

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Okay, Okay. I understand your questions to this chapter. Questions like, why start, a chapter like this with the preamble to the US Constitution? Or, why even cover a chapter on such things as religion and politics, I mean isn't this book about being transgender and what to do?

Well to tell you the truth I didn't want to write this chapter. Yet there is a basic reason I must and even more a reason why it comes in before you take your first steps into the outside world as the real you. The reason is a simple one. As you progress through this path of life you will need to build a wall from both words of hate and words of misinformation. This chapter is designed to help you in this. At no point will I say you must have religion or which one is right, nor will I tell you how to vote. I will explain my personal views but as I say in each chapter. I am not an expert and my views are to be taken with a grain of truth you should look into the things on this chapter on your own. What this chapter will cover is a look at different religious views on transgender individuals, Political views, Mistaken, views on transgender in both a positive and negative light, how to deal with the issues as they come up in arguments / discussions, and finally an exercise focused on this chapter's issue.

Okay so let's kick things off with explaining why I started this chapter with the preamble to the US constitution. It doesn't have to do with the fact I live in the US, but it does have to do with what the meaning behind the wording is. It stands a lawful document declaring our rights and our freedoms are granted by those who make them the individuals. In other words it's a set of laws that are to be judged upon and placed into law by the people the law stands for. Making, The US, a system of laws created by, and for the people, that purpose them. I want you to keep this in mind throughout the whole chapter.

Part 1: Religious Arguments

When I began researching for this chapter I was at the mind set thanks to the given view that according to all major religions being Gay was a sin and in that being trans was also a sin. I knew that even if the history of transgender individuals is far longer then the 1950's when it came to light publicly that there would be little to no actual substance I could find in any of the major religions writings for or against transgender people. In some ways I was right and in others I was wrong. Many ways they link Transgender issues as a gay issue thus use the same arguments for us as others in the GLBT category. Let's start with the three major religions of the world Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

The three major religions don't often like to point it out but each was born out the others in some way. Judaism came first with the teachings of the Torah. When Christianity was founded it took much of the lessons of the Torah and created the Old Testament and added the Teachings of Christ in the New Testament. Islam takes both these and expands it to the Koran adding the lessons of Mohamed. Thus when you look at it since all three of the major religions come from the same place pretty much the issues come to light in the same way. When we look at these issues we can lock the references said to be against the GLBT community and place them. Since the bible is a far more easily accessed book and more commonly used as a tool against GLBT

people I will use the sections they have to present the arguments. I'm using the first translations aka the King James versions if you wonder why one copy may be different than the ones below. The Passages are in the Pink with the white box displaying the section, and a brief reasoning for the argument. In the Blue I present the full argument given, then, I display my own take on it below the box.

Genesis 1:26-28

Creation Version 1

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

1. God created man a woman with a purpose to procreate any thing done in the bedroom besides that should be considered a sin.
2. God created both man in his image to change that is to be a sin.

Okay so god creates man and then creates woman, so the argument? Well its mainly two here one for trans and one for gay issues, The trans argument is that God created man in his own infallible image. Thus changing that image (the image you are born with) is wrong. Okay well then its also wrong for someone who is severally burned to have plastic surgery to fix that is it not, by the argument given this must be the case. The fact is God may have made the form but the look is all you, it's why we are different. The Gay issue comes in the final line. The argument goes that god meant for us to multiply thus having sex with the same gender we can't multiply so it's wrong. Okay if this is true then how come there are a whole lot of people unable to give birth through normal means. Add to that you have gay animals such as Penguins and Zebras that act out homosexual acts naturally.

Genesis Chapter 2:20-24

Creation Version 2

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

God created man then created woman to serve man as his wife. Its Adam and Eve not Adam and Steve.

Okay off the bat what is the deal here we couldn't get the story right the last chapter we need a rewrite in the book for chapter 2? Personally I see a bit of an argument for transgender here in the fact that Eve was a part of Adam. But let's play along. Pretty much the bible says it right there Eve is his wife so Gays and Lesbians can't be hitched because of this. Actually I'll let this one go to individual takes on this pretty much these days it comes to the decisions for the couple and the one conducting the ceremony on if its okay for gays and lesbians to marry. Not the courts, not other people, and definitely not the government. Personally I have no idea how the government got their hands in marriage to begin with (but I'll cover that more in the politic section).

Genesis Chapter 3:15-17

Expulsion from Eden

15And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

God intended Man and woman to always be one; it is the laws of god that they should only bear children. If they are with someone outside the need to procreate then that is a sin.

More of the Same Argument from the last two chapters, Man and woman should go forth and pop out babies. So if this is true then every religion Yeah I'm looking at you Catholics should take a serious look into your past actions. [I'll cover the Catholics reason in Chapter 9 Transgender History or if you can't wait till then I suggest you look up the Castrati folks]



A transgender Individual is considered a sinner for nothing more then their very existence. While some people claim to be able to cure transgender thoughts. (Though no evidence has ever been shown that such has been the case and often does more harm then good) Trans people a tied with many slang's and titles simply cause people don't wish to understand the person and merely use words of hate towards the things they don't understand. Nothing is far worse then the misguided hate from religious and political factions.

Genesis 19:1-29

Tale of Sodom And Gomorrah

1And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;
2And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.
3And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.
4But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:
5And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.
6And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,
7And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.
8Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.
9And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.
10But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.
11And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.
12And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:
13For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.
14And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.
15And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.
16And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.
17And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.
18And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my LORD:
19Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:
20Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.
21And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.
22Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.
23The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.
24Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;
25And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.
26But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.
27And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:
28And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.
29And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for their sinful sex orgies, gay sex and evil gambling

Wow that was a long one. But then this is the one chapter all three of the major religions point to as the anti-GLBT part. Let's see Un-hospitable town folk, wanting to deal with the two angels that came to Lot's house. Then Lot's offers up his daughters to be used sexually by the mob. When the town turns down the offer Lot tells the angels to get the heck out of there. The angels award Lot by telling him to flee with his daughters and wife and not look back as they destroy the town in the name of the Lord. Lot does as they say, yet his wife turns to look back and is turned to salt. Lot and his daughters hang out in a cave and his daughters bear Lots children. (I kid you not the chapter claim it's good to have incest).

In my research nothing, I repeat nothing of this chapter results on any GLBT issue. So why does it get played? Well many look at this section and take it as the town trying to have sex with the angels. (Okay it could be taken that way) But it's a story about being welcoming into your home and helpful of your fellow man. When the time of this story took place the idea of traveling other than purely as a town to survive was unheard of. Thus a new face showing up in town could raise questions and hostilities; after all it wasn't till 1000 years later till towns didn't depend on a community food and water source in limited supply. Thus any new people would strain the town supply and the idea of having new people in town was often unwanted and looked upon as a bad thing. More People = Less food and water for the rest. Thus the town is hostile. Lot turns and offers his daughters to be given as sex objects or just brides to leave the two strangers alone. The town turns the offer down and threatens Lot to take the two by force. Lot warns them. They reveal themselves to Lot as holy beings of God and claim that he should leave before the Angels kick ass and take names.

Leviticus 18:22 Anti –Gay?

22Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

Man having sex with another man is a sin in the eyes of God.

Okay here is another big used anti-gay rule according to god right? Well if you believe so then be sure you also follow the laws for Slavery, How to keep your wife in line, Got a disobedient child well it says here you need to stone them, hording your livestock, what you eat is it natural plants right, what material cloth you wear and other great hits from the Laws of Leviticus.

Leviticus 20:13 Guy-Love?

13If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

The Laws of God states that homosexual activities are a sin against nature.

More of the Laws of Leviticus. Hey wait a second I don't remember much of my days in church but I seem to remember that only 10 laws were God's laws. Last I checked no mention of any type of GLBT issue comes up in those so, Where did these come from? Well they are said to be the basis of the first laws given to Moses. No not the Stone Tablets. Moses when he first talked to god was given these laws to follow. Do we follow them these days? Sad to say even the most stout, Jewish follower isn't very likely to follow all the laws given and this is claimed as the holiest part of the scripture to them. The Hebrew Laws as they are.

The New Testament Begins Here

Romans 1:26-27 Mans love for man?

26For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

This Proves that the desire of homosexual intentions is one created in sin.

Well that's pretty strong argument right? Well yes it is but wait who do you think wrote this book? Well that would be the apostle, St. Paul [Saul in Hebrew]. Why bring this up? Well if you read this you'd think hey maybe this is just one chapter. No actually each of the New Testament arguments in each chapter is written by Paul. So who was Paul? Well if you read thoroughly you find that Paul was against female suffrage (aka a women's job is to give birth and

shut up). Paul not only believed in not having sexual actions with another man but also with women. It's in his writings in the bible that man should remain celibate. Here is an example I didn't show you of Paul's writings.

¹¹Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

¹²But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

¹³For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

¹⁴And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

1 Timothy 2:11-14

1 Corinthians 6:9 Effeminate and Fornicators?

⁹Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Those that seek to have sex with others of the same sex are sinners.

Fornicators is to have sex with anyone your not married to, Looks like Paul was after people of the oldest profession here (hey wasn't Mary Magdalene a prostitute. So he didn't mind that she was with him in the J.C. days). Effeminate? Well he had issue with anybody with a female look aka long hair. (Hmmm every picture I see of Jesus is with long hair odd)

1 Timothy 1:9-10 Defilers?

⁹Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

¹⁰For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

It is gods law that same sex relationships is a sin

Okay this one is a stretch. Why do people use it? Well cause of a re-write. Yeah that's right this argument was added to the bible in late 19th century to read this

⁹ We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers,

¹⁰ for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine

How do we know it was added then? Well that's when the word homosexual was coined. Okay so what does the King James version mean with defilers with mankind, well its taken many ways but it comes down to meaning in this sense. Pretty much don't rape. Yeah it's right there. That's what it means. Not you're a homosexual; it is rape someone you're a sinner.

Ephesians 5:25-29 Argument against Transgender?

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

²⁶That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

²⁷That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

²⁸So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

²⁹For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

Mankind should be happy the way they are born and live with this as it is Gods design for them to be that way.

Ah yes here is the most sever argument against transgender individuals I run across regularly used, I've seen and had it used on me before. Basically this argument is the basis of the seven deadly sins, this being the sin of envy. Oddly enough I find many of the people who state this aren't against women wearing makeup, getting face lifts or even people getting corrective or

plastic surgeries. If the person wants to truly use this argument then they need to realize that those to fit into this sin. Its just they make us an easy target to slam as a sinner and try to raise themselves as holier then you. Which makes, them fall for a sin that many fail to notice. Pride.

And now for the ultimate nail in the coffin of those that argue about Christianity and GLBT ways. At no point ever in the all the scripture does any of this come out in the words of its religions teachings of the person they admire most. Jesus Christ. In fact Jesus' own statements placed by all the writers, comes down to this. Love each and everyone as one loves themselves, for it is in love for your fellow man that God lives within us all. Which means if you want to, preach hate and speak about how a group committing sins and will pay for these actions, then, they are casting judgment upon others. The bible states there is none among us that is pure enough to do such, thus it is up to God himself to act as the judge.

Part 2: Religion and being transgender

Wrapping up things with Judea/ Christian Belief

We just gave a good look into the Judea/ Christian take on transgender and those also in the GLBT community in general. While much of these churches find it as a sin. Many of them are beginning to turn things around. While there are some bad seeds around, Namely the Westboro Baptist Church. Many churches are becoming not only willing to have GLBT people in the pews, but there are even some cases of Transgender preachers coming to light and they are able to gain the blessings of both the churches but also their followers. Most noted these days the least tolerant divisions of these two religions are, Catholic, Baptist (particularly the Southern Baptist), and Hasidic Judaism. Often when you find the changes made into the scriptures over the years its more likely coming from these groups to push an agenda to draw in more people by creating a fear of sin over them selves.

The Islam twist

Meanwhile off in the religion that went the next step, aka Islam. While Islam uses many of the same scripture that is in the big three as we pointed out earlier. They treat the problem differentially then that of the other two religions. They treat the problem of the GLB (not the T) as a disease and they must solve the problem. In extreme ways (pretty much in practice in Iran) they will force gay males into going through with a sex change or they execute them. I haven't been able to find what they do with the females but I don't think it be any more pleasant. It's for this reason that Iran is heralded as the worlds most often perform sex-change operator, dwarfing all other nations in the world. Once the change is made the individual known as Mukhannathun, is treated as a widow or if they are lucky given the chance to live on as a woman. But don't let the guise deceive you. This is a place where women don't even have the right to choose when they have sex, where they eat in restaurants and certainly can not be educated outside of house work and child raising.

Hindu, a religion of Transgender Gods

Hindu is the one religion that most people look at as possibly the most approving of Transgender people right? Well yes and no. While Hindu's own religion has always praised the quote "Third Gender" also known as Hijars or Aravanis, the more recent times has started to turn on these individuals that according to the religious belief are holy blessings. At one time it was an important matter to have a birth of a child to be blessed by one. But these days the religious believers that follow through on this is becoming a smaller crowd and now many of the Hijars are forced into a form of prostitution to be able to eat. The teaches of the Hindu gods speak of many tales of Gods and switching gender roles, with many Images of Shiva shown as both sexes, and the story of the God lia / Sudyumna, who is cursed to change his sex every month, In one story he was changed upon entering a sacred grove into a woman, marries Buddha and bears him a son named Pururavas. Then after the Birth becomes a man again and fathers 3 more sons.

Buddhism, Transgender people are awarded their lives as an honor?

Buddhism has one of the most notable information in its religion on Transsexuals and Transgender individuals where they are sought as people who have come to a higher stage of enlightenment as they are given a greater task to handle with their lives. The idea in Taiwan Buddhism is Katoey, in which one is doomed to walk the earth for ever searching for love. Its looked on an act of pity and not disgust and these days is in some ways reflected as a badge of honor as a personal challenge to their karma

The idea is like this each person is given a weight at birth the weight only changes by each time you are born based on the actions you had in the past, the lighter the weight is because you did bad things in the past and now can rarely have freedom to do them again, the heavier the more good things you did and the more you must face greater challenges.

Shinto, is the way to go?

Much like Buddhism, and Hindu, Shinto has many stories of transgender gods and creatures. While I was unable to find how the religion actually feels for transgender individuals. It is well noted in how they treat the stories that could be construed as transgender legends as a great tool in the religious teachings. Thus I take it that while it makes no statement it seems to treat and tolerate transgender roles as part of nature.

How about the Old religions

The Greeks / Romans had many stories of transgender type, along with the famed Goddess, Hermaphrodites known as the inter-sex god said to be a division of, Dionysus, the god of wine. There are also some stories of Zeus, himself going to earth in the body of females.

The Egyptians had two gods of fertility Hapy and Wadj-wer. These gods where known to be displayed as differing genders form time to time.

The Norse, the manliest of all the religions also has transgender twists. Mainly from what has been found are tricks the god Loki would do to fool, others like Thor. There is some debate that he may have even given birth to other Gods as a woman.

My Personal Life

Okay I just gave you many opinions and facts as generated from my months of research on these quotes. Now I would like to share where I personally come from on this issue. I'm a Christian raised in Methodist and Baptist churches in my youth yet after a point I start speaking up and quite going to church all together. While I stopped church I didn't stop my belief and love for god in my life. I kept and still have a bible I had in my youth along with others I was given since. I never took to heart the hate that others said was sins in the eye of God, when the bible itself says "Hate the Sin and Love the sinner." it's an issue that I feel gets overlooked. Another issue that I take to heart puts me against the majority of the GLBT community wide spread opinion, and that is Religion isn't out to get us. While there are some individuals that, read too much into manipulated words written by man. We can't let a few bad seeds turn us from a strong pillar of support which is faith. I don't mean one should believe in God, it's simply a matter having faith in something be it one self, one's family, one's work, or one's religious belief. And as I warned before and will cover again don't go somewhere you feel uncomfortable in. But if you choose not to believe in something don't let others opinions of your life effect you. And on that same note we go to part 3 of this chapter.

Part 3: Politics think you know who stands for your rights?

It's a well known fact that the Left side of the isle has stood for the GLBT ways according to history right?

Well this isn't quite true. While the left has a strong support from the GLBT community the majority of the states and communities let alone the US in general have yet to pass many if any bills that truly protect the GLBT community from persecution for who they are. In fact believe it or not many of those on both sides the isle support GLBT individuals rights yet the voice of the general public is not quite ready to accept many (with the majority of which being the T in the GLBT communities). Some even prominent figures that some on the left vilify as hate mongers (like Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck are actually in many ways supportive of the GLBT individuals and have spoken to as such on their shows, don't believe they have transcripts to all their shows available to the public) however its too often that the public view is distorted by he said, she said and with that people aren't willing to listen to these folks just pass off on what they have heard from public forums that have been proven to hold agendas of political or financial means. Much like the hate brought forth from churches there are anti GLBT groups on the right, but there are also ones on the left. In fact for all the praise given, Barack Obama on his support for the GLBT community the president refuses to agree to the right to Gay marriages in his own mind and both has stated show and voted as such in his days in both state and the US Senate. Political views should be made on by each subject important to you don't let the media or others effect your opinions listen to all view points and make your own opinion on the subject.

We must rely on the courts to decide these issues?

The big issue in politics, towards the GLBT community, needs to be handled better in my own opinion. Through out the 90's there was little acceptance despite the more prominent nature of being in the public light more. The idea in the 90's was to force and do in your face style of getting our message across. This form of confrontation caused people to dislike us more and disagree with our issues. As we moved into the first decade of the new century we continued this act in by 2005 there where court battles to demand gay marriage. Each time they fought this way they may have won a court case but doing this against the will of the people caused these and other issues to die in becoming law by the way it is set in the US Constitution towards making laws. Instead we needed to win over public opinions. While I write this chapter it finally came to be that Gay marriage passed in New York finally on the vote and will of the people and not the courts. Soon after this happened my own state of Virginia which in 2008 refused by nearly 70% to let gay marriage become law now stands at a mere 54%. As time goes by and a good and peaceful debate can occur then the likely-hood of understanding and becoming a law is higher. It also takes time however.

The south is full of Hate and Violence for our kind?

While much of the religious groups set up against the GLBT community tend to be southern bases this statement is far from true. In fact a recent study on Transgender discrimination and violence occurs the most in the claimed Haven that is the State of California. The largest amounts of Trans violence and murders actually tend to be in larger Democrat strong holds. While more Republican based states tend to be reporting some of the least. Why is it then that we hear in the news constantly that the violence is from ignorant and hateful bible thumpers. Well once again it's a political view that is often used to bring forth a set opinion on views.

The Founding Fathers would never approve or tolerate GLBT individuals?

Not true not only did they state that fact in the first three words of the US Constitution, But there is a event that claims occurred in his long days in France with founding father, inventor and great American Ben Franklin meeting and dinning with known at the time Transgender French spy Deon De Beaumont (I will cover more on him in chapter 9). Sadly Deon's wish to aid the colonies in the Revolution himself was halted under issues he was having with the king at the time and he was imprisoned for 19 days. While not much is mentioned about GLBT issues many cases of women in disguise went on sometimes even knowingly to help in the fight for intemperance some times by choice and sometimes in pure decision to of their own free will.

It is with this I return to the beginning and how I started this chapter. The US Constitution is a voted upon set of laws by the majority for the people and by the people. It is up to each of us to either live with or work hard to bring others to the table to change these laws so that our views can be held accountable. However we can not force laws on others that go against these laws. Each of us be Gay, Straight, Transgender, Inter-sexed, Bi, or what ever, need to respect each other and understand this is a nation for all of us to be one and act free.
In my personal Life

If you didn't pick up on the wording of this section. I am a republican, but more then that a Tea party supporter (Gasp that's the worst kind) No actually the Tea Party accepts all and is a polite and tolerant group that merely wishes that the freedoms given to all of us in the constitution remain not only in place but enforced. I believe I have no right to force others to silently take my life any more than they wish me to do the same. This means I will work hard to bring forth issues important to me and work to make the public opinion flow my way. If it does not then that's the public's choice and not mine but I must be civil and tolerate that opinion till I can get things changed through the vote and will of the people. I personally do not like people running my life into debt let alone my country. I am against abortion, having been a successful adopted child I can speak that it is a very viable option. I do not like Big Government, I feel much of what the government does is ether redundant or has since become a worthless effort that can be done better for cheaper (I'm looking at you US Postal Service and DMV) by publicly run companies. I do Support Gay Marriage, while Trans people tend to not have this issue to deal with I feel that marriage should be between two people that truly love each other and are willing to commit themselves to it, I do not believe that government has any reason to be involved in marriage what so ever. I believe that with hard work should one be rewarded. At no point even in my darkest days have I ever taken a dime from the Government and never intend to do so. I know that health care is already free if one can't afford it. I stated before I had a emergency room visit when I came out as being trans, what I didn't state was I had no means to pay or health insurance, yet I stand here today cause they treated me medically any way, this is due to the Doctors Creed, were no one will ever not be treated that truly needs help. I believe in the goodness of my fellow neighbors, Nothing, warms my heart more then to help out others when I can with what I can provide in both help and funds.



Recently in my local news a big issue came up during GLBT month about a flag begin displayed on the Federal Building downtown. Many including my roommates stood for the rights of the flag being on display. I did not. I even wrote my local News radio show as this issue was discussed and the afternoon Host of WRVA Doc Thompson, who also fills in on Glenn Beck's Radio show responded both to me in email but also on the air. Here is, his statements to my letter.

[Hey doc just wanted to shot you an email in agreement. As a transgender listener I can't help but agree to included one group (all be it a group I am part of) you excluded others. Its wrong and the only flags should be the US flag and state flag under that. The only exception is if it's a promotional event and they have a flag representing that event but it should be held under the US and state flags.

Brittany Dodson

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Email Reply:

From: DocThompson@clearchannel.com

I am proud to call you my fellow American!

Thank you, Brittany!!!

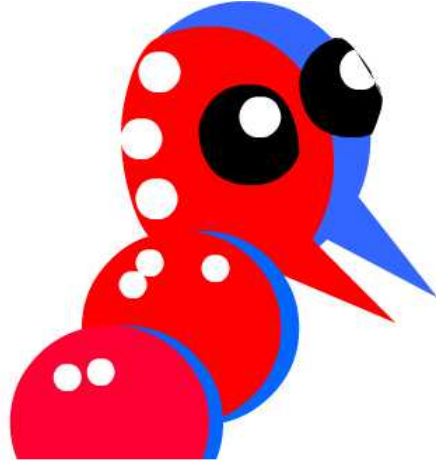
On Air:

Doc: "Reading letter to the public" I want to thank Brittany for showing great courage in coming out and standing before this issue. It is wrong that we judge any and all people for what they look like and not who they are. I wish that you Brittany have the chance to find any job and success you can in this world and though we have never met face to face I am proud to call you a fellow American and stand with you. Thank You.]

Now if you don't get to why I was against it, and then let me explain in more detail. The claimed overall goal by the GLBT movement is to be accepted for who and what we are. We seek to be included and treated as equals. The Federal Building raised this flag not as a symbol of anything but to show that they commit to treat GLBT groups fairly. (Um no offense but how was the government treating me before this flag was raised.) It was not an act of inclusion but an act of placing a personal view on the public, and while me normally wouldn't care when this is done privately, this was done at a government institution that is set to represent all people of this country as equals. Honoring or dishonoring any other then how they place it is wrong and should not be displayed by any government institution, we have a flag of inclusion for all our people it is our nations flag and under that our state flag. This is not the only area though I have this issue.

The Other major area is hate crimes laws. No where I mean no where do hate crime laws actually do any good. Here is a fact every crime is committed in some form or another of hate. Why do we need to tack on more laws to greater punish some while others get lesser offenses. Sadly I know that the most overlooked victims right now tend to be Transgender individuals and a hate crime law would help see to it that those that commit crimes against them will likely pay. However we should be greater enforcing the laws we have and not persecuting people on laws we don't.

Here is a example Person A and B, Person B attacks Person A beating them severally Within inches of their life, Person B is arrested and taken to jail on assault and attempted murder charges. Now let's say Person A is Transgender so we add on top of the other charges a Hate Crime right. Okay what if the roles where reverse and Person B was Trans and A was a normal white person do we have a hate crime. No, why? Hate crimes discriminate. This is an issue too many people don't realize that they do. Discrimination is a two way street and if your not careful you'll get hit from ether side. Don't believe me Pick up a copy of the speeches of Dr Martian Luther King and see if he talks about how the white folks need to be punished for how they treat African Americans. (I got money on it that he doesn't state it once) Yet you can hear from other people that this is what must be done as restitution for acts of all our ancestors. No offense but while I honor my families, acts that help make this country a better place I don't stand nor will ever stand for their actions in slavery or Bigotry. I stand as an individual on my own merits not on the merits of my fore fathers.



KNOW AND VOTE

Lastly on Politics I say the following slogan "Know and Vote". Meaning educate yourself on issues find the ones you stand behind, see where people stand and vote to stand with them. If you don't see a candidate with your views then perhaps its time you take a stand yourself and run for office. But nothing will happen unless you take action in voting and speaking your mind to those whom stand in elected seats for your area.

I know many of you are ether pissed off upset or wondering still why I wrote this chapter. Basically it comes down to setting up more pillars that will help you be strong as you walk your path through the transitions you wish to take. Pillars of Faith and Purpose. Faith. being a strong belief in something that will help guide you through the future. And Purpose by making strong opinions and views on subjects in life to help inform one self on the steps best to take.

With these final words I ask that you offer what you can yourself help to others in need, be it within the GLBT community or not. Thank you.

Suggested References and Research Materials for this Chapter

I wish I could offer more but hey most of this chapter was scripture or opinion. Next chapter will be more information.

Articles

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201102110459.html> - **Transgender Rights not simply Gay Rights** - by Audrey Mbugua - I didn't want to go much into the Trans vs. Gay issues building at this time but I was inspired to add the politics section here thanks to this article written by a very brave and out spoken African Trans-woman. I leave you her words of an issue I too see coming to boil in the next few years world wide.

Books

The 7: Seven Wonders That Will Change Your Life - By Glenn Beck and Dr. Keith Ablow - I really wanted to through this book in this chapter for it's a great book on finding courage and faith to handle deep and troubling issues in ones life. Without focusing on, issues of personal religion, sex, or other divisions.

Websites

<http://www.biblegateway.com/> - This is the best site if you don't want to go out and spend a small fortune on a King James Bible and it even gives you versions of each chapter we mentioned (cause we used this site to help gather the info) so you can see the differences through editing over the past several centuries the good book went through.

Movies

Fish Out of Water - 2009, Documentary, by Ky Dickens - If you didn't feel like reading through the first half of this chapter here is pretty much my whole argument in 60 minutes.

Exercise:

Okay Time for this chapters exercise what is it?
You will need some materials here:

Index cards with a blank plain side. (As many as you need but make sure they all are the same color and do not mark the plain side.)

Scissors

Glue Stick or clear tape (I personally suggest tape and lots of it)

Printer Paper

Computer or ye' olde typewriter

Printer for computer

Blank paper

A pen

A good friend or family member to help you (Optional but strongly suggested)

Step 1

On the computer or typewriter write a statement of hate you hear in this chapter or in real life big enough to be read but not bigger then the full length of the card. **DO NOT WRITE YOUR OPINION OR PLACE YOU OPINION INTO THE STATEMENT / ARGUMENT**

Step 2

When all of these are write print on paper then cut out each statement.

Step 3

Taking a Card take each individual statement and attach it to the lined side with glue or tape so it wont fall off (You do all this so the question will not be visible when the card is face down)

Step 4

Shuffle the deck of cards thoroughly and pull the top card. (If you have a friend, have them pull the card and say the statement.)

Step 5

Write down how you react and your opinion of this matter on the blank piece of paper.

Step 6

Repeat for as long as you can tolerate (Personally I suggest doing one card a day really think it through)

When you clear the deck of cards look and see where your opinions lay on the issues you placed.