

## XVIII. FAMILY

### A. HOMOSEXUALITY AND (HETEROSEXUAL) MARRIAGE

Until recently it was common for some therapists and ministers to advise male homosexuals and lesbians to marry in order to be "cured." In many instances unhappiness and even tragedy ensued for both parties. Perhaps more common, especially for the female partner, is the situation whereby pre-lesbian (or pre-homosexual) individuals marry before they have achieved an understanding of their orientation. A third type is one in which a marriage is contracted, for friendship or convenience, or even to deceive straight society, with the clear understanding that one or both parties will remain homosexual. See also "Couples," XIV.H.

3854. BOZETT, FREDERICK W. "Heterogeneous Couples in Heterosexual Marriages: Gay Men and Straight Women," **Journal of Marital and Family Therapy**, 8 (1982), 81-89.

Discusses the nature of the spousal relationships and the almost inevitable marital disruption that occurs when a husband discloses his homosexuality to his wife.

3855. DANK, BARRY M. "Why Homosexuals Marry Women," **Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality**, 6:8 (1972), 14-23.

Lacking any clear alternative at the age of marital eligibility, many homosexuals follow the socially acceptable heterosexual marriage path, sometimes later constructing a gay identity.

3856. HATTERER, MYRA S. "The Problems of Women Married to Homosexual Men," **American Journal of Psychiatry**, 131 (1974), 275-78.

Contents that in a therapeutic situation the wife's need to maintain the "neurotic contract" of the marriage undermines her husband's treatment.

3857. HIRSCHFELD, MAGNUS. "Sind sexuelle Zwischenstufen zur Ehe geeignet?" **JfsZ**, 3 (1901), 39-71.

An early canvassing by the noted sexologist of the suitability of "sexual intermediates" for marriage.

3858. IMIELIŃSKI, KAZIMIERZ. "Homosexuality in Males with Particular Reference to Marriage," **Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics**, 17 (1969), 126-32.

A Polish researcher suggests that marriage may be appropriate for those who are (or who have attained through therapy) the Kinsey 1 and 2 classes. For the 3-6 groups

it is not recommended.

3859. LATHAM, J. DAVID, and GEOFFREY D. WHITE. "Coping with Homosexual Expression within Heterosexual Marriages: Five Case Studies," **Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy**, 4 (1978), 198-212.  
Presents five case studies of marriages where the homosexual partner's disclosure to the spouse was evident, examining the coping mechanisms involved when such marriages do not end in divorce.
3860. MACKLIN, ELEANOR D. "Nontraditional Family Forms: A Decade of Research," **Journal of Marriage and the Family**, 42 (1980), 905-22.  
Reviews research in several areas of alternatives to the traditional nuclear family (including voluntary childlessness, the binuclear family, and intimate same-sex relationships)--with many references.
3861. MADDOX, BRENDA. **Married and Gay**. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1982. 220 pp.  
"[J]ust as there are happy homosexual couples, there are some ... homo-heterosexual marriages that are good by anybody's standards. ... [T]here may be a compatibility and congruence in the man-woman relationship that transcends sex."
3862. NUGENT, ROBERT. "Married Homosexuals," **Journal of Pastoral Care**, 37 (1983), 243-51.  
Discusses the issues of homosexuality in heterosexual marriage with regard to motivations for marriage, church ministry with married homosexuals, solutions to married homosexual dilemmas, and preventive approaches.
3863. ROSS, H. LAURENCE. "Modes of Adjustment of Married Homosexuals," **Social Problems**, 18 (1971), 385-93.  
From interviews with eleven Belgian couples draws a profile of reasons for marriage and the nature of the ongoing relationship (platonic marriage, double-standard marriage, and innovative marriage). See also his: "Odd Couples: Homosexuals in Heterosexual Marriages," **Sexual Behavior**, 2:7 (1972), 42-49.
3864. ROSS, MICHAEL W. **The Married Homosexual Man: A Psychological Study**. Boston: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1983. 184 pp.  
With regard to heterosexually married men, discusses the reasons for marriage, internal problems, outside societal pressures, and comparisons with other homosexuals (who are either married and separated or never married) and bisexuals. Although the author works chiefly in Australia, he provides international comparisons, together with a review of the literature.