching of the Hebrew - Christian scriptures which serve as the basis for our Judeo-Christian laws and foundations as a nation. It distorts God’s purpose for marriage as a picture of Christ’s relationship with His Bride, the Church (Eph. 5:31-32).
2. It is contradictory to the self-evident truth of “Mother Nature” or “Nature’s God” (as our Founding Fathers expressed it) wherein men and women are designed and function differently, complement and complete each other, and through the wonder of marital union are able to procreate with each other to perpetuate the cycle of life.
3. It is contrary to the explicit teaching of every major world religion which upholds the integrity of marriage and family.
4. It undermines the institution of marriage between a man and a woman that has been the cornerstone of civilization in custom and law for more than 5,000 years.
5. Not one civilized culture in the entire history of mankind (including those few that have been relatively tolerant of homosexuality) has ever sanctioned “marriage” between members of the same sex as a norm for family life.
6. It is an injustice and harmful arrangement wherein our most precious entrustment, our children, are denied the love and nurture of a father and a mother who complement each other in healthy family life, providing the optimum arrangement for health and success in life.
7. It redefines and devalues the sacred institution of marriage exclusively between a man and a woman in addition to opening the door for other arrangements such as polygamy, polyamory and pederasty (gay relationship between adult males and adolescent boys).
8. It is a radical social experiment like the disastrous “welfare state” and “no fault divorce” ideas, which will further destabilize the already fragile family - the basic building block of our society.
9. It legitimizes, normalizes and places an official stamp of approval on a lifestyle replete with dangerous, at-risk sexual behavior. This often leads to HIV/AIDS and over thirty STDs that endanger lives, jeopardize health care and impact our economy.
10. It carries with it a plethora of new laws enacted to force compliance with the “progressive” agenda, while educating youth in what scripture labels “unnatural and shameful” sexual activity (Rom.1:18-27).

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