

D. MAIN CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS

The recent social visibility of homosexuality, as well as the concerns of homosexual persons within the churches, have stimulated a reexamination of the issues by church bodies. The resulting studies represent a wide range of opinion, from a relatively high degree of toleration to a harsh reaffirmation of traditional positions.

2242. ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO, COMMISSION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE. **Homosexuality and Social Justice: Report of the Task Force on Gay/Lesbian Issues.** San Francisco: Commission on Social Justice, 1982. 155 pp.

In the view of the Commission's Chairperson, "In this report we have the most systematic, comprehensive, and theologically articulate presentation on homosexuality and Roman Catholicism yet available." The report--not approved by the diocesan hierarchy--deals with such issues as violence, intercommunity relations, the family, and spiritual considerations in the lives of gay men and lesbians.

2243. BARNHOORN, J. A. J., et al. **Het vraagstuk der homosexualiteit.** Roermond: Romen, 1941. 192 pp. Papers from a Dutch Roman Catholic conference held just before the outbreak of World War II, when attitudes remained largely negative. For the enormous strides made subsequently, see Willem Berger and Jacques Janssen, [The Catholics and Their Psychology], **Tijdschrift voor Psychologie en haar Grensgebieden**, 35 (1980), 451-65.

2244. BARTH, KARL. **Church Dogmatics.** Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark, 1949-65. 4 vols. in 12
In vol. 3, part 4, the noted Protestant Swiss theologian sets forth his negative views about homosexuality, which he regards as both a sin (disobedience) and unnatural (a perversion of the created order).

2245. BAUM, WILLIAM, CARDINAL, et al. **Educational Guidance in Human Love.** Vatican City: Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, 1983. 36 pp. Holds that homosexuality, along with extramarital relations and masturbation, is a moral disorder. Homosexuals should be helped to overcome their "social maladaptation." See also: Franjo Cardinal Seper, **Declaration on Certain Questions Concerning Sexual Ethics** (Rome: Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 1975).

2246. BERRY, C. MARKHAM. "The Christian Homosexual," **Journal of Psychiatry and Christianity**, 1 (1982), 33-38.

The homosexual who is a Christian can find his condition a gift rather than a curse. The church has much to gain

from accepting these brethren openheartedly.

2247. BLAMIRE, DAVID. **Homosexuality from the Inside.** London: Social Responsibility Council of the Religious Society of Friends, 1973. 45 pp.
Positive English Quaker statement.
2248. BROWNING, DON S. "Homosexuality, Theology, the Social Sciences and the Church," **Encounter** 40 (1979), 223-43.
Evaluates denominational studies of homosexuality by the Disciples of Christ, The United Church of Christ, and Roman Catholics.
2249. BRUSSARD, A. J. A., et al. **Ken mens hoeft niet alleen te bleven: een evangelische visie op homofilie.** Baarn: Ten Have, 1977. 179 pp.
Dutch evangelical views.
2250. BUCKLEY, MICHAEL J. **Morality and the Homosexual: A Catholic Approach to a Moral Problem.** Westminster, MD: Newman Press 1960. 214 pp.
Manual for Roman Catholic priests, purporting to offer a deeper understanding of the nature of homosexuals' "psychosexual disorder." Also, defends the traditional interpretation of the Sodom legend in a vehement critique of Canon Bailey's work with texts from the Church fathers as the main evidence.
2251. CATHOLIC COUNCIL FOR CHURCH AND SOCIETY (THE NETHERLANDS). **Homosexual People in Society: A Contribution to the Dialogue within the Faith Community.** Translated by Bernard A. Nachbar. Mt. Rainier, MD: New Ways Ministry, 1980. 21 pp.
A pioneering document advocating a new approach and showing sympathy for homosexual people.
2252. CAVANAUGH, JOHN R., and JOHN F. HARVEY. **Counseling the Homosexual.** Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 1977. 352 pp.
Revision of a work first published in 1965, retaining its traditional negative stance.
2253. CHURCH OF ENGLAND, GENERAL SYNOD BOARD FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. **Homosexual Relationships: A Contribution to Discussion.** London: CIO Publishing, 1979. 94 pp.
Concludes that "there are circumstances in which individuals may justifiably choose to enter into a homosexual relationship." See Basil Mitchell, "The Homosexuality Report," **Theology**, 83 (1980), 184-90; and the conservative attack on it: Michael Greene et al., **The Church and Homosexuality: A Positive Answer to Current Questions** (London: Hodder and Stoughton).
2254. CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA,

DIOCESE OF SYDNEY, ETHICS AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS
 COMMITTEE. **Report on Homosexuality.** Sydney: Church
 of England, Diocese of Sydney, 1973. 60 pp.
 The muted Australian reception of the Anglican trend
 towards reform.

2255. COLEMAN, GERALD D. **Homosexuality--An Appraisal.**
 Chicago: Franciscan Herald, 1978. 88 pp.
 Favors civil rights for gays, but clings to the official
 Catholic position that homosexuality is a moral disorder.
 See also Conrad Baars, **The Homosexual's Search for
 Happiness** (Chicago: Franciscan Herald, 1977; 34 pp.); and
 George Anthony Kelly, **The Political Struggle of Active
 Homosexuals to Gain Social Acceptance** (Chicago: Franciscan
 Herald, 1975; 104 pp.).

2256. "A Colloquy on Homosexuality and the Church," **The
 Circuit Rider**, 4:3 (March 1980), 3-13.
 Six articles in the magazine of the United Methodist
 clergy. See also: "Homosexuality: A Re-examination: E/SA
 Forum 60," **Engage/Social Action**, 8:3 (March 1980), 9-56.

2257. DOUMA, JOCHEN. **Homophilie.** Fifth ed. Kampen:
 Uitgeverij van den Berg, 1984. 117 pp.
 Moderate views of a theologian of the Dutch Reformed
 (Calvinist) Church, with considerable emphasis on Biblical
 passages. Opposes discrimination.

2258. DRAKEFORD, JOHN W. **A Christian View of Homosexual-
 ity.** Nashville: Broadman, 1977. 140 pp.
 A conservative, yet not entirely condemnatory approach
 by a faculty member of the Southwest Baptist Theological
 Seminary, who favors modifying behavior through "Integrity
 Therapy,"

2259. DURAND, GUY. **La sexualité et la foi: synthèse de
 théologie morale.** Montreal: Fides, 1983. 426 pp.
 In this French-Canadian Roman Catholic work, see Chapter
 10, "L'homosexualité" (pp. 235-81).

2260. EARLY, TRACY. "The Struggle in the Denominations:
 Shall Gays Be Ordained?" **Christianity and Crisis**,
 37:9/10 (May 30-June 13, 1977), 118-22.
 Surveys how mainline Protestant churches have approached
 the issue.

2261. EICHRODT, WALTHER, et al. **Homosexualität in
 evangelischer Sicht.** Wuppertal: Aussaat-Bucherei,
 1965. 103 pp.
 Four papers from a German Evangelical point of view.

2262. **Fede cristiana ed omosessualità.** Prali, Italy:
 Edizioni Centro Ecumenico di Agape, 1981.
 Acts of a conference held in 1980 to evaluate links
 between Christianity and homosexuality from various
 standpoints--Protestant, Roman Catholic, and atheist.

2263. FISHER, DAVID H. "The Homosexual Debate: A Critique of Some Recent Critics," **St. Luke's Journal of Theology**, 22 (1979), 176-84.
Anglican statement arguing in essence: wait and see.
2264. FULIGA, HOSE B. "Christian Moral Theological Reflections on the Ethical Issue of Homosexuality," **South East Asia Journal of Theology**, 16:2 (1975), 40-44.
A Third World perspective.
2265. GALLAGHER, JOHN (ed.). **Homosexuality and the Magisterium**. Mount Rainier, MD: New Ways Ministry, 1985.
Anthology of twenty complete or excerpted official Catholic statements, pastoral letters, plans for ministry and other documents from Roman congregations, the U.S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops, individual cardinals, archbishops, and bishops as well as individual diocesan organizations.
2266. GEARHART, SALLY, and WILLIAM R. JOHNSON (eds.). **Loving Women/Loving Men: Gay Liberation and the Church**. San Francisco: Glide, 1974. 165 pp.
Positive essays issued under the auspices of a pro-gay church.
2267. GOTTSCHALK, JOHANNES. "Pastorale Betrachtungen und moraltheologische Ueberlegungen zur Frage der Homosexualität," in: W. S. Schlegel (ed.), **Das grosse Tabu**. Munich: Rütten und Loening, 1967, pp. 120-46.
Relatively positive German considerations.
2268. HAAS, HAROLD L. "Homosexuality," **Currents in Theology and Mission**, 5:2 (April 1978), 82-104.
Scholarly Lutheran essay concluding that the churches should be accepting of ethically structured, stable relationships.
2269. HARVEY, JOHN F. "Reflections on a Retreat for Clerics with Homosexual Tendencies," **Linacre Quarterly**, 46 (May 1979), 6-40.
Recent article by a prolific Roman Catholic author, who has not essentially revised his conservative viewpoint since he first presented it in 1955.
2270. HILLIARD, DAVID. "'Unenglish and Unmanly': Anglo-Catholicism and Homosexuality," **Victorian Studies**, 25 (1982), 181-210.
The Oxford Movement fostered intense and demonstrative male friendships, the practice of celibacy, and the consequent foundation of religious brotherhoods. These trends laid the foundations for an enduring tradition of affinity between homosexual aesthetes and Anglo-Catholicism.

2271. JAEKEL, HANS GEORG. **Ins Ghetto gedrängt--Homosexuelle berichten.** Hamburg: Lutherisches Verlags-haus, 1978. 180 pp.
German Lutheran presentation, including ten personal accounts by gay men and lesbians.
2272. JONES, JOE R. "Christian Sensibility with Respect to Homosexuality," **Encounter**, 40 (1979), 209-221. Although "the homosexual does not stand under any special condemnation from God," the author thinks that it is an option that should not be exercised.
2273. KEYSOR, CHARLES W. (ed.). **What You Should Know about Homosexuality.** Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1979. 254 pp.
Six papers, chiefly from a conservative Methodist view-point, that tend to present homosexuality as intrinsically wrong.
2274. KOSNIK, ANTHONY (ed.). **Human Sexuality: New Directions in American Catholic Thought.** New York: Paulist Press, 1977. 322 pp.
A very progressive, unofficial Roman Catholic inquiry. A positive discussion of homosexuality appears on pp. 186-218. A counterstatement is: Dennis Doherty (ed.), **Dimensions of Human Sexuality** (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1979; 249 pp.).
2275. KUHN, DONALD. **The Church and the Homosexual: A Report on a Consultation.** San Francisco: Glide Urban Center, 1965.
This brochure is an early positive statement.
2276. LINDSELL, HAROLD. "Homosexuals and the Church," **Christianity Today**, 17:25 (September 1973), 8-12.
Negative: the church cannot admit, he says, those whom God excludes.
2277. LOOSER, GABRIEL. **Homosexualität: menschlich--christlich-moralisch.** Frankfurt: P. Lang, 1984. 385 pp.
Dissertation of a Roman Catholic theologian on the moral status of homosexuality within the framework of normative ethics.
2278. MARTIN, ENOS D., and RUTH K. MARTIN. "Developmental and Ethic Issues in Homosexuality: Pastoral Implications," **Journal of Psychology and Theology**, 9 (1981), 58-68.
Authors seek to show how homosexual orientation can be approached within a supportive Christian ministry, while adhering to the church's traditional values.
2279. METHODIST CHURCH (ENGLAND). DIVISION OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. **A Christian Understanding of Human Sexuality: A Report of a Working Party for the**

National Conference of the Methodist Church, June 1979. London: Division of Social Responsibility of the Methodist Church, 1979. 13 pp.
Section C10 states that homosexual relationships should be judged by the same criteria as heterosexual ones.

2280. MOORE, PAUL, JR. **Take a Bishop like Me.** San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1979. 200 pp.
The Episcopal bishop of New York discloses his compassionate view toward homosexuality, discussing also his ordination of Rev. Ellen Barrett, first avowed lesbian priest. Subsequently, Bishop Moore has taken a prominent role in the fight against AIDS discrimination.

2281. NELSON, JAMES B. **Embodiment: An Approach to Sexuality and Christian Theology.** Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1978.
In the view of the author, a United Church of Christ ethics professor, the flesh does not oppose the spirit but embodies it. He contends that most forms of the sexual outlet, including homosexuality, are good and should be accepted (see pp. 180-210). See also his article "Homosexuality and the Church: Towards a Sexual Ethics of Love," **Christianity and Crisis**, 37:5 (April 4, 1977), 63-69 (discussion in issue 9-10, May 30-June 13, 1977, pp. 116-18).

2282. ODENWALD, ROBERT P. **The Disappearing Sexes.** New York: Random House, 1965. 175 pp.
Views of a Roman Catholic psychiatrist.

2283. ORAISON, MARC. **The Homosexual Question: An Attempt to Understand an Issue of Increasing Urgency within a Christian Perspective.** Translated by Jane Z. Flynn. New York: Harper and Row, 1977. 132 pp.
A French Roman Catholic priest and psychiatrist presents relatively liberal views.

2284. PHILPOTT, KENT. **The Gay Theology.** Plainfield, NJ: Logos International, 1977. 194 pp.
Presents testimonies of homosexuals who were reputedly able to change their orientation through "the power of Christ."

2285. **Principles to Guide Confessors in Question of Homosexuality.** Washington, DC: National Council of Catholic Bishops, 1973.
Pamphlet reaffirming traditional attitudes.

2286. RAMM, BERNARD L. **The Right, the Good and the Happy.** Waco, TX: Word Books, 1971. 188 pp.
An Evangelical teacher adopts surprisingly liberal attitudes.

2287. SAMUEL, K. MATTHEW. "A Judeo-Christian Attitude to Homosexuality: An Historical View," **AME Zion**

- Quarterly Review**, 93 (April 1981), 24-31.
Views of a Black clergyman and scholar.
2288. SCANZONI, LETHA, and VIRGINIA RAMEY MOLLENKOTT. **Is the Homosexual My Neighbor? Another Christian View**. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1978. 176 pp.
Pro-gay book by two Evangelical feminists, who challenge their coreligionists to abandon bigoted attitudes.
2289. SIMS, BENNETT J. "Sex and Homosexuality: A Pastoral Statement," **Christianity Today**, 22:10 (February 24, 1978), 23-30.
The Episcopal bishop of Atlanta gives voice to his anti-homosexual views.
2290. SMITH, HERBERT F., and JOSEPH A. DILENNO. **Sexual Inversion: The Questions with Catholic Answers**. Boston: Daughters of St. Paul, 1979. 177 pp.
Negative.
2291. SPIJKER, ANTONIUS VAN DE. **Die gleichgeschlechtliche Zuneigung: Homotropie--Homosexualität, Homoerotik, Homophilie--und die katholische Moraltheologie**. Olten: Walter, 1968. 321 pp.
Learned and (for the time) liberal views of a Dutch Catholic priest. Useful for its many references.
2292. THIELICKE, HELMUT. **The Ethics of Sex**. Translated by John Doberstein. New York: Harper and Row, 1964. 338 pp.
The German Protestant theologian regards homosexuality as in fact a perversion in the perspective of God's creation, but recognizes the dilemma for those so inclined. For them he recommends celibacy, though some ethically responsible relationships may be allowed. At the time, even these views were often found to be too liberal; see Klaus Bockmühl, "Homosexuality in Biblical Perspective--An Interview," **Christianity Today**, 17 (February 16, 1973), 12-18; and Walter Eichrodt, "Homosexualität: Andersartigkeit oder Perversion," **Reformatio** (Zurich), 12 (1963), 67-82.
2293. **Towards a Quaker View of Sex: An Essay by a Group of Friends**. Ed. by Alastair Heron. London: Friends Home Service Committee, 1963. 84 pp.
A pioneering Quaker statement, which distinguishes between acts (possibly wrong) and the homosexual condition itself. Rejects the notion that homosexual feelings are "unnatural" per se.
2294. TRIMBOS, CORNELIS J. B. J. (ed.). **Pastorale zorg -voor homofielen**. Utrecht: Spectrum, 1968. 58 pp.
Papers on pastoral care for homosexuals from a Dutch conference held under joint Protestant and Roman Catholic auspices.

2295. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST. **Human Sexuality: A Preliminary Study.** New York: United Church, 1977. 258 pp.

Study commissioned in 1975 by the denomination's General Synod, which reached relatively pro-homosexual conclusions.

2296. UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A., ADVISORY COUNCIL. **Report on the Work of the Task Force to Study Homosexuality.** New York: Advisory Council on Church and Society (UPCUSA), 1978. 201 pp.

The majority report recommended that the ordination of self-acknowledged practicing homosexuals would not necessarily threaten the unity of the Church. However, the Church's Assembly, which had commissioned the Report, did not accept this recommendation.

2297. VALENTE, MICHAEL. **Sex: The Radical View of a Catholic Theologian.** Milwaukee: Bruce, 1970. 158 pp. Strongly libertarian views of a professor of religion, who subsequently left the church.

2298. WAGENAAR, THEODORE C., and PATRICIA E. BARTOS. "Orthodoxy and Attitudes of Clergymen towards Homosexuality and Abortion," **Review of Religious Research**, 18:2 (Winter 1977), 114-25.

Clergy who do not have a unidimensional view of life, and who distinguish their own religious sense of what is right from the standpoint of civil society, are more accepting.

2299. WIEDEMANN, HANS-GEORG. **Homosexuelle Liebe: Für eine Neuorientierung in der christlichen Ethik.** Stuttgart: Kreuz Verlag, 1982. 220 pp.

Sympathetic views of a parish priest in Dusseldorf, who denies that homosexual behavior is sick. Ethical and theological condemnations are to be rejected.

2300. WIGNEY, TREVOR J. "Mates and Lovers: Theological Perspectives on Gay Relationships in Australia," **St. Mark Review**, no. 106 (June 1981), 24-35.

Argues that the churches in Australia have, in effect, colluded with popular attitudes of bigotry, which are un-Christian. The churches should take positive steps to improve the situation of homosexuals (including open acceptance in the church and ordination).

2301. WOODS, RICHARD. **Another Kind of Love: Homosexuality and Spirituality.** Revised ed. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1978. 155 pp.

A Dominican priest makes cautious recommendations for acceptance, with advice to the ministry.

2302. WRIGHT, ELLIOTT. "The Church and Gay Liberation," **Christian Century**, 88:9 (March 3, 1971), 281-85.

Shows the first effects on the churches of the post-Stone-wall era.

E. GAY CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND OBSERVERS

A visible homosexual presence in certain Anglican church congregations, especially those emphasizing elaborate liturgy and vestments, became evident in the late 19th century. However, the formation of gay churches as independent and self-declared organizations begins only in the 1960s. A period of rapid growth which then set in saw the development of gay and lesbian organizations corresponding to virtually every significant Christian denomination.

2303. AFFIRMATION, GAY AND LESBIAN MORMONS. **After Marriage What?** Los Angeles: Affirmation, 1980. 39 pp.
Self-help advice with some personal testimonies.
2304. ANDERSON, SCOTT. "Gay Religious Groups Call for Acceptance," **Advocate**, no. 288 (March 20, 1980), 22-23, 47.
Overview of gay religious organizations that emerged in the 1970s.
2305. ARTHUR, L. ROBERT. **Homosexuality and the Conservative Christian**. Los Angeles: Universal Fellowship Press (SEC Publications), 1982. 56 pp.
Homosexuality in the light of Biblical language and culture; an evangelical approach sanctioned by the Metropolitan Community Church, the leading gay church.
2306. BAUER, PAUL F. "Homosexual Subculture at Worship: A Participant Observation Study," **Pastoral Psychology**, 25 (Winter 1976), 115-27.
Short "ethnographic" study of a gay church.
2307. BIRCHARD, ROY. "Metropolitan Community Church: Its Development and Significance," **Foundations: Baptist Journal of History and Theology**, 20:2 (April-June 1977), 127-32.
Brief history of the predominantly gay church (MCC), from its foundation by the Reverend Troy Perry to the date of writing.
2308. BLAIR, RALPH. **Homophobia in the Church**. New York: The author, 1979. 25 pp.
Evangelical homosexual urges Christians who fear and loathe homosexuals overcome their negative feelings through return to a sound Christian ethic. See also his: **An Evangelical Look at Christianity**. (New York: The

author, 1972; 12 pp.); and **Holier-than-Thou Hocus Pocus and Homosexuality**. (New York; The author, 1977; 48 pp.).

2309. BLAIR, RALPH. **Wesleyan Praxis & Homosexual Practice**. New York: The author, 1983. 36 pp.
Presents sympathetic elements in the Methodist tradition.
2310. BLAIR, RALPH (ed.). **Homosexuality and Religion**. New York: National Task Force on Student Personnel Services and Homosexuality, 1972. 21 pp.
Four papers by gay religionists (Christian Science; Roman Catholic; liberal Protestant; and Evangelical).
2311. CREW, LOUIE. "At St. Luke's Parish: The Peace of Christ Is Not for Gays," **Christianity and Crisis**, 37:9-10 (May 30-June 13, 1977), 140-44.
A professor of English at a state college in Georgia-- and a founder of Integrity, the Episcopal gay group-- recounts the harassment he and his Black male spouse endured at their local church.
2312. EDWARDS, GEORGE R. **Gay Lesbian Liberation: A Biblical Perspective**. New York: Pilgrim Press, 1984. 153 pp.
While the main part of this book consists of a somewhat routine review of the Bailey-McNeill et al. arguments for mitigating the chief biblical proof texts, the book's main contribution lies in its attempt to apply Latin American liberation theology to the situation of homosexuals.
2313. ENROTH, RONALD M., and GERALD E. JOHNSON. **The Gay Church**. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1974. 144 pp.
An early attempt to come to grips with the gay church movement. Written from a fundamentalist perspective, the book has negative conclusions.
2314. FORTUNATO, JOHN. **Embracing the Exile: Healing Journeys of Gay Christians**. New York: Seabury Press, 1982. 137 pp.
Fortunato writes of his experiences in several Christian denominations, gay and mainstream, recounting the stages of his spiritual odyssey and self-analysis.
2315. GEYER, MARCIA LEE. **Human Rights or Homophobia? The Rising Tide**. Los Angeles: Universal Fellowship, 1977.
Advice from a Metropolitan Community Church minister on coping with homophobia through "a Christ-like program of loving action."
2316. GINDER, RICHARD. **Binding with Briars: Sex and Sin in the Catholic Church**. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1975. 251 pp.
A radical critique by a respected Catholic writer of the Church's sexual ethic, endorsing masturbation and homosex-