



## THE QUEERING OF THE CHURCH - PT I

*LGBTQ+, THE WAR AGAINST GOD AND THE PLOT TO DESTROY CHRISTIANITY*

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I know the title of this article is very provocative, and maybe even shocking. I certainly don't mean to offend Bible-believing Christians, but it is urgent that this topic be addressed at this time. Have you heard or are you familiar with the following words or phrases?

- Queer Christianity
- Gay or Homosexual Christian
- Celibate Gay Christian
- Sexual minorities
- Sexual construct minorities
- Queering Christianity
- Queer ministries
- Same-sex attracted
- Pansexual

- Pangender
- Bigender
- Agender
- Polyamory
- Idolatry of the family
- Gender dysphoria
- Gender fluidity
- Gay identity
- Ex-gay, post gay, or ex-ex-gay
- Pedophile “orientation”
- Minor attracted persons
- Intersex
- LGBTQ+

If you have not, you need to familiarize yourself with these terms and quickly because they are coming to your church and your community soon.

You may think this is hyperbolic or over dramatic, but right now, there are groups and individuals within almost all major Christian denominations, including the Southern Baptist Convention, who are pushing a pro-LGBTQ agenda to force their churches to accept homosexuals, lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders, pedophiles, and those who practice bestiality without repentance and a change of lifestyle. This two-part series may shock you about what is going in churches across America, but you need to know the truth of the LGBTQ+ agenda.

### **FROM “IN GOD WE TRUST” TO *BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN***

Many Christian adults can’t understand what has happened to the United States of America that they once knew and grew up with. They are shocked at the rapid changes in the last ten years to our country, society, and culture, the lack of morality and civility, and the rise of overwhelming lawlessness and depravity. Christians think, “How in the world did we get here? How did we go from a country founded on Judeo-Christian principles to men marrying men and women marrying women?”

When Europeans first started coming to this continent in the 1600s, fleeing from religious persecution in England and other countries, these men and women were not Hindus, or Muslims, or Sikhs. They were primarily Christians. They founded settlements and colonies based on principles found in the Bible, the Mayflower Compact being the most famous.

Most of our founding fathers were raised in traditional Christian homes and churches and believed in the underlying principles as stated in the Bible. These principles are clearly reflected in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. For well over 150 years, biblical principles were cherished and valued by the overwhelming majority of American citizens.

What is sad is that the vast majority of Christians don’t realize that these changes to our country haven’t happened over just the last 10-15 years. They reflect what has been happening for almost 100 years.

After the Great Depression and World War II, Americans were determined that their children were not going to face the tough times they went through. Many Americans replaced church and the Bible with their jobs, trying to achieve financial security. Gradually, Americans stopped going to church and stopped taking their children to church. They just didn't think church or Christianity was very important.

For example, my parents grew up during the Great Depression in the 1930s. I remember as a small child going to church on Sunday morning. There were no cars on the road. On a normal weekday, the streets would have been very busy. But the streets were silent and deserted except for our car, even at 9:30 in the morning on a Sunday. This was less than twenty years after World War II was over.

What happened in our country next should not be very surprising. In 1962, the Supreme Court ruled that American schools could not lead students in a prayer. It was a very simple prayer: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country. Amen." No Christian or Jew should have had a problem with this prayer.

The vote on the court wasn't even close: six out of the seven judges said the prayer was unconstitutional because it violated the clause in the First Amendment that the government shall not make any law regarding the establishment of religion. The judges completely ignored the intent of the framers of our Constitution who inserted that clause. Our founders didn't want the government to have a state church, as was the case in England in the 1700s with the Church of England. Justice Hugo Black, a member of the Ku Klux Klan and appointed to the Supreme Court by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, wrote the majority opinion in this 1947 ruling. Black cited the importance of honoring the separation of church and state. ("Separation of church and state" is not even in the Constitution; it was a phrase President Thomas Jefferson used in a private letter.)

In 1973, the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion on demand. According to statistics provided by LifeNews.com, as of January 2018, over 60 million unborn babies have been murdered by abortion in America since that ruling. This is a holocaust ten times worse than what Hitler inflicted on the Jews!

It has often been said that nature abhors a vacuum. This is also true of a nation when it turns away from God. Christianity and the Bible were replaced by the "I'm OK, You're OK" philosophy, which led to everyone believing essentially that they are their own god. There are no more moral absolutes; everyone has their own standard of morality. This enables people to justify anything they want to do, including indulging in any and every sexual sin they can dream of. When someone says, "That's your truth. That works for you, but I have my own truth," they are telling you that they are their own god with their own morality.

In the late 1980s, homosexuals began bragging that in just a few short years, a mainstream television show featuring homosexual characters would appear on one of the major television networks. At the time, I thought this was a joke. "Something like this would never be accepted by Americans," I said to myself.



I spent most of the 1990s in Israel, and when I returned to the United States in 2000, I was shocked to hear about the NBC television show “Will and Grace.” I was putting myself through college at the time and working temp jobs to pay the bills. On one of my temp job assignments, one of the other temps said that she didn’t let anything interfere with her watching “her shows” on a particular night, which included “Will and Grace.”

I decided that I needed to watch this show to find out why Americans would watch a television show about homosexuals and homosexuality. I actually watched it at least seven or eight times. I couldn’t believe that Will, the main character, was not played by a homosexual actor. Eric McCormack is a heterosexual man married to a heterosexual woman. NBC couldn’t bring themselves to be honest with the audience and have a homosexual actor play the main lead!

“Will and Grace” was described as a comedy but I never could anything funny about it. I never found the jokes to be funny and couldn’t really understand the point of the show except to portray homosexuality as normal to the country and push Americans to accept it. To this day, I have no clue why Americans were and are fascinated with this show.

As far as I know, Christians did not express any outrage to NBC about “Will and Grace.” As the early 2000s progressed, I noticed more and more television shows across all the major networks included at least one openly homosexual or lesbian character. One episode of ABC’s “Grey’s Anatomy” actually inserted a storyline about a woman who was married to a man who had decided he was not a man; he was a woman. Today, society calls these individuals “transgenders.” The storyline inferred that the woman was going to stay married to this person, and that this was normal.

It should not be surprising that the political sphere should eventually mirror the culture. Homosexuals and lesbians started to attain high political offices throughout the country. Jared Polis, who was very open about his homosexuality, was elected to the House of Representatives in Colorado’s second district in 2008. He is now the governor of Colorado and lives in the governor’s mansion with his homosexual partner and their two children.

Polis is not alone. Katherine Brown is the governor of Oregon and classifies herself as openly bisexual. Annise Parker was the mayor of Houston, Texas from 2010 to 2016. She was very public about her relationship with her lesbian partner. According to Rick Scarborough, president and founder of Vision America, megachurch pastor and televangelist Joel Osteen blessed Annise Parker at her first mayoral inauguration ceremony, proclaiming that she was taking her office “for such a time as this,” a phrase found in the Book of Esther. At the ceremony, Parker was not embarrassed to kiss her

lesbian partner. Again, according to Rick Scarborough, Osteen apparently had no problem with this, either.

The LGBTQ+ is not just active in liberal cities and states. Kansas, one of the most conservative states in the country, elected Sharice David, a lesbian, to the House of Representatives in 2018. David defeated Republican David Yoder to win the seat.

Following is a list of the rest of the representatives serving in Congress that have openly declared themselves to be either homosexual or lesbian:

- Democrat Senator Kyrsten Sinema, Arizona, bisexual
- Democrat Senator Tammy Baldwin, Wisconsin, lesbian
- Democrat Congressman David Cicilline, Rhode Island, homosexual
- Democrat Congressman Mark Takano, California, homosexual
- Democrat Congressman Mark Pocan, Wisconsin, homosexual
- Democrat Congressman Sean Mahoney, New York, homosexual
- Democrat Congresswoman Angie Craig, Minnesota, lesbian
- Democrat Congresswoman Katherine Hill, California, bisexual
- Democrat Congressman Chris Pappas, New Hampshire, homosexual

### **CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION BY THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY**

The LGBTQ+ agenda has now become a major part of corporate America. It is extremely difficult to find any business or corporation that does not have some statement about “inclusion and diversity.” Almost all major American companies have some type of participation in Gay Pride parades, remembering LGBT Pride Month in June, or Transgender Day of Remembrance, remembering “those who were murdered as a result of transphobia” (Wikipedia).

Somehow, the “inclusion and diversity” statements never seem to include Christians. If you are a Christian working in a secular company, you must be careful about what you say and do in the workplace. Most of the time, you are not valued for your hard work and will be passed over for promotions and recognition of any kind. You may even be fired for your Christian beliefs or persecuted because of them.

If you don't believe me, ask Brendan Eich. Eich is a giant in the IT community if there ever was one. He created JavaScript, a web programming language and co-founded Mozilla, the company that brought the world the Firefox web browser

As awesome as Eich is in the tech world, all his achievements could not save his job at Mozilla when it was revealed that Eich had the gall of donating \$1,000.00 to Proposition 8, the legislation in California that stated marriage was between one man and one woman. For this unforgiveable sin, Eich had to be punished. The outcry against him was so fierce that Eich was forced to resign from the company he founded. So, what does someone as talented and creative as Brendan Eich do when they find themselves in this kind of situation? They go out and start a new company, of course!



Eich's new company is Brave Software. As founder, president, and CEO of his new company, I think it would be difficult to dislodge him from this position. He also has a new web browser to go along with his new company. Brave Software advertised as faster than other web browsers, with a feature that blocks ads. The symbol is a lion (just a guess, but it reminds me of the Lion of Judah in the Bible - coincidence?). Sadly, Eich is not the only one who has found out what happens if you incur the wrath of the LGBTQ+ community. The following is a list of some of the Christians who have had lawsuits brought against them and even lost their businesses because they could not compromise their Christian beliefs.

### **Brendan Eich**

- Melissa and Aaron Klein in Gresham, Oregon, were forced to close their bakery, Sweet Cakes, after Rachel Cryer, a lesbian, who was a regular customer at the bakery, filed suit against them for refusing to bake a wedding cake for her marriage to another woman. There were plenty of bakeries in Gresham who would have baked a wedding cake for them but the two women decided they had to destroy the Kleins and their business. The Kleins faced death threats from the LGBTQ+ community, they lost their bakery, they lost the legal case against them, and were fined \$135,000 to compensate the lesbian couple for the emotional, mental, and psychological distress and trauma the two women claimed the Klein's refusal to bake a wedding cake for them had caused them.
- Elaine Huguenin had a photography business, Elaine's Photography, in New Mexico. She was sued by a lesbian after Huguenin refused to photograph the woman's commitment ceremony with her same-sex partner. In her defense, Huguenin proved that she had provided photography services for others in the LGBTQ+ community, but that because she was a Christian, she could not photograph same-sex marriages or ceremonies. Like the Kleins, Elaine and her husband, Jonathan, received threats and abuse from the LGBTQ+ community. Huguenin lost the case at the New Mexico Supreme Court; the Supreme Court refused to take the case. Despite numerous appeals, the Huguenins lost the case and were fined \$7,000.
- Colorado baker Jack Phillips of Masterpiece Cakeshop has been battling charges and lawsuits against him for discriminating against the LGBTQ+ community in the Denver area. First, Phillips was sued by Charlie Craig and Dave Mullins for refusing to bake a wedding cake for their same-sex wedding in 2012. While Phillips eventually won a judgment from the Supreme Court in 2018, he is now battling another discrimination suit for refusing to bake a cake for a male lawyer who wanted to celebrate his transition to a female. (I'm not kidding.)
- Cynthia and Robert Gifford no longer allow wedding ceremonies to be held at their farm after they were sued by two lesbians. The Giffords had previously employed both a homosexual and a transgender but this was not enough to protect them from the wrath of Melisa Erwin and Jennifer McCarthy. Even though the two women found another venue, they had recorded the telephone conversation with Cynthia Gifford, which strongly suggests they already knew the Christian stance of the couple, they knew what the response would be to their request, and had already determined they were going to sue the Giffords. The Giffords lost their case, of course, and were fined \$10,000 which they had to pay to New York state and \$3,000 to the Erwin and

McCarthy for the emotional distress and trauma the two women say they experienced because of the Giffords discrimination against them.

- Barronnell Stutzman owns Arlene's Flowers & Gifts in Richland, Washington. Rob Ingersoll had been a customer of Stutzman's for years. They had actually become friends. At least, that's what Barronnell thought before Ingersoll sued her when she refused to provide floral services for his same-sex wedding. Again, Ingersoll and his homosexual partner found someplace else to provide flowers for the ceremony but they sued Stutzman for discrimination. She lost case after case in Washington state. The Supreme Court refused to hear the case and remanded it back to the lower court. I checked, and the website for Arlene's Flowers & Gifts is still operating as of March 19, 2019. Needless to say, Stutzman does not have unlimited funds to help with her legal defense, including any fines the Washington State Supreme Court will impose.
- A couple actually lost their business because they refused to provide services to a homosexual couple. Richard and Betty Odgaard used to own Gortz Haus Gallery in Grimes, Iowa. They had turned a stone church into a wedding chapel, art gallery, flower shop, and bistro to serve their community. But that all changed on August 3, 2013, when two homosexuals asked about renting the chapel for their same-sex wedding. The Odgaards respectfully declined, explaining that their Christian faith would not allow them to accept their request but asked them if they could serve them in any other way. The homosexuals promptly filed suit against the Odgaards with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission which fined them \$5,000 for discriminating against the two men. They had to close the wedding chapel to avoid lawsuits from other same-sex couples. As is typical from the LGBT community in these cases, the couple received threats and abuse. The Odgaards lost customers and eventually had to close their entire business in 2015.

If something like this can happen in Iowa, it can happen anywhere. The America that once offered religious liberty to so many from around the world is gone. It no longer exists.

The cases cited above are just a small sample of lawsuits and discrimination cases brought against Christians by LGBTQ+ activists in the last twelve years. Do not think these activists will stop at simply suing Christians who own secular businesses. The next thing on the list is shutting down churches and imprisoning pastors for refusing to either hire homosexuals and lesbians to their staffs or refusing to perform wedding ceremonies for same-sex couples.



**Nancy Pelosi**

While Christian churches and ministries may technically be legally protected by law right now, they won't be for long. Nancy Pelosi, the new Speaker of the House in Washington, D.C., is pushing *The Equality Act*, which will be added to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, making ANY discrimination towards the LGBTQ+ community against federal law. At that point, "discrimination" by churches as it relates to hiring practices, membership, facility use by LGBTQ+ "super-citizens" will be illegal.

One thing you may have noticed that a plus sign - "+" - has been added to the usual LGBTQ acronym that most people are familiar with. Pro-LGBTQ websites are intentionally vague about what this means. Most say that the "plus" is to include all other forms of sexuality not covered in the LGBTQ

acronym. Not only does this cover polyamory (long-term group sexual relationships), pansexual (someone who wants to have sex with anyone), but it probably also includes bestiality and pedophilia

The movement has already started to push for the decriminalization of pedophilia. In 2018, Nathan Larson, a convicted pedophile, ran for office to represent Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> district in the House of Representatives. He campaigned on legalizing child pornography and adult-child sex, including incest. The American Psychiatric Association now classifies pedophilia as a "mental disorder." One criminal psychologist says that pedophilia is just another "sexual orientation" like homosexuality (Ian Johnson, April 3, 2016, "Paedophilia a Sexual Orientation - Like Being Straight or Gay," *Independent*).

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has already come out as being in favor of decriminalizing pedophilia (Lauren Richardson, January 30, 2018, "Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg FAVORS Decriminalizing Pedophilia and Child Sex Trafficking," *NWO Report*.) Just a wild guess on my part but somehow I think John Walsh of "America's Most Wanted," whose young son Adam was sexually assaulted and murdered by a pedophile, would have a problem with this.

As far as bestiality is concerned, Canada has already partially decriminalized it. Frank Kameny, a prominent homosexual activist who died in 2011, wrote this some years ago about bestiality. "Bestiality is not my thing. But it seems to be a harmless foible or idiosyncrasy of some people. So, as long as the animal doesn't mind (and the animal rarely does), I don't mind, and I don't see why anyone else should" (Peter J. Smith, June 4, 2008, "Prominent Homosexual Activist Says Bestiality OK "As Long As the Animal Doesn't Mind," *Life Site News*).

You must hand it to those active in the LGBTQ+ community. They have worked hard, lobbied, and poured millions of dollars into influencing politicians, businesses, Hollywood, and our culture and society. Our culture has changed radically in the last fifty years, and LGBTQ+ activists will not rest until they have succeeded in eliminating Christians and Christianity in this country.

Even after everything you have read so far, you may think that we have nothing to worry about because Republicans are the majority in the Senate. However, a lot of Republicans are Republicans In Name Only. We have no assurance that the Republicans will hold the line when it comes time to vote on *The Equality Act*. Christians need to be prepared for what may be coming if this bill passes.

The second part of this article will discuss some of those in the Christian community who are working to force churches to accept the LGBTQ+ agenda. We will also discuss whether there is hope for anyone with a sexual addiction.

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