

Claim CA010:

Homosexuality is considered acceptable and even desirable by most evolutionists, who point out that homosexuality is common in many species.

Source:

Morris, Henry M. 2000. Evil-ution. *Back to Genesis* 140 (Aug.): a-c.

Response:

1. The acceptance of homosexuality has nothing to do with evolution. It comes from the recognition that homosexuals, like all people, deserve real love, not just lip service about love. Evolutionists (and other non-fundamentalists), including many people who believe the Bible just as much as Creationists do, are not constrained by the narrow interpretations of the people in certain rigid religions, which are the only sources why homosexuality might be considered immoral.

Contrary to Morris' assertion, evolutionists don't consider homosexuality desirable.

2. The pervasiveness of homosexuality throughout nature shows, beyond question, that homosexuality is natural (Bagemihl 1998), belying the only non-religious justification for hatred of homosexuality.
3. The Biblical objection to homosexuality is hypocritical, because those who condemn it do not condemn just as vigorously other prohibited behaviors such as wearing clothing made of two kinds of material (Lev. 19: 19), trimming or shaving sideburns (Lev. 19: 27), getting tattoos (Lev. 19: 28), and charging interest (Deut. 23: 19-20). People who condemn homosexuality do so not because the Bible tells them to, but, ultimately, because they want to. People who condemn others should first examine the morality of their own judgments.

References:

1. Bagemihl, Bruce. 1998. *Biological Exuberance: Animal Homosexuality and Natural Diversity*. New York: St. Martin Press.

REBUTTAL:

In statement one of Talk Origins Rebuttal they state: "The acceptance of homosexuality has nothing to do with evolution. It comes from the recognition that homosexuals, like all people, deserve real love, not just lip service about love." This implies that IF you do not accept a person's practice of homosexuality, you in turn cannot love them. This assumption is completely false. In fact given the dangerous often associated with a homosexual lifestyle, revolving door relationships, higher instances of sexually related infectious diseases, including, but not limited to HIV/AIDS, and the fact there is a statistically higher level of clinical depression and suicides among this group, to approve of such a lifestyle would be the ultimate PROOF that you do not genuinely care about the welfare, nor love those caught up in it. A parent can love their children and not necessarily like, nor approve of the child's behavior. So it is possible to love the sinner so-to-speak while at the same time hating the sin. As Born-Again Christian's we understand homosexuality is a sin in the eyes of God. However, we should never beat on homosexual practices as abomination in the eyes of God, exclusively or to the exclusion of any other sin. Homosexuality is a sin, but so are adultery, fornication, stealing, lying, murder, idolatry, drunkenness, drug use, reveling, hatred and the like. ALL Sin is an abomination in the eyes of a perfect, HOLY GOD. Therefore, biblically speaking Homosexuality is no greater sin, than any of the rest of these. Sin is sin, and God puts NO degree on it. All sin is abomination in the eyes of God and warrants the death penalty. That's why Jesus came, to take the death penalty upon him and satisfy God's requirement for justice for the laws we have broken. Jesus will save a homosexual from the wages of their sin just as quickly as he will for the liar, thief, murderer, adulterer, fornicator and gossip. On the other hand, those who do not practice homosexuality, yet are guilty of these other things, God will condemn just as quickly and a surely to eternal punishment, if they are found without pardon in Jesus Christ and his blood on the day they appear before him to be judged.

Point two of Talk Origins states: "The pervasiveness of homosexuality throughout nature shows, beyond question, that homosexuality is natural (Bagemihl 1998), belying the only non-religious justification for hatred of homosexuality." On this point, the Bible agrees. Homosexuality is natural. All people have inherited the sin nature from Adam and Eve, the first sinners. We do not just commit sin; we are sinful by our very nature. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psalm 51:5 In spite of the fact SIN is natural to fallen man, God requires perfection morally and spiritually in order for us to be permitted to enter heaven, eternal life and his presents. His very nature is HOLY and therefore, will not tolerate anything or anyone in His presents that is also not holy. This is WHY Jesus died on the cross, to pay the sin debt and make us to be able, in him, to stand in God's presence as perfect and holy, in his sight. How many sins did Adam and Eve have to commit before they came under the righteous judgment and condemnation from God? Do you know? Answer is...Just ONE. God takes less than perfect very seriously. This is why we ALL need Jesus who died and rose for the sins of the entire world. But forgiveness must be gained by individual free choice.

Point three: "The Biblical objection to homosexuality is hypocritical." No, the biblical objection to homosexuality, like ALL sin is biblical. The hypocrisy comes when people will condemn a sinner for a particular sinful practice, and fails to realize that though the manifestation of sin may be different, they too are guilty of sin, as if some how God will punish the homosexual without Christ, and yet, overlook the sin of others who do not practice such things. Yet, the bible declares God is NO respecter of persons in more than a dozen different places. The only one he shows favor to is the one who accepts Jesus Christ as saviour and Lord, because Jesus Blood purges that person from ALL sin. It is NOT the person who is good, but the one who covers them, Jesus Christ the righteous one. And even here God respects NO person, because he makes salvation, forgiveness and pardon available to whoever will choose to take it by faith in HIM.