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understanding the context of Biblical references to Same-Sex Behavior

Ed -Miami Univ. not sure if he was Side A, B, X. Started to collect Bibles. 1946 - first time that homosexual appeared in Bible. It was in RSV in NT and Ed started looking at the team of translators, looking at what went on. Found there were 90 boxes of archives at Yale University Library. Had to go to see them, not online. 60,000 documents in one week. What did the team think, do and say.

the team was challenged on the decision. Changed their mind on the next translation. But 10 year contract that they couldn't change. But during that time many other translations were published and all used homosexual since they thought that the RSV team had done their due diligence.

**1978 Doctrine of Inerrancy.** God inspired scripture is dictated to Man. Scribes copy scripture for distribution. Scripture is translated and circulated around the world. 450 English versions of Bible. Most forget the second 2 points and only pay attention to point #1.

1 flock of sheep = 1 Bible written on sheepskin  
Cost of 13th century bible - one priests yearly income.  
Verse breaks began in 16th century.

Church fathers- group of men, and a period of time. Names like: Clement, g— — —, polycarp, Justin martyr, tertulian, origen, Augustine, Chrysostom, Gregory the Great. 1st - 7th century. Theology changed over those times.

397 AD Synod of Carthage decided on 27 books. Jerome created first Latin Vulgate Bible. At start of 5th century 500 language translations had begun of the Bible. By the end, - it was all reduced to one language - Latin. Rein in the translations for consistency to avoid errors. Good thought, but it consolidated power.

Mistranslations - drawings with 15th century armor on Israelites instead of BC armor. Trying to get people to understand and relate to Bible

400-1400AD Dark Ages. Confession, adoration of saints, transubstantiation, indulgences. Tariffs on sins. \$1.50 for abortion, ravage a virgin \$2.00, robbery \$3.00. \$12.00 absolution of all crimes.

Reformation. Was illegal to read Bible in language other than Latin. When church started to teach in Greek - this church started to take over. And the reformation was response  
John Wycliffe 1st English New Testament  
William Tyndale 1st complete English Bible burned at stake with fire of his manuscripts

Codex Vaticanus - upper case Latin.

**Scripture + human experience. Experience matters a lot to God. Which is why God sent Jesus for the human experience.**

Hans Lippershey 1608 first telescope

1609 Galileo took it to see the stars. Discovered 4 moons around Jupiter in 1610. Spoke of heliocentric. Before that the church was teaching earth in the center even though scientists thought differently. Galileo challenged. But there were 5 clobber verses on this topic.

Psalm 93:1, 96:10 1 Chronicles 16:30, {Psalm 104:5, Ecc 1:5

Churches response was that the Bible tells us what we need to know.

Today we need to look at the telescope. **Stop talking and listen.**

Human Sexuality has 2 subcategories of heterosexual and homosexuality and within each are many subcategories. Love, trust, loyalty, honesty. And on bad side are lust, rape, adultery etc. All can be under gay or under striating. Good sex and bad sex.

200 bad sex passages for heterosexual and 6 bad sex for "homosexual"

**Genesis 19:5** Ezekiel 16:49-50 the sin of Sodom - proud, lazy, ignored oppressed and poor (hospitality) Matthew 10:5-15 - what Jesus had to say was also on hospitality - the only sin of Sodom

### **Lev 18 and 20**

Consider these:

1. Hebrew law does not apply to Gentiles
2. Matthew Henry 1662-1714 - all of the prohibited sexual relations are a power differential. Thus - an abuse of power. (Age with the men with younger man , or status as in with slave)
3. Non -procreative sex
4. Pederasty- a subcategory of pedophilia. Adult male with a boy child. Which took place in ancient world. Ends when young boy reaches age of going into the military. This was legal, acceptable and encouraged. Families wanted their sons to be attractive so they could be taken care of by older wealthy men.

Extended sexual coupling between an underaged boy and an older man.

German bible - says man shall not lie with young boy. In Lev. And then Says boy abusers in Cor and Tim. 1534 German Bible says boy abusers. Changed to homosexuals in 1983.

How did English get man-man. And European had man-boy?

Leviticus - man - Zakar in Hebrew can be male, man, man-child, mankind.

**Romans 1** - see Jim Brownson

### **1 Corinthians**

#### **1 Timothy**

Both malakoi and arsenokoitai in Cor and only arsenokoitai are in 1 Timothy

Lechers - uncomfortable because of being preyed upon

Effeminate - weakling, cant endure hardships. More like how they looked at women. Any guy that acts like a girl. The is misuse of scripture.

200BC Malakoi - means soft. Us usually used in other context. man who seduces other men's wives (not gay) 100 AD Josephus - weak in battle and enjoys luxury. Weak in character  
Soft, lady, coward, loves gourmet food, too much sex, pretty themselves up to further sexual exploits - gay or straight.

Arsenokoitai-man(singular) - bed(plural) 1 man, many beds.

Hinchar of Reims

1830 start to use sodomy for all non-procreative sex, against nature - sexual release of semen against nature.

Chrysostom - 4th century and peter Cantor 12th century French theologian - looked for same sex examples - to put into a statement but they never looked at arsenokoitai. By that time - did not mean that. Only got Genesis, Lev and Romans. NOT the Tim or Cor.passages.

Sibylline Oracles 150BC-150AD had a sexual and economic sins list. Arsenokoitai is only on economic sin list.

Same as in Acts of John (180AD) only on Arsenokoitai

Maybe it is adultery with someone of the same sex from Robert Gagnon writing.

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Gagnon - arsenokoitai as adultery - Hippolytus 170AD and John the Faster (595AD) said that Satan committed adultery with Adam and committed arsenokoitai with Eve. ??so what is that? Could it be...Married couple bringing a man into the marriage bed?

All of Lev is cisgender straight married men and it is addressed to men. Prohibitions are all stressed at these listings. Nothing said to anyone else since it was a patriarchy.

1st century Rome - same sex activity was all under the bad sex category. None under monogamous committed.

Economic exploitation, abuse of power, sex for social or economic gain, unjust or coercive use of another person sexually. Exploitative sex gained at gaining social power, married man taking a male to bed.(adultery)

Researcher looked for these Two words within 10 words of each other in a writing. Since Sometimes people are saying malakoi is passive and arsenokoitai is active. But researcher could not find that in any ANE Greek texts.

Do see it in relation to adultery (breaking marriage relationship)

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If we have so much advanced evidence on archaeology and linguistics, why are we regressing on this topic and not seeing the advancement.

Blind spot. Not conjoining scripture with human experience.

1970s when conservative Christians began to look at the Bible differently - in terms of policies and influence. Power. They were no longer looking at scriptures the way they did in 40s or 50s.

One question - show me an instance in the bible with 2 men loving

After David's letter to the RSV team - 3 pages.  
Sexual pervert was the better word - over homosexual

Abusers of themselves with mankind - tyndale bible. Why was the abuse part take out? Not clear.

NIV what was the base text? Said they were creating it from scratch. They used many texts and the RSV and thus got the homosexual - a woman on the team told Ed Oxford this. she is an out Lesbian. So these translations were all affected - Living Bible, NASB, NIV - Those 10 years led to so many mistranslations.

At that time in 70s-80s - how much did they know about homosexuality? They didn't look into it.

1971 RSV went from homosexual to sexual pervert. 1980 translation team went back to homosexual because of falling to pressure from the other translations out there. They were all using each other's notes. not processing thoroughly.

Theologians - tenure and publications. All are intertwined. Slow and inherently conservative. You can use social media to reach a broader audience. Use this outside of a university press.

Has the word homosexual always been in the Bible? No - and Oxford mentioned German and others... can see it at

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Forge [online.com](https://www.online.com). Over 800,000 views. An interview with Ed on German bibles . Gagnon and Sprinkle all had opinion on this. And misrepresented Ed Oxford.

Non-affirming works seem to not do any context work. Says Kathy Baldock who has reviewed 48 non-affirming works. People take what we understand today and impose it on the 1st century.