

# The Moral Defense Of Homosexuality Why Every Argument Against Gay Rights Fails

**God and the Gay Christian** - Matthew Vines  
2014-04-22

“God and the Gay Christian is a game changer. Winsome, accessible, and carefully researched, every page is brought to life by the author’s clear love for Scripture and deep, persistent faith. With this book, Matthew Vines emerges as one of my generation’s most important Christian leaders, not only on matters of sexuality but also on what it means to follow Jesus with wisdom, humility, and grace. Prepare to be challenged and enlightened, provoked and inspired. Read with an open heart and mind, and you are bound to be changed.” — Rachel Held Evans, author of

A Year of Biblical Womanhood and Faith Unraveled As a young Christian man, Matthew Vines harbored the same basic hopes of most young people: to someday share his life with someone, to build a family of his own, to give and receive love. But when he realized he was gay, those hopes were called into question. The Bible, he’d been taught, condemned gay relationships. Feeling the tension between his understanding of the Bible and the reality of his same-sex orientation, Vines devoted years of intensive research into what the Bible says about homosexuality. With care and precision, Vines asked questions such as: • Do biblical teachings

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on the marriage covenant preclude same-sex marriage or not? • How should we apply the teachings of Jesus to the gay debate? • What does the story of Sodom and Gomorrah really say about human relationships? • Can celibacy be a calling when it is mandated, not chosen? • What did Paul have in mind when he warned against same-sex relations? Unique in its affirmation of both an orthodox faith and sexual diversity, God and the Gay Christian is likely to spark heated debate, sincere soul searching, even widespread cultural change. Not only is it a compelling interpretation of key biblical texts about same-sex relations, it is also the story of a young man navigating relationships with his family, his hometown church, and the Christian church at large as he expresses what it means to be a faithful gay Christian.

*Same-sex Marriage Debate* - Justin Healey 2013  
Same-sex marriages are currently not permitted under Australian federal law. Although same-sex couples in a de facto relationship have had most

of the legal rights of married couples since July 2009, there is however no national registered partnership or civil union scheme.

**Disordered Actions** - John Skalko 2021-12-01

The first two decades of the twenty-first century witnessed a rapid change in Western societal acceptance of homosexual activity. This change, however, remains fundamentally unstable unless founded upon an adequate moral theory. Today many within the Western world assume that any argument against homosexual activity must be founded upon religious premises. This book questions that narrative; for the history of philosophical thought manifests a strong non-religious consensus against such practices. This book bridges the gap within current philosophical scholarship by painstakingly examining the non-religious argument as found within the great philosopher Thomas Aquinas. In the process the author advances a novel claim: the traditional account against homosexual activity also applies to untruthful assertive

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speech acts. Lying and homosexual activity are both wrong for mutually illuminating reasons.

**The Constitution of the United States Revised and Updated** - Michael H. DeArmye  
2023-12-08

At this moment of extreme political polarization in the U.S. which has the potential to threaten the very foundations of the state, Professor Michael DeArmye proposes a revised and updated Constitution. This enriched, reborn Constitution retains much of the current Constitution but also seeks to meliorate and indeed resolve entirely many of the seemingly intractable problems in American democracy. The rights of American citizens are revisited and expanded, and for the first time a wholly new Bill of Goods sets out government's role in assisting in the necessities for life. Also new is a Bill of Citizen Duties and Responsibilities. The book contains a careful defense of the proposed changes, including individual chapters focusing on the most controversial topics. Other chapters

explore why a constitution is needed and survey the Federalist papers on Constitutional structure. The book also examines the writings of Aristotle, John Adams' Defence, and the correspondence of Madison and Jefferson.

**More Than a Name** - Commission internationale pour les droits des gais et des lesbiennes 2003

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*What Is Marriage?* - Sherif Girgis 2020-07-21

Until very recently, no society had seen marriage as anything other than a conjugal partnership: a male-female union. *What Is Marriage?* identifies and defends the reasons for this historic consensus and shows why redefining civil marriage as something other than the conjugal union of husband and wife is a mistake. Originally published in the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy, this book's core argument quickly became the year's most widely read essay on the most prominent scholarly network in the social sciences. Since

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then, it has been cited and debated by scholars and activists throughout the world as the most formidable defense of the tradition ever written. Now revamped, expanded, and vastly enhanced, *What Is Marriage?* stands poised to meet its moment as few books of this generation have. Sherif Girgis, Ryan T. Anderson, and Robert P. George offer a devastating critique of the idea that equality requires redefining marriage. They show why both sides must first answer the question of what marriage really is. They defend the principle that marriage, as a comprehensive union of mind and body ordered to family life, unites a man and a woman as husband and wife, and they document the social value of applying this principle in law. Most compellingly, they show that those who embrace same-sex civil marriage leave no firm ground—none—for not recognizing every relationship describable in polite English, including polyamorous sexual unions, and that enshrining their view would further erode the norms of marriage, and hence

the common good. Finally, *What Is Marriage?* decisively answers common objections: that the historic view is rooted in bigotry, like laws forbidding interracial marriage; that it is callous to people's needs; that it can't show the harm of recognizing same-sex couplings or the point of recognizing infertile ones; and that it treats a mere "social construct" as if it were natural or an unreasoned religious view as if it were rational.

[Martin Luther King Jr., Homosexuality, and the Early Gay Rights Movement](#) - Michael G. Long  
2012-11-28

Martin Luther King, Jr., was not an advocate of homosexual rights, nor was he an enemy; however both sides of the debate have used his words in their arguments, including his widow, in support of gay rights, and his daughter, in rejection. This fascinating situation poses the problem that Michael G. Long seeks to address and resolve.

**God Believes in Love** - Gene Robinson

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2013-06-04

From the IX Bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire in the Episcopal Church, the first openly gay person elected to the episcopate and the world's leading religious spokesperson for gay rights and gay marriage—a groundbreaking book that persuasively makes the case for same-sex marriage using a commonsense, reasoned, religious argument. Robinson holds the religious text of the Bible to be holy and sacred and the ensuing two millennia of church history to be relevant to the discussion. He is equally familiar with the secular and political debate about gay marriage going on in America today, and is someone for whom same-sex marriage is a personal issue; Robinson was married to a woman for fourteen years and is a father of two children and has been married to a man for the last four years of a twenty-five-year relationship. Robinson has a knack for taking complex and controversial issues and addressing them in plain direct language, without using polemics or

ideology, putting forth his argument for gay marriage, and bringing together sacred and secular points of view.

*The Moral Defense of Homosexuality* - Chris Meyers 2015-05-14

In this book, Chris Meyers takes the reader on a careful, rational, sustained criticism of arguments about the immorality of homosexuality. Meyers refutes anti-gay arguments by showing that they are based on unreasonable or demonstrably false ideas about the nature of morality.

**The Advocate** - 2004-01-20

The Advocate is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) monthly newsmagazine. Established in 1967, it is the oldest continuing LGBT publication in the United States.

**Gay Is Good** - Michael G. Long 2014-11-26

Contrary to popular notions, today's LGBT movement did not begin with the Stonewall riots in 1969. Long before Stonewall, there was Franklin Kameny (1925-2011), one of the most

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significant figures in the gay rights movement. Beginning in 1958, he encouraged gay people to embrace homosexuality as moral and healthy, publicly denounced the federal government for excluding homosexuals from federal employment, openly fought the military's ban against gay men and women, debated psychiatrists who depicted homosexuality as a mental disorder, identified test cases to advance civil liberties through the federal courts, acted as counsel to countless homosexuals suffering state-sanctioned discrimination, and organized marches for gay rights at the White House and other public institutions. In *Gay Is Good*, Long collects Kameny's historically rich letters, revealing some of the early stirrings of today's politically powerful LGBT movement. These letters are lively and colorful because they are in Kameny's inimitable voice—a voice that was consistently loud, echoing through such places as the Oval Office, the Pentagon, and the British Parliament, and often shrill, piercing to the

federal agency heads, military generals, and media personalities who received his countless letters. This volume collects approximately 150 letters from 1958 to 1975, a critical period in Kameny's life during which he evolved from a victim of the law to a vocal opponent of the law, to the voice of the law itself. Long situates these letters in context, giving historical and biographical data about the subjects and events involved. *Gay Is Good* pays tribute to an advocate whose tireless efforts created a massive shift in social attitudes and practices, leading the way toward equality for the LGBT community.

**What's Wrong with Homosexuality?** - John Corvino 2013-04-04

For the last twenty years John Corvino has traversed the US responding to moral and religious arguments against same-sex relationships. In this timely book, he shares that experience—both by addressing the standard objections and by offering insight into the

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culture wars more generally. In the process, he makes a fresh case for moral engagement, forcefully rejecting the idea that morality is a 'private matter'.

*Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons* - Catholic Church. Congregatio pro Doctrina Fidei 2003

**Correct, Not Politically Correct** - Frank Turek 2008

"Using sound reasoning and evidence--not religion--award-winning author, Frank Turek, shows that everyone will be hurt including children, the nation, and even homosexuals themselves. Turek provides concise answers to objections about equal rights, discrimination, and being born a certain way, and he exposes the real reason gay activists are trying to impose same-sex marriage on the country without a single vote from the people. Turek's message is direct but respectful--correct, not politically

correct. It is a message that we must not ignore"--Cover, p. 4.

**"All We Want is Equality"** - Ryan Richard Thoreson 2018

"In the wake of the Supreme Court's 2015 marriage equality ruling, lawmakers across the United States introduced dozens of bills that would permit moral or religious objectors to decline to serve LGBT people. In at least eight states, exemption bills have been enacted into law, creating a license to discriminate based on sexual orientation and gender identity. [This report], based on interviews with 30 people affected by discrimination and 82 advocates and service providers, documents how such laws license discrimination, discourage people from accessing services, and harm the dignity of LGBT people. It urges lawmakers at the state and federal level to strengthen nondiscrimination protections for LGBT people and repeal sweeping exemptions that put the rights and well-being of marginalized groups at

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risk."--Back cover.

Un ponte da costruire - James Martin 2018-05-18

"Un libro atteso e molto necessario che aiuterà vescovi, preti, operatori pastorali, e tutti i leader della Chiesa ad essere più sensibili verso i membri LGBT della comunità ecclesiale cattolica. Aiuterà anche i membri LGBT a sentirsi più a casa propria in quella che, dopo tutto, è anche la loro Chiesa" (Vaticaninsider/La Stampa del 31-5-2017, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefetto del nuovo dicastero vaticano per i laici, la famiglia e la vita). Il libro, di James Martin, anche in Italia, raccoglie al suo interno risorse spirituali e bibliche per le persone omosessuali, i loro familiari e amici; meditazioni e domande per aiutare a trovare il proprio posto nella Chiesa e ad entrare in un rapporto più profondo con Dio. *Fragmented Citizens* - Stephen M. Engel 2016-05-24

The landmark Supreme Court decision in June 2015 legalizing the right to same-sex marriage marked a major victory in gay and lesbian rights

in the United States. Once subject to a patchwork of laws granting legal status to same-sex couples in some states and not others, gay and lesbian Americans now enjoy full legal status for their marriages wherever they travel or reside in the country. For many, this means that gay and lesbian citizens are one step closer to full equality with the rest of America. However, author Stephen M. Engel contends that there remains much to be done in shaping American institutions to recognize gays and lesbians as full citizens. Tracing the relationship between gay and lesbian individuals and the government from the late 19th century through the early 21st, Engel shows that LGBT Americans are more accurately described as fragmented citizens who still do not have full legal protections against workplace, housing, family, and other kinds of discrimination. There remains a continuing struggle of the state to control their sexuality. Further, he argues that it was the state's ability to identify and control gay



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and lesbian citizens that allowed it to develop strong administrative capacities to manage all of its citizens in matters of immigration, labor relations, and even national security. The struggle for gay and lesbian rights, then, affected not only the lives of those seeking equality but also the very nature of American governance itself. *Fragmented Citizens* is a sweeping historical and political account of how our present-day policy debates around citizenship and equality came to be.--Adapted from dust jacket.

**The Fetal Position** - Chris Meyers 2010

Provides a philosophical analysis of some of the most common arguments on both sides of the abortion issue as an example of engaging critical thinking for moral issues.

**Masking Hegemony** - Craig Martin 2016-04-29

'Masking Hegemony' presents a critical evaluation of the language used in liberal political thought, tracing liberalism's use of two

key binary concepts - public/private and religion/state - from the Protestant Reformation to the present. Whilst appearing to separate "religion" from "state" and "public" from "private", this language actually masks the influence of religious institutions on state policies and the inevitable circulation of power from the private to the public sphere in a liberal democracy. 'Masking Hegemony' uses the work of Gramsci, Foucault and Bourdieu to offer a fresh approach to liberal ideology that will be of interest to students and scholars of both politics and religion.

**Beyond Same-Sex Marriage** - Ronald C. Den Otter 2016-09-06

This edited volume contributes to the growing literature on post-marriage-equality marriage. It is the first interdisciplinary approach to understanding the various historical, empirical, normative, and legal dimensions of marriage as Americans begin to imagine what marriage could be like in the future.

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