

# **RELIGIOUS TEXTS USED TO JUSTIFY PERSECUTION**

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# PURPOSE

- This presentation is intended to highlight a number of texts from three monotheistic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam), which individuals and organizations throughout the ages have employed to justify and rationalize the marginalization, harassment, denial of rights, persecution, and oppression of entire groups of people based on their social identities.

# PURPOSE

- At various historical periods, people have applied these texts, sometimes taken in tandem, and at other times used selectively, to establish and maintain hierarchical positions of power, domination, and privilege over individuals and groups targeted by these texts.

# AGENDA

- On Slavery
- On the Jews
- On Women
- On Same-Sex Sexuality and Same-Sex Relationships

# **ON SLAVERY**

# HEBREW SCRIPTURES



## Genesis 9:25-26

- And he said, Cursed be Canaan [descendent of Ham]; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.
- He also said, Blessed be the LORD, the G\*d of Shem [& the Israelites]! May Canaan [descendents of Ham] be the slave of Shem [& the Israelites].

## Genesis 9:25-26

- Many in the Christian church used as their main justification of slavery the so-called "*curse of Ham*," which appears in the Hebrew Scriptures in Genesis 9:25-26.
- Many Christians at the time argued that Canaan had settled in Africa and that his descendents had become black.

## Exodus 21:1-3

- Now these are the judgments which thou shalt set before them.
- If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.
- If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.

## **Exodus 21:4**

- If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.

## Exodus 21:5-6

- And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free.
- Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

## Exodus 21:7-8

- And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.
- If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

## Exodus 21:9-11

- And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.
- If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish.
- And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

## **Exodus 21:20-21**

- When a slave owner strikes a male or female slave with a rod and the slave dies immediately, the owner shall be punished.
- But if the slave survives a day or two, there is no punishment; for the slave is the owner's property.

## **Exodus 21:26-27**

- And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake.
- And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

# Exodus 21:32

- If an ox of one man shall push a manservant or a maidservant of another man; the owner of the ox shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

# Leviticus 25:11, 39

- If the priest buy any soul with his money...
- And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee....

## Leviticus 25:44-46

- Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession. And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever.

# CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES



## **Ephesians 6:5-6**

- Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

# Colossians 3:22

- Slaves, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.

# 1 Timothy 6:1-2

- Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved.

## Titus 2:9-10

- Tell slaves to be submissive to their masters and to give satisfaction in every respect; they are not to talk back, not to pilfer, but to show complete and perfect fidelity, so that in everything they may be an ornament to the doctrine of God our Savior.

# Luke 12:47

- That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows.

# 1 Peter 2:18-29

- Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is a credit to you, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

# **Matthew 10:24 & 24:45-46**

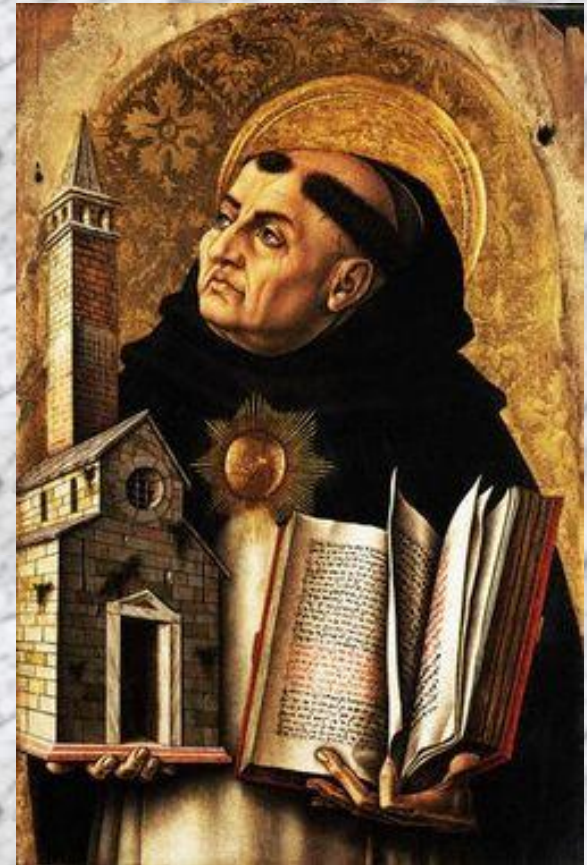
- A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master.
- Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time?  
Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives.

# **CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

- 13th century CE: He accepted the teachings of the ancient Greek Pagan philosopher, Aristotle, that slavery is “*natural*.”

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# POPE NICHOLAS V



- 1452/4 CE: He wrote *Dum Diversas*, which granted to the kings of Spain and Portugal the right to reduce any "Saracens [Muslims] and pagans and any other unbelievers" to perpetual slavery.

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# POPE PAUL III



- 1548 CE: He reasserted that any free person may buy, sell, and own slaves. Runaway slaves were to be returned to their owners for punishment.

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# POPE GREGORY I



- 595 CE: He sent a priest to Britain to purchase Pagan boys to work as slaves on church estates.
- Circa 600 CE: Pope Gregory I wrote, in *Pastoral Rule*: "*Slaves should be told...not [to] despise their masters and recognize that they are only slaves.*"

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**1629 – 1661 CE**



**Pope Urban VIII**



**Pope Innocent X**

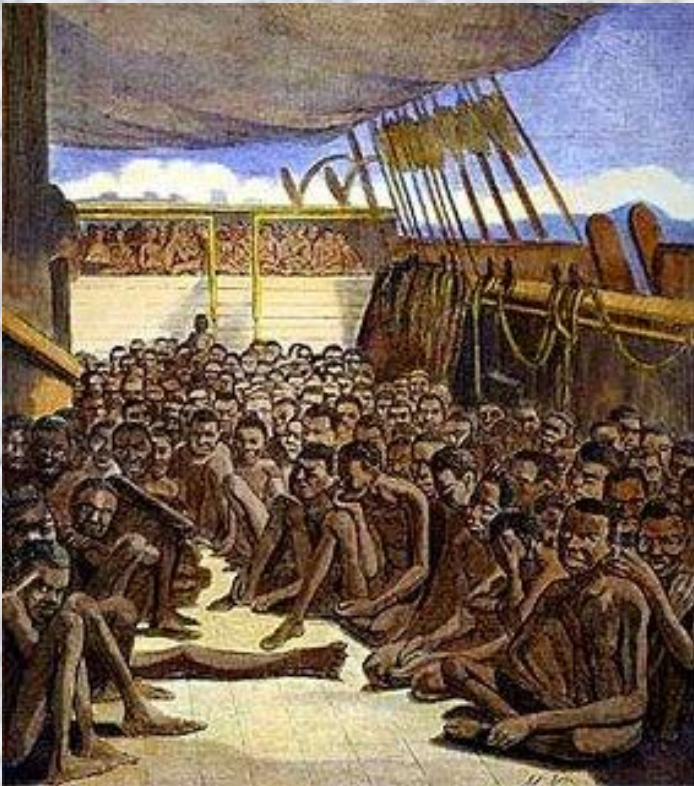


**Pope Alexander VII**

**Purchased Muslim Slaves**

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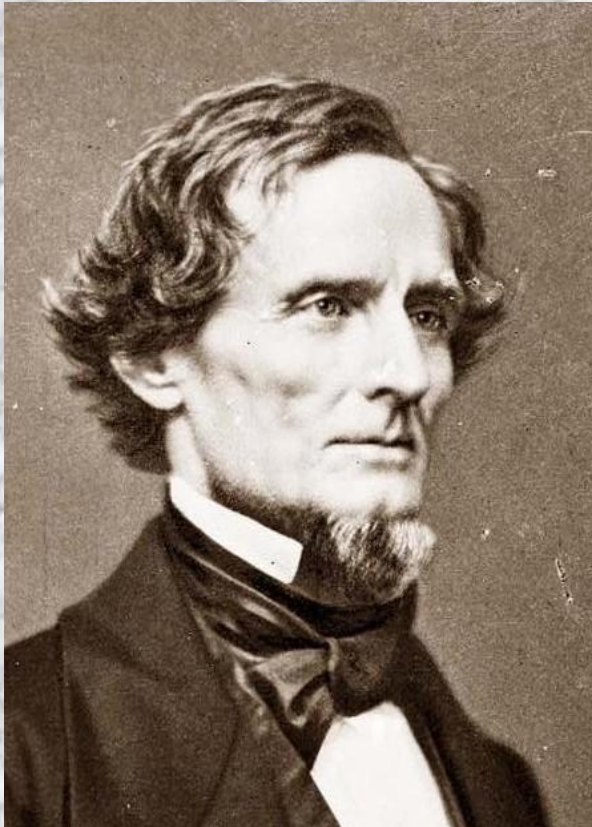
# SLAVE SHIPS



- Scriptural justifications used to support slavery.
- Many slave ships had on board a Christian minister to help oversee and bless the passage.
- Slave ship names included: “Jesus,” “Grace of God,” “Angel,” “Liberty,” & “Justice.”
- <http://propagandapress.org/2006/09/20/the-first-slave-ship-to-land-in-america-was-called-jesus/>
- <http://www.pleasecomeflying.com/2007/10/lucille-clifton-slaveship.html>

# JEFFERSON DAVIS

President, Confederate States of America



- “[Slavery] was established by decree of Almighty God...it is sanctioned in the Bible, in both Testaments, from Genesis to Revelation...it has existed in all ages, has been found among the people of the highest civilization, and in nations of the highest proficiency in the arts.”

# Judge Leon M. Bazile

*“Act to Preserve Racial Integrity, 1924,”*

Ruling, Virginia, July 1958,

Richard Perry Loving & Mildred Delores Jeeter



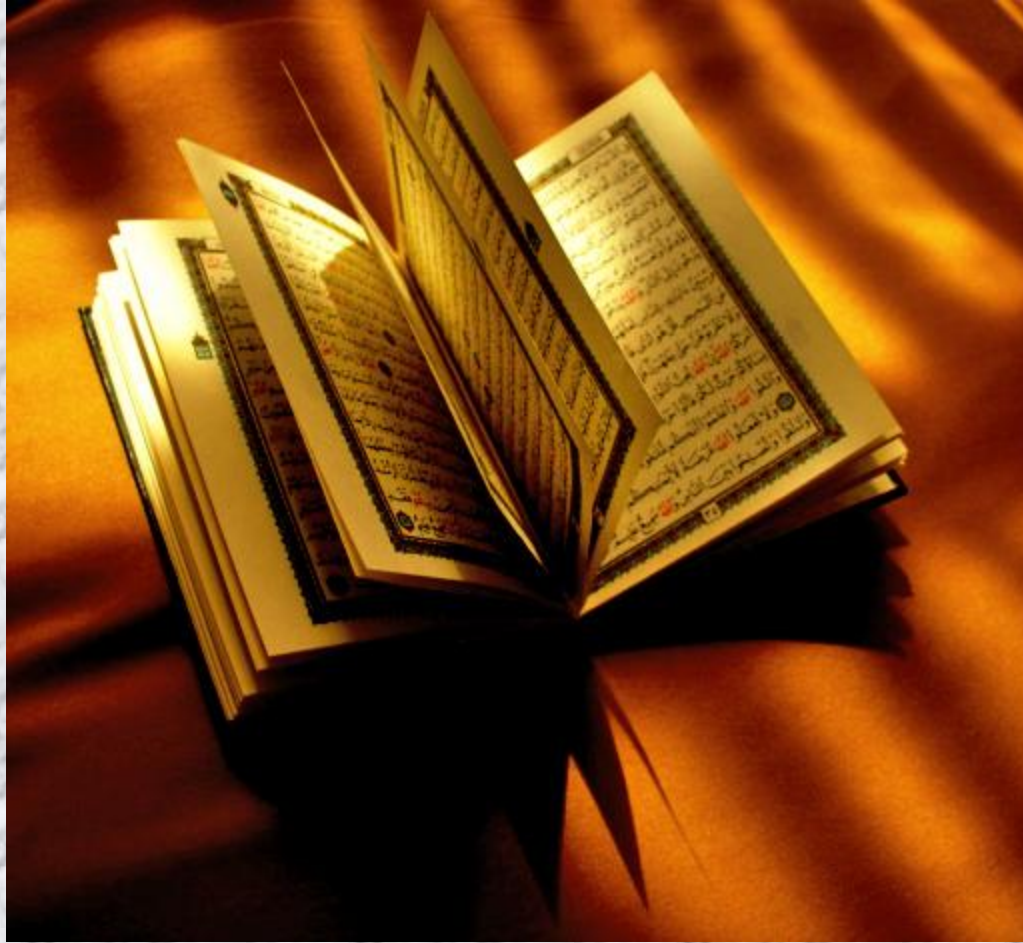
- “Almighty God created the races white, black, yellow, Malay and red, and He placed them on separate continents. And but for the interference with His arrangement there would be no cause for such marriages. The fact that He separated the races shows that He did not intend for the races to mix.”

# **SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

## **Resolution on Racial Reconciliation on The 150th Anniversary of The Southern Baptist Convention, June 1995**

- ...WHEREAS, Our relationship to African-Americans has been hindered from the beginning by the role that slavery played in the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention; and
- WHEREAS, Many of our Southern Baptist forbears defended the right to own slaves, and either participated in, supported, or acquiesced in the particularly inhumane nature of American slavery; and
- WHEREAS, In later years Southern Baptists failed, in many cases, to support, and in some cases opposed, legitimate initiatives to secure the civil rights of African-Americans; and...
- WHEREAS, Many of our congregations have intentionally and/or unintentionally excluded African-Americans from worship, membership, and leadership; and...
- Be it further RESOLVED, That we apologize to all African-Americans for condoning and/or perpetuating individual and systemic racism in our lifetime....

# QUR'AN



# 4:36

- [Show] kindness unto parents, and unto near kindred, and orphans, and the needy, and unto the neighbor who is of kin [unto you] and the neighbor who is not of kin, and the fellow-traveler and the wayfarer and [the slaves] whom your right hands possess.

## 4:92

- It is not for a believer to kill a believer unless [it be] by mistake. He who hath killed a believer by mistake must set free a believing slave, and pay the blood-money to the family of the slain, unless they remit it as a charity. If he [the victim] be of a people hostile unto you, and his is a believer, then [the penance is] to set free a believing slave.

## 23:5-6

- And who guard their modesty – Save from their wives or the [slaves] that their right hands possess.

# 24:31

- And tell the believing women to lower their gaze and be modest, and to display of their adornment only that which is apparent, and to draw their veils over their bosoms, and not to reveal their adornment save to their own husbands or fathers or husbands' fathers, or their sons or their husbands' sons, or their brothers or their brothers' sons or sisters' sons, or their women, or their slaves.

## 24:58

- O ye who believe! Let your slaves, and those of you who have not come to puberty, ask leave of you at three times [before they come into your presence).

## 33:25-26

- Allah repulsed the disbelievers in their wrath; they gained no good. Allah everter their attack from the believers. Allah is ever Strong, Mighty. And He brought those of the People of the Scripture who supported them down from their strongholds, and cast panic into their hearts. Some ye slew, and ye made captive some.

## 33:50

- O Prophet! Lo! We have made lawful unto thee thy wives unto whom thou hast paid their dowries, and those whom thy right hand possesseth of those whom Allah hath given thee as spoils of war.

## 33:55

- It is no sin for them [thy wives] to converse freely with their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their brothers' sons, or the sons of their sisters or of their own women, or their slaves.

# **ON THE JEWS**

# CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES



# 1 Thessalonians 2:15-16



**St. Paul**

- [T]he Jews, who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and drove us out, the Jews who are heedless of God's will and enemies of their fellow man....All this time they have been making up the full measure of their guilt, and now retribution has overtaken the good of all.

## Matthew 27:24-25



**St. Matthew**

- Pilate could see that nothing was being gained, and a riot was starting [among the Jews]; so he took water and washed his hands in full view of the people saying, “My hands are clean of this man’s blood; see to that yourselves,” and with one voice the people cried, “His blood be on us, and on our children.”

# JEWES AND THE DEVIL

- And Jesus said: “If God were your father, you would love me...[but] your father is the devil and you choose to carry out your father’s desires” (John 8:44).
- The Jews...are Satan’s synagogue (Revelation 2:9).
- I will make those of Satan’s synagogue, who claim to be Jews but are lying frauds, come and fall down at your feet (Revelation 3:9).

## Galatians 5:1-6

- Christ set us free, to be free men. Stand firm, then, and refuse to be tied to the yoke of slavery again. Mark my words: I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will do you no good at all.

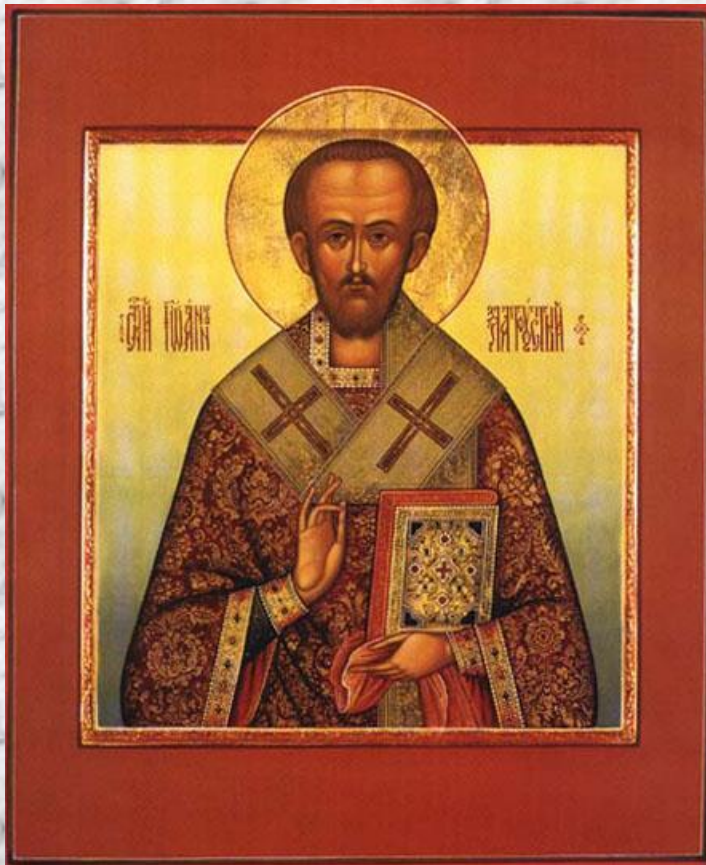
# Titus 1:14-16

- And Paul said, “Do not give heed to Jewish fables and commandments of merely human origin that turn men from the truth;...nothing is pure to the tainted minds of disbelievers.... They [the Jews] profess to acknowledge God, but deny him by their actions. Their detestable obstinacy disqualifies them for any good work.”

# **CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

# JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

(4<sup>TH</sup> Century, C.E.)



- Court preacher to the Bishop of Antioch

# JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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- “Do not let it surprise you that I have called the Jews disastrous because they are really disastrous and miserable....Such unreasoning animals are suited for slaughter, because they are not suited for work....The synagogue is not only a brothel and a theatre, but also a den for robbers and a shelter for wild beasts.”



**Pope Gregory IX  
ordered all copies of the  
Jewish holy book, the  
Talmud, confiscated,  
1239**



**Pope John XXII  
ordered all copies of  
the Talmud burned on  
the eve of the Jewish  
Passover, 1322**

# SPANISH INQUISITION



- First, Jews forced to convert to Christianity and be Baptized, or be killed.
- 1412: Bishop Pable de Santa Maria decreed Jewish areas to be enclosed, Jews to wear badges of identification.
- 1492: Jews driven out of Spain.
- Jews burned to death in Church *auto-da-fe* (Act of Faith).

# MARTIN LUTHER

*On the Jews and Their Lies (1526)*



- “First, their synagogues should be set on fire.” Jewish prayer books should be destroyed and rabbis forbidden to preach. The homes of Jews should likewise be “smashed and destroyed” and their residents “put under one roof or in a stable like gypsies, to teach them they are not master in our land.”

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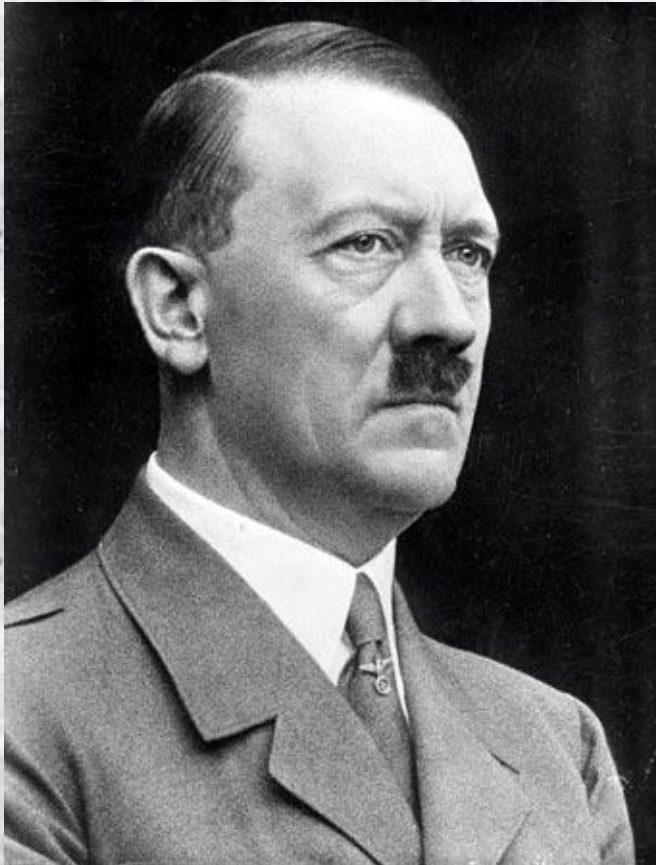
*On the Jews and Their Lies (1526)*



- These “poisonous envenomed worms should be drafted into forced labor. The young and strong Jews and Jewesses should be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and the spindle and let them earn their bread by the sweat of their noses.” As a last resort, they should simply be kicked out “for all time.”

# ADOLPH HITLER

*Mein Kampf* (1925)



- “Today I believe that I am acting in accordance with the will of the Almighty Creator: by defending myself against the Jew, I am fighting for the work of the Lord.”

# FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN



- American Catholic Priest
- Ministry, Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, Michigan
- Leader of the anti-Semitic Christian Front, 1930s.
- Support for Fascism and Nazism.
- Warned of a “Judeo-Bolshevik” threat to the U.S.

# Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church

- *How to Respond to Judaism*, a modern booklet, characterizes the Jewish faith as “inadequate because it does not have Jesus, *the* Messiah, as the object of faith.”

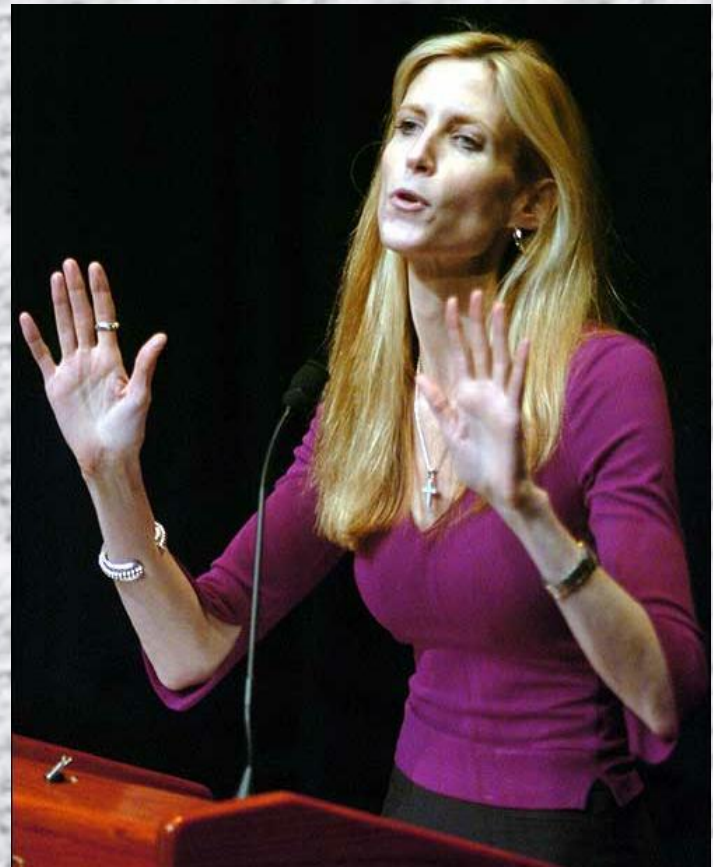
# **SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

## **Resolution on Jewish Evangelism on The 151th Anniversary of The Southern Baptist Convention, June 1996**

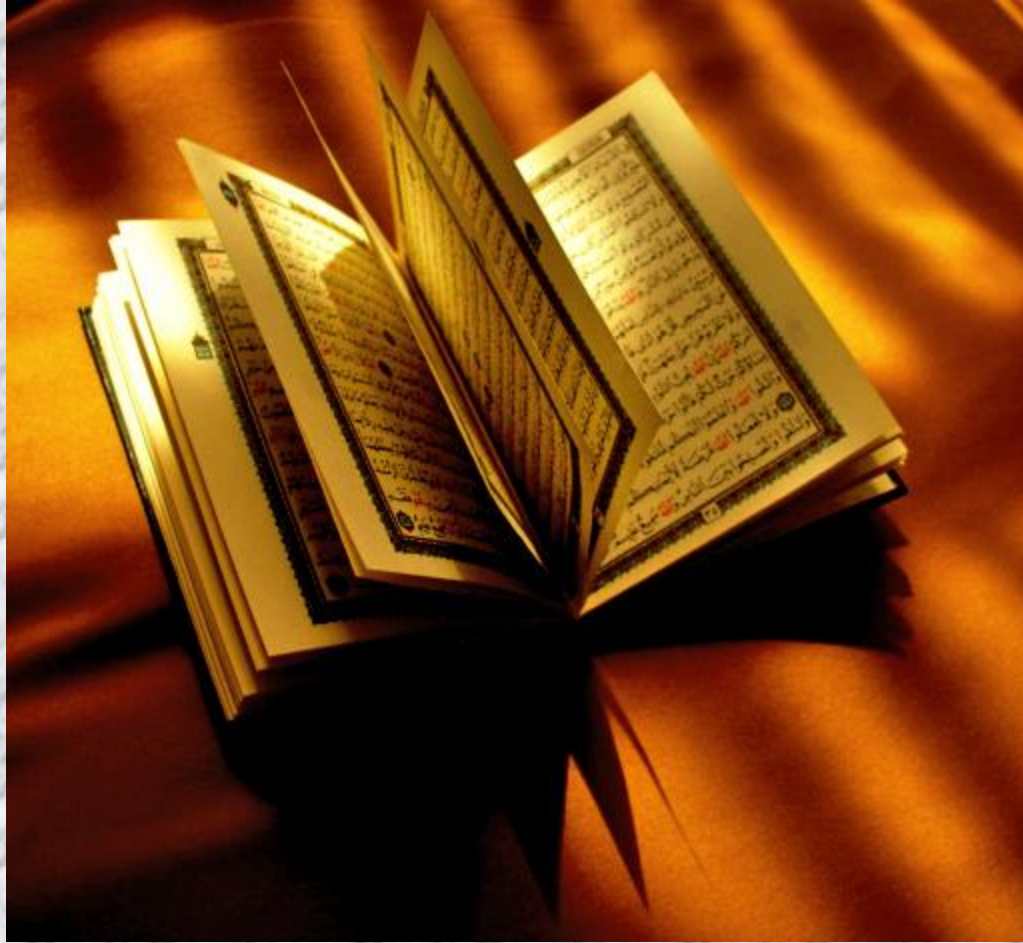
- WHEREAS, Jesus commanded that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Lk. 24:47); and
- WHEREAS, Our evangelistic efforts have largely neglected the Jewish people, both at home and abroad; and...
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we recommit ourselves to prayer, especially for the salvation of the Jewish people as well as for the salvation of "every kindred and tongue and people and nation" (Rev. 5:9); and
- BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That we direct our energies and resources toward the proclamation of the gospel to the Jewish people.

# ANN COULTER

- CNBC show “The Big Idea,” 2007, columnist and author Ann Coulter said everyone on earth should be Christian and that Jews needed to be “perfected....It is better if we were all Christians.”



# QUR'AN



## 2:61

- YUSUFALI: And remember ye said: "O Moses! we cannot endure one kind of food (always); so beseech thy Lord for us to produce for us of what the earth groweth, -its pot-herbs, and cucumbers, Its garlic, lentils, and onions." He said: "Will ye exchange the better for the worse? Go ye down to any town, and ye shall find what ye want!" They were covered with humiliation and misery; they drew on themselves the wrath of Allah. This because they went on rejecting the Signs of Allah and slaying His Messengers without just cause. This because they rebelled and went on transgressing.

## 2:61

- **PICKTHAL:** And when ye said: O Moses! We are weary of one kind of food; so call upon thy Lord for us that He bring forth for us of that which the earth groweth - of its herbs and its cucumbers and its corn and its lentils and its onions. He said: Would ye exchange that which is higher for that which is lower? Go down to settled country, thus ye shall get that which ye demand. And humiliation and wretchedness were stamped upon them and they were visited with wrath from Allah. That was because they disbelieved in Allah's revelations and slew the prophets wrongfully. That was for their disobedience and transgression.

## 2:61

- **SHAKIR:** And when you said: O Musa! we cannot bear with one food, therefore pray Lord on our behalf to bring forth for us out of what the earth grows, of its herbs and its cucumbers and its garlic and its lentils and its onions. He said: Will you exchange that which is better for that which is worse? Enter a city, so you will have what you ask for. And abasement and humiliation were brought down upon them, and they became deserving of Allah's wrath; this was so because they disbelieved in the communications of Allah and killed the prophets unjustly; this was so because they disobeyed and exceeded the limits.

## 2:111

- **YUSUFALI:** And they say: "None shall enter Paradise unless he be a Jew or a Christian." Those are their (vain) desires. Say: "Produce your proof if ye are truthful."  
**PICKTHAL:** And they say: None entereth paradise unless he be a Jew or a Christian. These are their own desires. Say: Bring your proof (of what ye state) if ye are truthful.  
**SHAKIR:** And they say: None shall enter the garden (or paradise) except he who is a Jew or a Christian. These are their vain desires. Say: Bring your proof if you are truthful.

## 2:113

- YUSUFALI: The Jews say: "The Christians have naught (to stand) upon; and the Christians say: "The Jews have naught (To stand) upon." Yet they (Profess to) study the (same) Book. Like unto their word is what those say who know not; but Allah will judge between them in their quarrel on the Day of Judgment.

# 2:113

- **PICKTHAL:** And the Jews say the Christians follow nothing (true), and the Christians say the Jews follow nothing (true); yet both are readers of the Scripture. Even thus speak those who know not. Allah will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that wherein they differ.  
**SHAKIR:** And the Jews say: The Christians do not follow anything (good) and the Christians say: The Jews do not follow anything (good) while they recite the (same) Book. Even thus say those who have no knowledge, like to what they say; so Allah shall judge between them on the day of resurrection in what they differ.

# 3:71

- **YUSUFALI:** Ye People of the Book! Why do ye clothe Truth with falsehood, and conceal the Truth, while ye have knowledge?  
**PICKTHAL:** O People of the Scripture! Why confound ye truth with falsehood and knowingly conceal the truth?  
**SHAKIR:** O followers of the Book! Why do you confound the truth with the falsehood and hide the truth while you know?

## 4:46

- YUSUFALI: Of the Jews there are those who displace words from their (right) places, and say: "We hear and we disobey"; and "Hear what is not Heard"; and "Ra'ina"; with a twist of their tongues and a slander to Faith. If only they had said: "What hear and we obey"; and "Do hear"; and "Do look at us"; it would have been better for them, and more proper; but Allah hath cursed them for their Unbelief; and but few of them will believe.

# 4:46

- **PICKTHAL:** Some of those who are Jews change words from their context and say: "We hear and disobey; hear thou as one who heareth not" and "Listen to us!" distorting with their tongues and slandering religion. If they had said: "We hear and we obey: hear thou, and look at us" it had been better for them, and more upright. But Allah hath cursed them for their disbelief, so they believe not, save a few.  
**SHAKIR:** Of those who are Jews (there are those who) alter words from their places and say: We have heard and we disobey and: Hear, may you not be made to hear! and: Raina, distorting (the word) with their tongues and taunting about religion; and if they had said (instead): We have heard and we obey, and hearken, and unzurna it would have been better for them and more upright; but Allah has cursed them on account of their unbelief, so they do not believe but a little.

# 4:157

- YUSUFALI: That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah";- but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not:- PICKTHAL: And because of their saying: We slew the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, Allah's messenger - they slew him not nor crucified him, but it appeared so unto them; and lo! those who disagree concerning it are in doubt thereof; they have no knowledge thereof save pursuit of a conjecture; they slew him not for certain.

# 4:157

- **SHAKIR:** And their saying: Surely we have killed the Messiah, Isa son of Marium, the messenger of Allah; and they did not kill him nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them so (like Isa) and most surely those who differ therein are only in a doubt about it; they have no knowledge respecting it, but only follow a conjecture, and they killed him not for sure.

# 4:160

- **YUSUFALI:** For the iniquity of the Jews We made unlawful for them certain (foods) good and wholesome which had been lawful for them;- in that they hindered many from Allah's Way;-  
**PICKTHAL:** Because of the wrongdoing of the Jews We forbade them good things which were (before) made lawful unto them, and because of their much hindering from Allah's way,  
**SHAKIR:** Wherefore for the iniquity of those who are Jews did We disallow to them the good things which had been made lawful for them and for their hindering many (people) from Allah's way.

# 4:161

- **YUSUFALI:** That they took usury, though they were forbidden; and that they devoured men's substance wrongfully;- we have prepared for those among them who reject faith a grievous punishment.  
**PICKTHAL:** And of their taking usury when they were forbidden it, and of their devouring people's wealth by false pretences, We have prepared for those of them who disbelieve a painful doom.  
**SHAKIR:** And their taking usury though indeed they were forbidden it and their devouring the property of people falsely, and We have prepared for the unbelievers from among them a painful chastisement.

# 5:18

- YUSUFALI: (Both) the Jews and the Christians say: “We are sons of Allah, and his beloved.” Say: “Why then doth He punish you for your sins? Nay, ye are but men,- of the men he hath created: He forgiveth whom He pleaseth, and He punisheth whom He pleaseth: and to Allah belongeth the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between: and unto Him is the final goal (of all).”

# 5:18

- **PICKTHAL:** The Jews and Christians say: We are sons of Allah and His loved ones. Say: Why then doth He chastise you for your sins? Nay, ye are but mortals of His creating. He forgiveth whom He will, and chastiseth whom He will. Allah's is the Sovereignty of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them, and unto Him is the journeying.  
**SHAKIR:** And the Jews and the Christians say: We are the sons of Allah and His beloved ones. Say: Why does He then chastise you for your faults? Nay, you are mortals from among those whom He has created, He forgives whom He pleases and chastises whom He pleases; and Allah's is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and what is between them, and to Him is the eventual coming.

# 5:41

- YUSUFALI: O Messenger! let not those grieve thee, who race each other into unbelief: (whether it be) among those who say “We believe” with their lips but whose hearts have no faith; or it be among the Jews,- men who will listen to any lie,- will listen even to others who have never so much as come to thee. They change the words from their (right) times and places: they say, “If ye are given this, take it, but if not, beware!” If any one's trial is intended by Allah, thou hast no authority in the least for him against Allah. For such - it is not Allah's will to purify their hearts. For them there is disgrace in this world, and in the Hereafter a heavy punishment.

# 5:41

- **PICKTHAL:** O Messenger! Let not them grieve thee who vie one with another in the race to disbelief, of such as say with their mouths: “We believe,” but their hearts believe not, and of the Jews: listeners for the sake of falsehood, listeners on behalf of other folk who come not unto thee, changing words from their context and saying: If this be given unto you, receive it, but if this be not given unto you, then beware! He whom Allah doometh unto sin, thou (by thine efforts) wilt avail him naught against Allah. Those are they for whom the Will of Allah is that He cleanse not their hearts. Theirs in the world will be ignominy, and in the Hereafter an awful doom;

# 5:41

- **SHAKIR:** O Messenger! let not those grieve you who strive together in hastening to unbelief from among those who say with their mouths: We believe, and their hearts do not believe, and from among those who are Jews; they are listeners for the sake of a lie, listeners for another people who have not come to you; they alter the words from their places, saying: If you are given this, take it, and if you are not given this, be cautious; and as for him whose temptation Allah desires, you cannot control anything for him with Allah. Those are they for whom Allah does not desire that He should purify their hearts; they shall have disgrace in this world, and they shall have a grievous chastisement in the hereafter.

# 5:42

- **YUSUFALI:** (They are fond of) listening to falsehood, of devouring anything forbidden. If they do come to thee, either judge between them, or decline to interfere. If thou decline, they cannot hurt thee in the least. If thou judge, judge in equity between them. For Allah loveth those who judge in equity.  
**PICKTHAL:** Listeners for the sake of falsehood! Greedy for illicit gain! If then they have recourse unto thee (Muhammad) judge between them or disclaim jurisdiction. If thou disclaimest jurisdiction, then they cannot harm thee at all. But if thou judgest, judge between them with equity. Lo! Allah loveth the equitable.

## 5:42

- **SHAKIR:** (They are) listeners of a lie, devourers of what is forbidden; therefore if they come to you, judge between them or turn aside from them, and if you turn aside from them, they shall not harm you in any way; and if you judge, judge between them with equity; surely Allah loves those who judge equitably.

# 5:43

- **YUSUFALI:** But why do they come to thee for decision, when they have (their own) law before them?- therein is the (plain) command of Allah; yet even after that, they would turn away. For they are not (really) People of Faith.  
**PICKTHAL:** How come they unto thee for judgment when they have the Torah, wherein Allah hath delivered judgment (for them)? Yet even after that they turn away. Such (folk) are not believers.  
**SHAKIR:** And how do they make you a judge and they have the Taurat wherein is Allah's judgment? Yet they turn back after that, and these are not the believers.

## 5:44

- **YUSUFALI:** It was We who revealed the law (to Moses): therein was guidance and light. By its standard have been judged the Jews, by the prophets who bowed (as in Islam) to Allah's will, by the rabbis and the doctors of law: for to them was entrusted the protection of Allah's book, and they were witnesses thereto: therefore fear not men, but fear me, and sell not my signs for a miserable price. If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what Allah hath revealed, they are (no better than) Unbelievers.

# 5:44

- PICKTHAL: Lo! We did reveal the Torah, wherein is guidance and a light, by which the prophets who surrendered (unto Allah) judged the Jews, and the rabbis and the priests (judged) by such of Allah's Scripture as they were bidden to observe, and thereunto were they witnesses. So fear not mankind, but fear Me. And My revelations for a little gain. Whoso judgeth not by that which Allah hath revealed: such are disbelievers.

# 5:44

- **SHAKIR:** Surely We revealed the Taurat in which was guidance and light; with it the prophets who submitted themselves (to Allah) judged (matters) for those who were Jews, and the masters of Divine knowledge and the doctors, because they were required to guard (part) of the Book of Allah, and they were witnesses thereof; therefore fear not the people and fear Me, and do not take a small price for My communications; and whoever did not judge by what Allah revealed, those are they that are the unbelievers.

# 5:63

- **YUSUFALI:** Why do not the rabbis and the doctors of Law forbid them from their (habit of) uttering sinful words and eating things forbidden? Evil indeed are their works.

**PICKTHAL:** Why do not the rabbis and the priests forbid their evil-speaking and their devouring of illicit gain? Verily evil is their handiwork.

**SHAKIR:** Why do not the learned men and the doctors of law prohibit them from their speaking of what is sinful and their eating of what is unlawfully acquired? Certainly evil is that which they work.

# 5:64

- YUSUFALI: The Jews say: “Allah's hand is tied up.” Be their hands tied up and be they accursed for the (blasphemy) they utter. Nay, both His hands are widely outstretched: He giveth and spendeth (of His bounty) as He pleaseth. But the revelation that cometh to thee from Allah increaseth in most of them their obstinate rebellion and blasphemy. Amongst them we have placed enmity and hatred till the Day of Judgment. Every time they kindle the fire of war, Allah doth extinguish it; but they (ever) strive to do mischief on earth. And Allah loveth not those who do mischief.

## 5:64

- **PICKTHAL:** The Jews say: Allah's hand is fettered. Their hands are fettered and they are accursed for saying so. Nay, but both His hands are spread out wide in bounty. He bestoweth as He will. That which hath been revealed unto thee from thy Lord is certain to increase the contumacy and disbelief of many of them, and We have cast among them enmity and hatred till the Day of Resurrection. As often as they light a fire for war, Allah extinguisheth it. Their effort is for corruption in the land, and Allah loveth not corrupters.

## 5:64

- **SHAKIR:** And the Jews say: The hand of Allah is tied up! Their hands shall be shackled and they shall be cursed for what they say. Nay, both His hands are spread out, He expends as He pleases; and what has been revealed to you from your Lord will certainly make many of them increase in inordinacy and unbelief; and We have put enmity and hatred among them till the day of resurrection; whenever they kindle a fire for war Allah puts it out, and they strive to make mischief in the land; and Allah does not love the mischief-makers.

# 5:82

- **YUSUFALI:** Strongest among men in enmity to the believers wilt thou find the Jews and Pagans; and nearest among them in love to the believers wilt thou find those who say, “We are Christians”: because amongst these are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant.  
**PICKTHAL:** Thou wilt find the most vehement of mankind in hostility to those who believe (to be) the Jews and the idolaters. And thou wilt find the nearest of them in affection to those who believe (to be) those who say: Lo! We are Christians. That is because there are among them priests and monks, and because they are not proud.

## 5:82

- **SHAKIR:** Certainly you will find the most violent of people in enmity for those who believe (to be) the Jews and those who are polytheists, and you will certainly find the nearest in friendship to those who believe (to be) those who say: We are Christians; this is because there are priests and monks among them and because they do not behave proudly.

# ON WOMEN

# HEBREW SCRIPTURES



# Genesis 3:16

- To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

# Deuteronomy 22:13-21

- If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her, And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid: Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate....But if this thing be true,...and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel: Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

# Leviticus 12:1-8

- The LORD said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites: A woman who becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son will be ceremonially unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her monthly period. On the eighth day the boy is to be circumcised. Then the woman must wait thirty-three days to be purified from her bleeding. She must not touch anything sacred or go to the sanctuary until the days of her purification are over. If she gives birth to a daughter, for two weeks the woman will be unclean, as during her period. Then she must wait sixty-six days to be purified from her bleeding.”

# Leviticus 12:1-8

- When the days of her purification for a son or daughter are over, she is to bring to the priest at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting a year-old lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or a dove for a sin offering. He shall offer them before the LORD to make atonement for her, and then she will be ceremonially clean from her flow of blood. These are the regulations for the woman who gives birth to a boy or a girl. If she cannot afford a lamb, she is to bring two doves or two young pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for her, and she will be clean.

## Isaiah 3:16-23

- The LORD says, “The women of Zion are haughty, walking along with outstretched necks, flirting with their eyes, tripping along with mincing steps, with ornaments jingling on their ankles. Therefore the Lord will bring sores on the heads of the women of Zion; the LORD will make their scalps bald.” In that day the Lord will snatch away their finery: the bangles and headbands and crescent necklaces, the earrings and bracelets and veils, the headdresses and ankle chains and sashes, the perfume bottles and charms, the signet rings and nose rings, the fine robes and the capes and cloaks, the purses and mirrors, and the linen garments and tiaras and shawls.

# Isaiah 19:16

- In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will shudder with fear at the uplifted hand that the LORD Almighty raises against them.

## **Jeremiah 50:37**

- A sword against her horses and chariots and all the foreigners in her ranks! They will become women. A sword against her treasures! They will be plundered.

# Numbers 5:12-31

- Speak to the Israelites and say to them: If a man's wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him by sleeping with another man, and this is hidden from her husband and her impurity is undetected ...and if feelings of jealousy come over her husband and he suspects his wife and she is impure--or if he is jealous and suspects her even though she is not impure--then he is to take his wife to the priest...

# Numbers 5:12-31

- ...He shall have the woman drink the bitter water that brings a curse, and this water will enter her and cause bitter suffering....This, then, is the law of jealousy when a woman goes astray and defiles herself while married to her husband, or when feelings of jealousy come over a man because he suspects his wife. The priest is to have her stand before the LORD and is to apply this entire law to her. The husband will be innocent of any wrongdoing, but the woman will bear the consequences of her sin.

# **Exodus 21:15, 17 – On Children**

- And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.
- And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

# CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES



# 1 Timothy 2:9

- I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes.

# 1 Timothy 2:11-12

- Let a woman learn in silence with all submissiveness. I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over men; she is to keep silent.

# 1 Corinthians 11:3

- But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

# 1 Corinthians 11:5

- And every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head--it is just as though her head were shaved.

# 1 Corinthians 14:33-35, 37

- As in all the churches of the saints, the women should keep silence in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate, as even the law says. If there is anything they desire to know, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church. . . . what I am writing to you is a command of the Lord.

# Ephesians 5:22

- Wives, be submissive to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

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# Collosians 3:18

- Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

# **CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

# ROBERT LEWIS DABNEY

(1820-1898)

- Professor of Theology at Union Seminary in Virginia
- Against Women's Suffrage because it would "destroy Christianity and civilization in America."



- What then, in the next place, will be the effect of this fundamental change when it shall be established? The obvious answer is, that it will destroy Christianity and civilization in America....They “reckon without their host.” There is a Satanic ingenuity in these Radical measures which secures the infection of the reluctant dissentients as surely as of the hot advocates. The women now sensible and modest who heartily deprecate the whole folly, will be dragged into the vortex, with the assent of their now indignant husbands. They will effect it by this plea, that ignorant, impudent, Radical women will vote, and vote wrong;...

- What those influences will be may be learned by every one who reverences the Christian Scriptures, from this fact, that the theory of “Women’s Rights” is sheer infidelity. It directly impugns the authority and the justice of these Scriptures. They speak in no uncertain tones. “The husband is the head of the wife” (Eph. v. 23). “Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord” (v. 22). “The man is not for the woman, but the woman for the man” (I. Cor. ii. 9). “Let the woman learn in silence, with all subjection: but I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence: for Adam was first formed, then Eve: and Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression” (I. Tim. 2: 11-14).

- They are to be “discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands,” etc. (Titus ii. 5). How utterly opposed is all this to the leveling doctrine of your Radical. Women are here consigned to a social subordination, and expressly excluded from ruling offices, on grounds of their sex, and a divine ordination based by God upon a transaction which happened nearly six thousand years ago! The woman’s sphere is expressly assigned her within her home, and she is taught that the assumption of publicity is an outrage against that nature with which she is endowed.

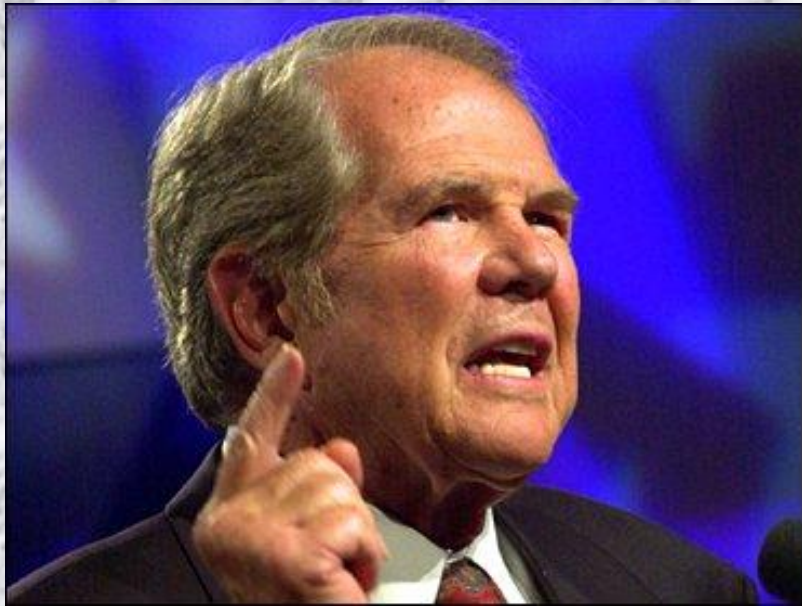
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# **THE BAPTIST FAITH & MESSAGE**

**Southern Baptist Convention, 2000**

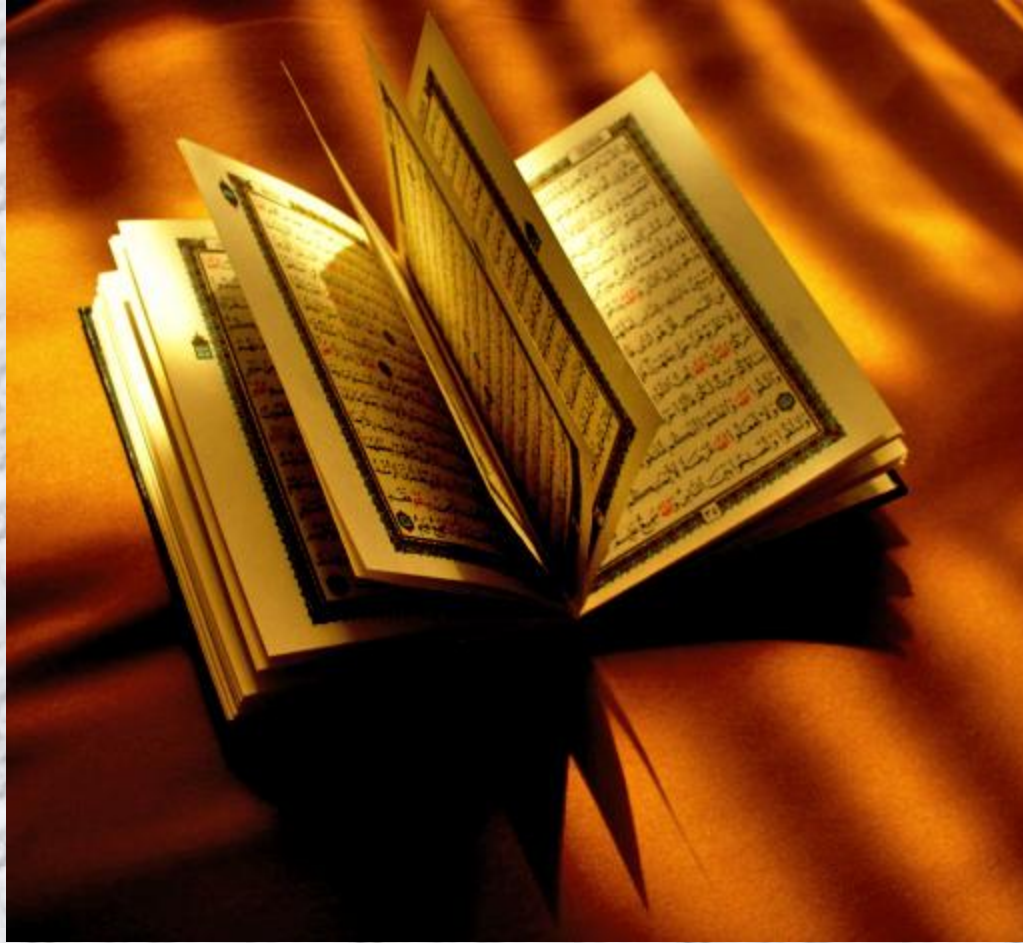
- The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

# TELEVANGELIST PAT ROBERTSON 1992



- “The Feminist agenda is not about equal rights for women. It is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism, and become lesbians.”

# QUR'AN



## 2:222

- They question thee (O Muhammad) concerning menstruation. Say: It is an illness, so let women alone at such times and go not in unto them till they are cleansed. And when they have purified themselves, then go in unto them as Allah hath enjoined upon you. Truly Allah loveth those who turn unto Him, and loveth those who have a care for cleanness.

## 2:223

- Your women are a tilth for you (to cultivate) so go to your tilth as ye will, and send (good deeds) before you for your souls, and fear Allah, and know that ye will (one day) meet Him. Give glad tidings to believers, (O Muhammad).

## 2:228

- Women who are divorced shall wait, keeping themselves apart, three (monthly) courses. And it is not lawful for them that they should conceal that which Allah hath created in their wombs if they are believers in Allah and the Last Day. And their husbands would do better to take them back in that case if they desire a reconciliation. And they (women) have rights similar to those (of men) over them in kindness, and men are a degree above them. Allah is Mighty, Wise.

## 2:282

- O ye who believe! When ye contract a debt for a fixed term, record it in writing. Let a scribe record it in writing between you (in terms of) equity. No scribe should refuse to write as Allah hath taught him, so let him write, and let him who incurreth the debt dictate, and let him observe his duty to Allah his Lord, and diminish naught thereof. But if he who oweth the debt is of low understanding, or weak, or unable himself to dictate, then let the guardian of his interests dictate in (terms of) equity. And call two witness from among your men, two witnesses. And if two men be not at hand, then a man and two women, of such as ye approve as witnesses, so that if one erreth (though forgetfulness) the other will remember. And the witnesses must not refuse when they are summoned.

## 4:3

- And if ye fear that ye will not deal fairly by the orphans, marry of the women, who seem good to you, two or three or four; and if ye fear that ye cannot do justice (to so many) then one (only) or (the captives) that your right hands possess. Thus it is more likely that ye will not do injustice.

# 4:11

- Allah chargeth you concerning (the provision for) your children: to the male the equivalent of the portion of two females, and if there be women more than two, then theirs is two-thirds of the inheritance, and if there be one (only) then the half.

## 4:15

- As for those of your women who are guilty of lewdness, call to witness four of you against them. And if they testify (to the truth of the allegation) then confine them to the houses until death take them or (until) Allah appoint for them a way (through new legislation).

## 4:19

- O ye who believe! It is not lawful for you forcibly to inherit the women (of your deceased kinsmen), nor (that) ye should put constraint upon them that ye may take away a part of that which ye have given them, unless they be guilty of flagrant lewdness. But consort with them in kindness, for if ye hate them it may happen that ye hate a thing wherein Allah hath placed much good.

4:20

- And if ye wish to exchange one wife for another and ye have given unto one of them a sum of money (however great), take nothing from it. Would ye take it by the way of calumny and open wrong?

## 4:24

- And all married women (are forbidden unto you) save those (captives) whom your right hands possess. It is a decree of Allah for you. Lawful unto you are all beyond those mentioned, so that ye seek them with your wealth in honest wedlock, not debauchery. And those of whom ye seek content (by marrying them), give unto them their portions as a duty. And there is no sin for you in what ye do by mutual agreement after the duty (hath been done). Lo! Allah is ever Knower, Wise.

# 4:34

- Men are in charge of women, because Allah hath made the one of them to excel the other, and because they spend of their property (for the support of women). So good women are the obedient, guarding in secret that which Allah hath guarded. As for those from whom ye fear rebellion, admonish them and banish them to beds apart, and scourge them. Then if they obey you, seek not a way against them. Lo! Allah is ever High, Exalted, Great.

# 4:43

- O ye who believe! Draw not near unto prayer when ye are drunken, till ye know that which ye utter, nor when ye are polluted, save when journeying upon the road, till ye have bathed. And if ye be ill, or on a journey, or one of you cometh from the closet, or ye have touched women, and ye find not water, then go to high clean soil and rub your faces and your hands (therewith). Lo! Allah is Benign, Forgiving.

4:98

- Except the feeble among men, and the women, and the children, who are unable to devise a plan and are not shown a way.

# 4:129

- Ye will not be able to deal equally between (your) wives, however much ye wish (to do so). But turn not altogether away (from one), leaving her as in suspense. If ye do good and keep from evil, lo! Allah is ever Forgiving, Merciful.

## 4:176

- They ask thee for a pronouncement. Say: Allah hath pronounced for you concerning distant kindred. If a man die childless and he have a sister, hers is half the heritage, and he would have inherited from her had she died childless. And if there be two sisters, then theirs are two-thirds of the heritage, and if they be brethren, men and women, unto the male is the equivalent of the share of two females. Allah expoundeth unto you, so that ye err not. Allah is Knower of all things.

## 5:6

- O ye who believe! When ye rise up for prayer, wash you faces, and your hands up to the elbows, and lightly rub your heads and (wash) your feet up to the ankles. And if ye are unclean, purify yourselves. And if ye are sick or on a journey, or one of you cometh from the closet, or ye have had contact with women, and ye find not water, then go to clean, high ground and rub your faces and your hands with some of it.

# 12:28

- So when he saw his shirt torn from behind, he said: Lo! this is of the guile of you women. Lo! the guile of you is very great.

## 23:6

- Save from their wives or the (slaves) that their right hands possess, for then they are not blameworthy,

## 24:4

- And those who accuse honorable women but bring not four witnesses, scourge them (with) eighty stripes and never (afterward) accept their testimony. They indeed are evil-doers.

## 24:6

- As for those who accuse their wives but have no witnesses except themselves; let the testimony of one of them be four testimonies, (swearing) by Allah that he is of those who speak the truth;

# 24:31

- And tell the believing women to lower their gaze and be modest, and to display of their adornment only that which is apparent, and to draw their veils over their bosoms, and not to reveal their adornment save to their own husbands or fathers or husbands' fathers, or their sons or their husbands' sons, or their brothers or their brothers' sons or sisters' sons, or their women, or their slaves, or male attendants who lack vigor, or children who know naught of women's nakedness. And let them not stamp their feet so as to reveal what they hide of their adornment. And turn unto Allah together, O believers, in order that ye may succeed.

# 33:30

- O ye wives of the Prophet! Whosoever of you committeth manifest lewdness, the punishment for her will be doubled, and that is easy for Allah.

# 33:50

- O Prophet! Lo! We have made lawful unto thee thy wives unto whom thou hast paid their dowries, and those whom thy right hand possesseth of those whom Allah hath given thee as spoils of war, and the daughters of thine uncle on the father's side and the daughters of thine aunts on the father's side, and the daughters of thine uncle on the mother's side and the daughters of thine aunts on the mother's side who emigrated with thee, and a believing woman if she give herself unto the Prophet and the Prophet desire to ask her in marriage--a privilege for thee only, not for the (rest of) believers--We are Aware of that which We enjoined upon them concerning their wives and those whom their right hands possess--that thou mayst be free from blame, for Allah is ever Forgiving, Merciful.

# 33:59

- O Prophet! Tell thy wives and thy daughters and the women of the believers to draw their cloaks close round them (when they go abroad). That will be better, so that they may be recognized and not annoyed. Allah is ever Forgiving, Merciful.

# 52:20

- Reclining on ranged couches. And we wed them unto fair ones with wide, lovely eyes.

# 65:1

- O Prophet! When ye (men) put away women, put them away for their (legal) period and reckon the period, and keep your duty to Allah, your Lord. Expel them not from their houses nor let them go forth unless they commit open immorality. Such are the limits (imposed by) Allah; and whoso transgresseth Allah's limits, he verily wrongeth his soul. Thou knowest not: it may be that Allah will afterward bring some new thing to pass.

## 66:5

- It may happen that his Lord, if he divorce you, will give him in your stead wives better than you, submissive (to Allah), believing, pious, penitent, devout, inclined to fasting, widows and maids.

# 66:10

- Allah citeth an example for those who disbelieve: the wife of Noah and the wife of Lot, who were under two of Our righteous slaves yet betrayed them so that they (the husbands) availed them naught against Allah and it was said (unto them): Enter the Fire along with those who enter.

**ON SAME-SEX SEXUALITY  
& SAME-SEX  
RELATIONSHIPS**

# HEBREW SCRIPTURES



# Genesis 19:1-25

- The story of the destruction of Sodom is frequently cited to justify condemnations of homosexuality. However, there are a number of problems in interpreting this story as an argument for a divine proscription of homosexuality. Many early Jews and Christians, and some current Biblical scholars, interpret the sin of Sodom to be that of *inhospitality toward strangers*, and unrelated to sex, while others argue that the sin is clearly sexual in nature.

# Leviticus 18:22

- **Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination.**
- Some Biblical scholars argue that these condemnations of same-sex sexuality between males were in fact referring to same-sex temple rituals, a practice that was apparently common among the Canaanites, Greeks, and other neighboring groups, and was not a condemnation of “homosexuality,” per se—a concept that was largely unknown in ancient times as we know it today.

# **JEWISH LEADERS**

# RABBI MOSHE STERNBUCK



- On a proposed LGBT parade through Jerusalem, 2005 (WorldPride):
- “This parade poses a real threat to the citizens of Israel.”



<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/news/articles/2005-1872.html>

**Orthodox Jews Protest Proposed WorldPride Parade in Jerusalem**

# CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES



# Romans 1:26

- In consequence, God has given them up to shameful passions. Their women have exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural.

# Romans 1:27

- And likewise also the men, giving up natural relations with women, burn with lust for one another; males behave indecently with males, and are paid in their own persons the fitting wage of such perversion.

# Timothy 1:10

- For whoremonger, 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.

# 1 Corinthians 6-9

- Know 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.

# **CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH *CATECHISM* 1995

“Basing itself upon Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that homosexual acts are gravely disordered. They are contrary to natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of love [i.e., children]. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.”

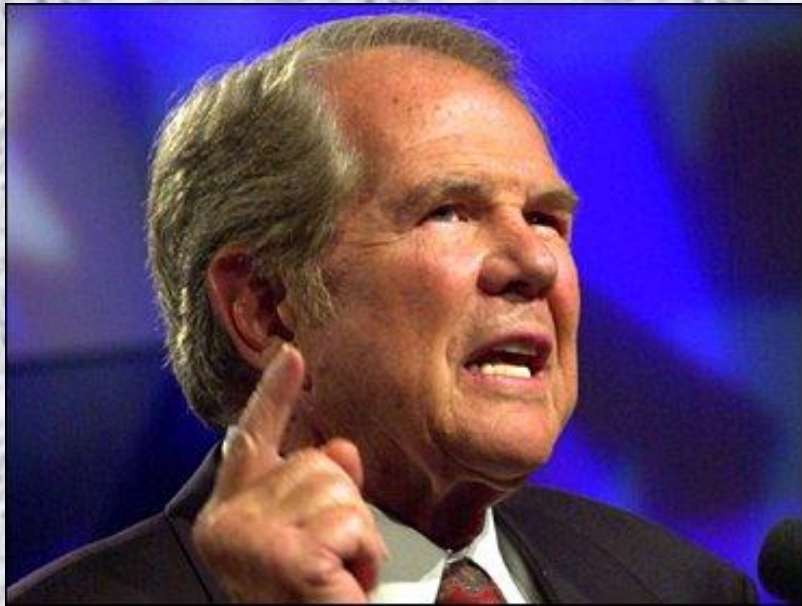
# FORMER BOSTON CARDINAL, BERNARD LAW



- Statement of 16 New England Catholic Bishops
- Delivered by Cardinal Bernard Law, Boston Archdiocese, June 2000
- Following Vermont legislature recognizing civil unions for same-sex couples, April 2000.

“The Legislature of the State of Vermont, by passing the Civil Unions Bill, has attacked centuries of cultural and religious esteem for marriage between a man and a woman and has prepared the way for an attack on the well-being of society itself....We, the Catholic Bishops...and all people of good will...recognize the sacredness of marriage and the family as ordered by God....[S]uch legislation will undermine cultural and religious respect for marriage and will inflict a wound upon society itself. The obligation of society and the state to support and strengthen marriage as the intimate union of a man and a woman does not infringe upon the civil rights of others. Rather, those seeking to redefine marriage for their own purposes are the ones who are trying to impose their values on the rest of the population.”

# TELEVANGELIST PAT ROBERTSON



- In response to Gay-Pride related events in Orlando, Florida.
- “I would warn Orlando that you’re right in the way of some serious hurricanes, and I don’t think I’d be waving those [rainbow] flags in God’s face if I were you....A condition like this [homosexuality] will bring about the destruction of your nation. It’ll bring about terrorist bombs; it’ll bring earthquakes, tornadoes, and possibly a meteor.”

# PASTOR RICK WARREN

Saddleback Church, Lake Forrest, California



- On Proposition 8 to deny same-sex marriage, California, Nov. 2008
- “For 5,000 years, EVERY culture and EVERY religion -- not just Christianity -- has defined marriage as a contract between men and women. There is no reason to change the universal, historical definition of marriage to appease 2% of our population....Of course, my longtime opposition is well known. This is not a political issue, it is a moral issue that God has spoken clearly about. There is no doubt where we should stand on this issue....This will be a close contest, maybe even decided by a few thousand votes. I urge you to **VOTE YES** on Proposition 8 -- to preserve the biblical definition of marriage. Don't forget to vote!”

# POPE BENEDICT XVI

November 21, 2008



- **Pope Benedict argued that saving humanity from homosexual or transsexual behavior was just as important as saving the rainforest from destruction.**
- **He said that humanity needed to "listen to the language of creation" to understand the intended roles of man and woman. He compared behavior beyond traditional heterosexual relations as "a destruction of God's work."**

<http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2008/s2454327.htm>

# Oklahoma State Representative Sally Kern 2008



- “The homosexual agenda is just destroying this nation and poses a bigger threat to the U.S. than terrorism or Islam. I’m not gay-bashing. But according to God’s word, that is not the right kind of lifestyle. Studies show no society that has totally embraced homosexuality has lasted more than a few decades. It is not a lifestyle that is good for this nation....”

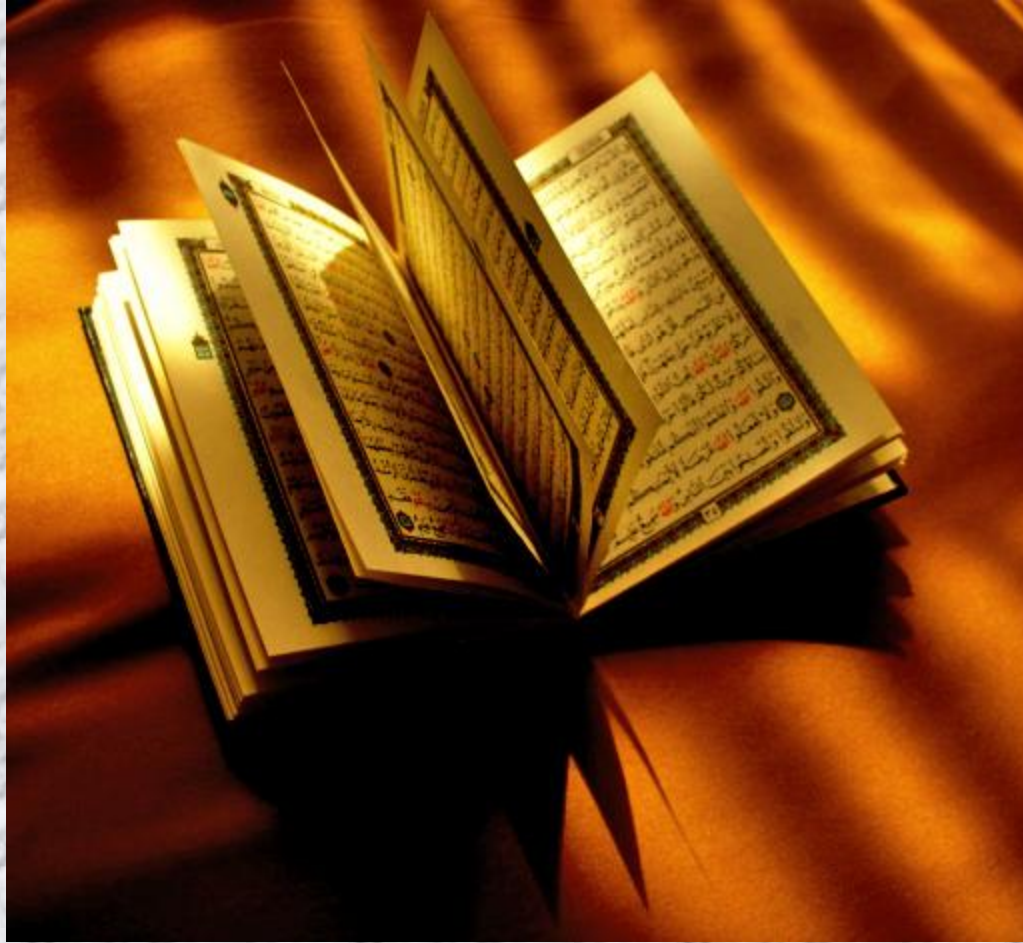
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# QUR'AN



# THE QUR'AN AND HOMOSEXUALITY

- Though Mohammed warns against the *abuse* of sexuality, the Qur'an does not condemn homosexuality *per se* and does not recommend specific punishments for it.
- The references to the story of Sodom are more of an illustration of God's power rather than a condemnation of male same-sex sexuality *per se*.

# 26:161

- Your Lord is the Mighty One, the Merciful, Lot's people, too disbelieved their apostles. Their compatriot Lot said to them: "Will you not have fear of Allah? I am indeed your true apostle. Fear Allah then and follow me. I demand of you no recompense for this; none can reward me except the Lord of the Creation. Will you fornicate with males and leave your wives, whom Allah has created for you? Surely you are great transgressors...."

# 27:54

- And tell of Lot. He said to his people: “Are our blind that you should commit indecency, lustfully seeking men instead of women? Surely you are an ignorant people.”
- Yet this was their reply: “Banish the louse of Lot from your city. They are men who would keep chaste.”
- So We delivered him and all his tribe, except his wife, whom We caused to stay behind, pelting the others with rain; and evil was the rain which fell on those who had been warned.

# 29:28

- And We sent forth Lot to his people. He said to them: “You commit indecent acts which no other nation has committed before you. You lust after men and assault them on your highways. You turn your very gathering into orgies.
- But his people’s only reply was: “Bring down Allah’s scourge upon us, if what you say be true.”
- “Lord,” said he, “deliver me from these degenerate men.”
- And when Our messengers brought Abraham the good news they said: “We are about to destroy the people of this town, for they are wicked men.”

# 37:133

- Lot, too, was an apostle. We delivered him and all his kinsfolk, except for an old woman who stayed behind, and utterly destroyed the others. You pass by their ruins morning and evening: will you not take heed?

# 55:33

- The people of Lot disbelieved Our warning. We let loose on them a stone-charged whirlwind which destroyed them all, except the house of Lot, whom We saved at dawn through Our mercy. Thus We reward the thankful.
- Lot had warned them of Our vengeance, but they doubted his warning. They demanded his guests of him. But We put out their sight and said: “Taste My punishment, now that you have heard My warning.” And at daybreak a heavy scourge overtook them....

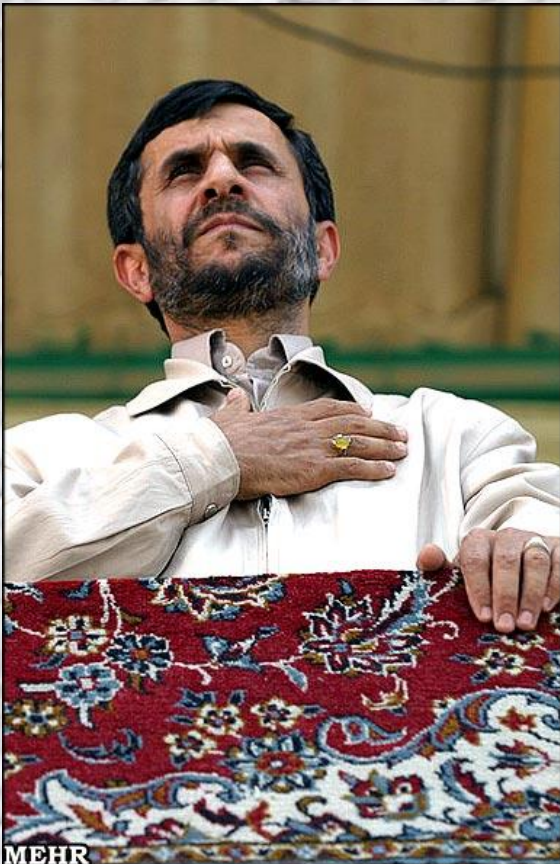
# IBRAHIM SARSUR



- Arab Member of Israeli Knesset (Parliament)
- On a proposed LGBT parade through Jerusalem, 2005 (WorldPride):
- “If gays will dare approach the Temple Mount during the parade, they will do so over our dead bodies.”

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/news/articles/2005-1872.html>

# IRAN



**Mahmoud  
Ahmadinejad**

- Fear, intimidation, and a number of *executions* of gay men reported in Iran under Ahmadinejad.

[http://direland.typepad.com/direland/2005/08/unconfirmed\\_rep.html](http://direland.typepad.com/direland/2005/08/unconfirmed_rep.html)

- “Iranian human rights campaigners estimate that 4000 gay men have been executed since the Islamic revolution of 1979.”

[http://www.dailymotion.com/GWB-/video/x6colb\\_iran-execution-of-29-people-sunday\\_news?from=rss](http://www.dailymotion.com/GWB-/video/x6colb_iran-execution-of-29-people-sunday_news?from=rss)