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SCREW WITH US ENOUGH AND WE WILL KILL YOU IN YOUR SLEEP ON CHRISTMAS.

The Epistle to the ROMANS



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Is There Such a Thing as a Gay Gene?

1. No gay gene identified by the Human Genome Project – completed in 2003.

"There is little disagreement that male homosexual orientation is not a Mendelian trait. In fact, a priori, one would expect the role of a major gene in male homosexual orientation to be limited because of the strong selective pressures against such a gene. It is unlikely that a major gene underlying such a common trait could persist over time without an extraordinary counterbalancing mechanism."

Risch, Neil, Elizabeth Squires-Wheeler, and Bronya J.B. Keats (1993), "Male Sexual Orientation and Genetic Evidence," *Science*, 262:2063-2064, December 24.

"The search for the biological underpinnings of complex human traits has a sorry history of late. In recent years, researchers and the media have proclaimed the 'discovery' of genes linked to alcoholism and mental illness as well as to homosexuality. None of the claims... has been confirmed."

as quoted in Horgan, John, "Gay Genes, Revisited," Scientific American, 273[5]:26, November, 1995.

"Only about 4 percent of the men [evaluated] were exclusively homosexual throughout their entire lives... Only 2 or 3 percent of these women were exclusively homosexual their entire lives."

The Kinsey Report, which did <u>not</u> use a representative sample. Subsequent studies indicate the percentage is much lower.

The 2000 Census Bureau revealed:

- The total population of the U.S. is 285,230,516.
- The total number of households in the U.S. is 106,741,426.
- The total number of unmarried same-sex households is 601,209.

Thus, out of a population of 106,741,426 households, homosexuals represent 0.42% of those households.

That means that television shows that portray homosexuals should only have one homosexual for every 199 normal people.

The 1991 LeVay study that alleged brain differences could not be reproduced.

Mark Breedlove, UC Berkeley researcher:

"These findings give us proof for what we theoretically know to be the case—that sexual experience can alter the structure of the brain, just as genes can alter it... [I]t is possible that differences in sexual behavior cause (rather than are caused by) differences in the brain." Twin Studies: Again, not able to reproduce early results.

Study by Dean Hamer, National Cancer Institute alleged a link to a gene in the X chromosome.

- Failed to see if this was in any heterosexual men
- Results challenged to George Rice study in Canada

"It is unclear why our results are so discrepant from Hamer's original study. Because our study was larger than that of Hamer et al., we certainly had adequate power to detect a genetic effect as large as was reported in that study. Nonetheless, our data do not support the presence of a gene of large effect influencing sexual orientation at position Xq28 (284:667)."

Can Homosexual Behavior be Reversed?

"Before treatment, 68 percent of the respondents perceived themselves as exclusively or almost entirely homosexual, with another 22 percent stating that they were more homosexual than heterosexual. After treatment, only 13 percent perceived themselves as exclusively or almost entirely homosexual, while 33 percent described themselves as either exclusively or almost entirely heterosexual [see Nicolosi, 2000, National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH), 86:1071]."

"There is no consensus among scientists about the exact reasons that an individual develops a heterosexual, bisexual, gay or lesbian orientation. Although much research has examined the possible genetic, hormonal, developmental, social, and cultural influences on sexual orientation, no findings have emerged that permit scientists to conclude that sexual orientation is determined by any particular factor or factors. Many think that nature and nurture both play complex roles..."

APA, 2009, "Answers to Your Questions for a Better Understanding of Sexual Orientation & Homosexuality"

1998: "There is considerable recent evidence to suggest that biology, including genetic or inborn hormonal factors, play a significant role in a person's sexuality."

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General description:

unrighteousness, wickedness (evil-poneria), hostility (disposition for evil-kakoetheia), inventers of evil (epheuretes), evil (kakos), senseless, undiscerning (foolish, asunetos), not trustworthy, cannot trust their word (asunthetos)

Mental Attitude Sins: covetous, malice, envy, deceit, hostility, hater of God, violent arrogance (insolent-hubristes), without natural affection, heartless, unloving (astorgos), unmerciful (aneleemon)

Sins of the Tongue: slander, strife, gossip, proud in a boastful conceited way (*huperephanos*), boastful (*alazon*)

Overt: murder, disobedient to parents

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