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## The Complete Christian Guide to Understanding Homosexuality

## A Biblical and Compassionate Response to Same-Sex Attraction

[Harvest House Publishers](#) One of the hot-button issues of our day is fully addressed in this comprehensive new resource on homosexuality. This well-researched and highly readable guide is the perfect go-to manual for families, church workers, counselors, pastors, civic leaders, schools, and those who themselves struggle with same-sex attraction. Readers will find the answers to these and many more important questions: What is homosexuality? Is the tendency for homosexuality genetic? How should the church respond? What's the proper response when a relative or friend announces they're gay? What are the legal and civic ramifications of homosexuality? Should homosexuals serve openly in the military? What about gay marriage and adoption? Authoritative authors Joe Dallas (*Desires in Conflict, When Homosexuality Hits Home*) and Dr. Nancy Heche (*The Truth Comes Out*) tackle the hard questions about same-sex attraction in this helpful volume.

## Beyond the Birds and the Bees

## Raising Sexually Whole and Holy Kids

[Ascension Press](#) "The Talk." It's one of the most daunting prospects parents face. Communicating the richness of Catholic teaching on sexuality in a faithful and effective way can be an overwhelming responsibility. But does it have to be so? In this thoroughly revised version of *Beyond the Birds and the Bees*, Greg and Lisa Popcak empower you with the tools needed to move well beyond "the Talk" by offering a comprehensive guide to raising sexually whole and holy children. Using the riches of Blessed John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, the Popcaks help you safely navigate your children from infancy through the teenage years and beyond. This book answers the questions parents may have, including: What lessons must my children learn at each stage to develop a healthy Christian sexuality? How can I have age-appropriate conversations about sensitive issues with my children? How can I teach my children what it takes to be a true Catholic man or woman? How can I help my children have healthy, Christian dating relationships? ...and much more

## Tough Love

## Sexuality, Compassion, and the Christian Right

[SUNY Press](#) *Exposes how ex-gay and postabortion ministries operate on a shared system of thought and analyzes their social implications.*

A staple of the culture wars, the struggle between Christian conservatives and progressives over sexuality and reproductive rights continues. Focusing on ex-gay ministries geared to helping same-sex attracted people resist their sexuality and postabortion ministries dedicated to leading women who have had an abortion to repent that decision, Cynthia Burack argues that both are motivated and characterized by a strain of compassion that is particular to Christian conservatism rather than a bias and hatred toward sexual minorities and sexually active women. This compassion reproduces the sexual ideology of the Christian right and absolves Christian conservatives from responsibility for stigma and other forms of harm to postabortive and same-sex attracted people. Using the democratic theory of Hannah Arendt, the popular fiction of Ayn Rand, and the psychoanalytic thought of Melanie Klein, Burack studies the social and political effects of Christian conservative compassion.

## Truth Overruled

## The Future of Marriage and Religious Freedom

[Simon and Schuster](#) "Every leader in America needs to read this book! It's by far the best summary of what's at stake." —Rick Warren The Supreme Court has issued a decision, but that doesn't end the debate. Now that the Supreme Court has ruled, Americans face momentous debates about the nature of marriage and religious liberty. Because the Court has redefined marriage in all 50 states, we have to energetically protect our freedom to live according to conscience and faith as we work to rebuild a strong marriage culture. In the first book to respond to the Supreme Court's decision on same-sex marriage, Ryan Anderson draws on the best philosophy and social science to explain what marriage is, why it matters for public policy, and the consequences of its legal redefinition. Attacks on religious liberty--predicated on the bogus equation of opposition to same-sex marriage with racism--have already begun, and modest efforts in Indiana and other states to protect believers' rights have met with hysterics from media and corporate elites. Anderson tells the stories of innocent citizens who have been coerced and penalized by the government and offers a strategy to protect the natural right of religious liberty. Anderson reports on the latest research on same-sex parenting, filling it out with the testimony of children raised by gays and lesbians. He closes with a comprehensive roadmap on how to rebuild a culture of marriage, with work to be done by everyone. The nation's leading defender of marriage in the media and on university campuses, Ryan Anderson has produced the must-read manual on where to go from here. There are reasonable and compelling arguments for the truth about marriage, but too many of our neighbors haven't heard them. Truth is never on "the wrong side of history," but we have to make the case. We will decide

which side of history we are on.

## The Complete Christian Guide to Understanding Homosexuality

[Harvest House Publishers](#) Many Christians are grasping for an appropriate response to this hot-button issue. The balance between demonstrating the grace and kindness of God and yet acknowledging biblical truth regarding homosexual behavior is a delicate one. But there are answers to this dilemma. It is possible to extend God's love toward those with same-sex attractions. And a first step toward offering hope and support is learning more about homosexuality. These questions and many more are answered in this authoritative and comprehensive guide to homosexuality from a Christian perspective, written by authors who are not only experts on homosexuality but also have the necessary personal experience to bring the compassionate touch of Christ to their research

## When Homosexuality Hits Home

## What to Do When a Loved One Says They're Gay

[Harvest House Publishers](#) "There's something I need to tell you...I'm gay." These are hard words to hear from a beloved family member. But as hard as they are to hear, they are also hard for the same-sex-attracted person to utter. No matter the relationship—parent, child, grandparent, spouse, sibling, or other, that admission will likely mark a change in the way you and your loved one understand each other. These can be difficult waters to navigate, but Joe Dallas knows the rough waters firsthand and offers answers to the questions you need answered. How do I show my love for my same-sex attracted family member and yet remain faithful to the Bible's admonitions about homosexuality? Should I attend my loved one's gay wedding? What caused his or her homosexuality? Am I to blame? Can people change their sexual orientation? From his many years of helping families answer tough questions about homosexuality, Joe Dallas offers you sound, compassionate, and biblically accurate advice as you take a journey you never anticipated. Revised edition.

## Venus and Virtue

## Celebrating Sex and Seeking Sanctification

[Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) Venus and Virtue are a match made in heaven. While popular culture often tends to think of Christianity as negative about sexuality and sexual pleasure, the fact is that Christians have the best of reasons to joyfully celebrate sex as a gift. Unfortunately, there is as much confusion about sex in Christian circles as there is in the culture at large. The authors of this book believe that this confusion can only be adequately addressed by drawing from the deep wells of biblical truth and traditional theology. The writers, however, are not only experts in biblical scholarship, theology, and philosophy, but also pastoral ministry, counseling, pop culture criticism, and women's issues. This book is not sexy in the typical sense of that word, but by situating sexuality within the cosmic drama of biblical revelation, the true beauty and goodness of sex most clearly emerges. And as that beauty emerges, we can begin to see why Christian morality not only makes profound sense, but also why it positively enriches the meaning of sex in ways that far outstrip the sexy secular alternative.

## Can You Be Gay and Christian?

## Responding with Love and Truth to Questions about Homosexuality

[Charisma Media](#) Offers practical guidance for Christians who have gay friends, family members, or who struggle with their own sexuality.

## Homosexuality

[Greenhaven Publishing LLC](#) This essential volume explores issues surrounding homosexuality. It presents diversity of opinion on the topic, including both conservative and liberal points of view in an even balance. Readers will evaluate opposing views about topics including the nature versus nurture debate, same-sex marriage, and the U.S. military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Essay sources include the Witherspoon Institute, John McCain, Barry Starr, and Wayne Besen.

## The Homosexual Debate and the Local Church

[Upside Down Ministries](#) The Homosexual Debate and the Church attempts to provide insight into the controversy surrounding pro-gay theology. It shows the basic flaws of pro-gay theology while pointing out a compassionate response to individuals struggling with same-sex attraction.

## Cross-Examined: Catholic Responses to the World's Questions

[Emmaus Road Publishing](#) While social norms and political movements are rapidly changing, the truth of the Catholic faith stands firm. In Cross-Examined: Catholic Responses to the World's Questions, readers are equipped to address even the most sensitive topics, from the existence of God to the existence of hell, from women's ordination to Marian devotion, from assisted suicide to transgenderism. In Cross-Examined, Fr. Carter Griffin begins each discussion not with Catholic teaching but rather with its most common objections. Articulating these objections serves several purposes. First, it helps Catholics to respect those who do not share their beliefs by identifying intelligent grounds for disagreement. Pointing out objections also helps believers respond more persuasively in discussions with non-Catholic friends. Perhaps most importantly, knowing the common objects instills confidence that the Church is committed to the truth and unafraid to engage with those who dispute her teaching. After identifying principal objections, each discussion continues with a brief summary of relevant Catholic teaching and then responds to each objection in turn. In our shrill age that seems ever less capable of rational discourse, the method used in Cross-Examined can offer a way to remain faithful to our beliefs while acknowledging, respecting, and responding to alternative points of view.

## Out of Obscurity

## Mormonism Since 1945

[Oxford University Press](#) In the years since 1945, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has grown rapidly in terms of both numbers and public prominence. Mormonism is no longer merely a home-grown American religion, confined to the Intermountain West; instead, it has captured the attention of political pundits, Broadway audiences, and prospective converts around the world. While most scholarship on Mormonism concerns its colorful but now well-known early history, the essays in this collection assess recent developments, such as the LDS Church's international growth and acculturation; its intersection with conservative politics in recent decades; its stances on same-sex marriage and the role of women; and its ongoing struggle to interpret its own tumultuous history. The scholars draw on a wide variety of Mormon voices as well as those of outsiders, from Latter-day Saints in Hyderabad, India, to "Mormon Mommy blogs," to evangelical "countercult" ministries.

## God & The LGBT Community

### A Compassionate Guide for Parents, Families, and Churches

[Destiny Image Publishers](#) Who has the answers to tough questions about sexuality? Questions about what the Bible says about the LGBT community abound in Christian circles. Pastors and ministry leaders are flooded with inquiries. Parents and loved ones ask how to respond to a son or daughter asking about reassignment surgery or struggling with same-sex attraction. And many individuals question their own LGBT lifestyle choices. Does anybody have all the answers to these crucial and timely questions? Yes! Author Janet Boynes says Gods Word has all the answers! In God & the LGBT Community, Janet shares out of her own personal experience of redemption and transformational love. Armed with biblical truths, profound insight, and deeply rooted compassion, she tackles tough issues in an easy-to-read, tangible resource Is sexual orientation determined at birth? Can someone be a Christian and gay? Should pastors be afraid to address these issues from the pulpit? How can parents validate their children but not celebrate the LGBT lifestyle? Real-life testimonies of redemption. If you or someone you know struggles with sexuality, this book points the way to compassion without compromise and delivers the freedom that truth brings!

## The Good Life

[Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.](#) Explores the beliefs and assumptions that shape people's lives, and explains how people's world views can in turn shape what they will become in the future.

## Freedom Realized

[Redemption Press](#) Freedom Realized is a passionate call to hold the front line of holiness concerning true and lasting freedom in Christ, as well as a practical ministry guide for "ex-gay" ministries, pastoral care ministries that really help people overcome homosexuality

## One For All: The Foundations

### The importance of unity in a fractured world

[Monarch Books](#) 500 years after Martin Luther's objections, the Church is threatened with division. With fundamentalists and liberals pulling at either end of the scale, have we forgotten everything that binds us together? Are we focusing too much on the things that could pull us apart? In 2017 Spring Harvest celebrates the theme of unity. Instead of fracturing over secondary issues, we have an opportunity to celebrate a God-given unity centred on mission and the primary truths of faith. We have an opportunity to be One for All.

## Walking with Same-Sex Attracted Friends

[Graceworks](#) "This book seeks to both encourage those who are serious about following Christ but who are struggling with same-sex attraction, and to challenge the church to lend a listening ear and a helping and welcoming hand. The stories in this book are told with pathos, honesty, and courage. We must all recognise that whatever our story or struggle with sin (and we all have struggles), God has chosen us to be His children so that we can be conformed to the likeness of His Son. The church should understand this and provide a safe redemptive space to all of us sinners, whatever our problem, surrounded by the sheltering canopy of God's unchanging truth and abiding love." From the Foreword by Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon, The Methodist Church in Singapore

## Giving a Voice to the Voiceless

### A Qualitative Study of Reducing Marginalization of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Same-Sex Attracted Students at Christian Colleges and Universities

[Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) The problem this project addresses is the sense of marginalization experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual (LGB) and same-sex attracted (SSA) Christian college and university students. Data was collected via an online questionnaire and the study design mixed methods with an emphasis on the qualitative data. The study sample included eighty students/alumni from thirty-two Christian colleges/universities. Generally, respondents felt lonely, hid their sexuality, and reported a negative campus climate. Recommendations from respondents include: institutional policies must be clearer and applied consistently, improve campus climate, and form support groups for LGB and SSA students.

## Shepherding Women in Pain

### Real Women, Real Issues and What You Need to Know to Truly Help

[Moody Publishers](#) Infertility, divorce, domestic violence, eating disorders...all have become part of a day's work for women and men in ministry to women. Yet, most are not prepared for this aspect of ministering to women in real pain over real issues. Designed to give leaders and care givers greater understanding, insights for shepherding, and referral resources, Shepherding Women in Pain is a compilation from contributors who have expertise and experience with women on the given issue. For example Stacey Womack, founder and executive director of Abuse Recovery Ministry & Services, wrote the chapter on domestic violence and Kimberley Davidson, founder of Olive Branch Outreach, authored the chapter discussing eating disorders. The reader will be provided concise, practical, and

grace-infused information designed to help women deal constructively with the trauma of their life experiences. This book will serve as a key resource--read and re-read often--to those who serve women in pain.

## Introduction to Psychology: Gateways to Mind and Behavior

[Cengage Learning](#) Welcome to the world of psychology--and a journey through the gateways to mind and behavior. Led by authors who get rave reviews from students and instructors alike, Gateways 16e addresses a number of student needs, including explicit sections that help connect each chapter to important employability skills that are relevant to a wide variety of career paths. New guided notes provide note-taking support for students who are new to college-level textbooks, helping them to extract key information from the text while learning important note-taking skills. Cutting edge research and world events such as Covid-19 and the Black Lives Matter movement have been woven throughout the text in the same conversational style that students have come to appreciate. Experience the fun of discovering Psychology with INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY: GATEWAYS TO MIND AND BEHAVIOR, 16th Edition. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

## Sexuality, Gender & Education

[IF Press](#) The debates on gender and sexuality are widespread today. Many claim that a cultural war is being waged between “conservatives” who uphold the time-honored values of family and sexuality and “liberals” who promote an agenda to redefine these traditional roles. Since the public is often uninformed about the science and philosophical currents undergirding the questions of gender and sexuality, the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum organized an academic symposium in Rome to shed light on the debate. This book gathers the insights of that symposium, which integrated the disciplines of medicine, neuroscience, psychology, psychiatry, history, philosophy, moral theology, biblical studies, law, bioethics, and pedagogy. This work is aimed at Catholics and all those who seek a more profound understanding of one of today’s most important topics. In the personalist approach of bioethics, the natural law tradition distinguishes the person from his or her acts. In the case of same-sex attractions, the Church teaches clearly that the inclination is not in itself sinful, and that persons with such attractions are deserving of respect and compassion in accord with their full human dignity. Nonetheless, same-sex acts are not natural or ordered. The Church strives to build bridges with the LGBT community by fostering a relationship of compassion, sensitivity, and mutual respect. However, real bridges also require honesty and openness to the truths that pertain to human sexuality, procreation, the family, and the education of future generation.

## The Light of Christ

### An Introduction to Catholicism

[CUA Press](#) The Light of Christ provides an accessible presentation of Catholicism that is grounded in traditional theology, but engaged with a host of contemporary questions or objections. Inspired by the theologies of Irenaeus, Thomas Aquinas and John Henry Newman, and rooted in a post-Vatican II context, Fr. Thomas Joseph White presents major doctrines of the Christian religion in a way that is comprehensible for non-specialists: knowledge of God, the mystery of the Trinity, the Incarnation and the atonement, the sacraments and the moral life, eschatology and prayer. At the same time, The Light of Christ also addresses topics such as evolution, the modern historical study of Jesus and the Bible, and objections to Catholic moral teaching. Touching on the concerns of contemporary readers, Fr. White examines questions such as whether Christianity is compatible with the findings of the modern sciences, do historical Jesus studies disrupt or confirm the teaching of the faith, and does history confirm the antiquity of Catholic claims. This book serves as an excellent introduction for young professionals with no specialized background in theology who are interested in learning more about Catholicism, or as an introduction to Catholic theology. It will also serve as a helpful text for theology courses in a university context. As Fr. White states in the book’s introduction: “This is a book that offers itself as a companion. I do not presume to argue the reader into the truths of the Catholic faith, though I will make arguments. My goal is to make explicit in a few broad strokes the shape of Catholicism. I hope to outline its inherent intelligibility or form as a mystery that is at once visible and invisible, ancient and contemporary, mystical and reasonable.”

## Leaving Left Behind

### How Positivity Will Help Christians Flourish

[Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) Positive psychologists have proven that positivity leads to success, but most Christians in America have chosen to believe a single eschatological theory that leads to pessimism and cynicism. Pessimistic Christians put themselves in Christian bubbles and focus on self-preservation, and when a mind is clouded by negativity, interpretations of biblical prophecy lean toward the pessimistic possibilities. The fantastic writing of the Left Behind books has popularized premillennial dispensationalism with good intentions, but that interpretation of biblical prophecy teaches that sinfulness will continually increase until Jesus throws up his hands in disgust and secretly raptures worthy Christians, leaving behind unworthy sinners to suffer the wrath of the antichrist. Teaching that questionable theory produces negativity that hinders the Christian mission. When Christians believe that they cannot succeed in leading most of the world to Jesus, they will fail to put in the effort that success would require. Jesus, on the other hand, taught his followers that nothing will prevail over his church, and that teaching inspired them to sacrifice everything for the Christian mission. This is not a promise of prosperity without effort or of inevitable success, but biblical positivity is an energizing force that will help Christians flourish.

## Authentic Human Sexuality

### An Integrated Christian Approach

[InterVarsity Press](#) Informed by sociology, psychology, and theology, this updated edition of an established textbook investigates how human sexuality originates both biologically and socially. Laying the groundwork for a normative Christian interpretation of sexuality, this work explores what authentic sexuality looks like as well as forms of "inauthentic sexuality" such as sexual harassment, pornography, and rape.

## Same-Sex Attractions: Now What?

### Biblical Answers for Young People Dealing with Unwanted Same-Sex Attractions

[WestBow Press](#) If you’re a young Christian dealing with unwanted same-sex attraction, you need guidance from someone who has been in the same predicament. Gary Michaels, a former missionary and founder of Be Equipped Ministry, shares his own struggles with same-sex attraction in this guide for anyone trying to navigate a road paved with sexual brokenness. Full of practical advice and resources, the guide answers questions such as: Can admitting sin lead to freedom and recovery? Do your attractions and feelings define who you are? Why doesn’t God answer your prayers to stop unwanted attraction? Does God really care about your sexuality? Whether you’ve acted upon your attraction to someone of the same sex or have only thought about it, this book offers hope. The God of the universe loves you and longs to meet with you right where you are. He desires to walk beside you even in the middle of your brokenness. This book is rooted in Scripture and will bolster your understanding of your identity in Christ, help you find biblical truth, and give

you practical guidance in dealing with unwanted attractions.

## Things Your Mother Never Told You

### A Woman's Guide to Sexuality

[InterVarsity Press](#) Why aren't Christian women talking about sex? In this frank exploration of all aspects of what it means to be a sexual being created by God, Kim Gaines Eckert explores myths about female sexuality that we have absorbed from both popular culture and distorted religious teaching.

### Nursing Assistant: A Nursing Process Approach - Basics

[Cengage Learning](#) Learn to become a certified nursing assistant qualified for the acute care, home care, and long-term care settings with the leading textbook in nursing assistant education. This basics edition of NURSING ASSISTANT: A NURSING PROCESS APPROACH is your competency-based resource, with over 100 procedures presented in an easy to read, step-by-step format with over 1,000 photos and drawings to illustrate key skills. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

### Understanding Sexual Identity

### A Resource for Youth Ministry

[Zondervan](#) Today's youth struggle with difficult questions of sexual identity. How can a youth worker offer wise care and counsel on such a controversial and confusing subject? Mark Yarhouse, Director of the Institute for the Study of Sexual Identity, writes to equip youth ministers so they can faithfully navigate the topic of sexual identity in a way that is honest, compassionate, and accessible. Reframing the focus away from the culture wars, Yarhouse introduces readers to the conversation beginning with the developmental considerations in the formation of sexual identity—all of which occurs in the teen years. He offers practical and helpful ways to think about people who experience same-sex attraction. Sections of the book are also dedicated to helping parents respond to their children and teens who struggle with questions of sexual identity, as well as how youth ministry can become more relevant in the lives of youth who are navigating these issues.

### Surviving Sexual Brokenness

### What Grace Can Do

[WestBow Press](#) A man with his wife at the table on the other side of the restaurant is polite but distracted. A woman at work stares out her office window with a blank expression, her mind far away. A father wraps his arm around his daughter in the church pew; his eyes are on the pulpit, but his mind wanders. What about the college student on the soccer field or in the library? The doctor prepping for surgery? The realtor showing the house next door? The mailman on your front porch. Your Sunday school teacher . . . perhaps even your preacher. These people may be dominated by some form of sexual brokenness, from pornography to adultery to unwanted homosexual temptation. They share a secret they hope and pray will never be revealed. The urge to “act out” in their brokenness is destroying them because it conflicts with a life they have already chosen. They don't know how to live with it; they don't know how to be rid of it. They may not know what caused it; they only want to “cure” it. “Am I just a misplaced homosexual?” “Did God make me this way?” “Why won't He change me?” Surrounding them are the ones who sense something is amiss but have no clue what to do or where to find help. They may be confused by the teachings of the church: love the sinner; hate the sin. This seemingly Biblical response can actually send the message to the struggler that he is, in fact, unlovable because his identity seems inseparable from his sin. *Surviving Sexual Brokenness* examines the roots and the roadblocks and provides understanding, encouragement, hope and help through Biblical truth and Christian compassion for the freedom-seeker and those who travel alongside.

### The Handbook of Adult Clinical Psychology

### An Evidence Based Practice Approach

[Routledge](#) *The Handbook of Adult Clinical Psychology* provides a reliable source of guidance on the full range of issues associated with conducting evidence based practice in adult mental health. Topics covered include: general frameworks for practice: classification and epidemiology; CBT, psychodynamic, systemic and bio-medical models; general assessment procedures mood problems: depression, bipolar disorder and managing suicide risk anxiety problems: generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, PTSD and social phobia physical health problems: somatoform disorders, chronic pain, adjustment to cancer, eating disorders and substance abuse other psychological difficulties: schizophrenia, borderline personality disorder, psychological problems in older adults, anger management and depersonalization disorder. Each chapter includes useful skill building exercises, summaries of the issues covered, suggested further reading lists for both psychologists and patients, and case material. This practical Handbook will prove invaluable to clinical psychologists in training, helping them to build the necessary skills to complete a clinical placement in the field of adult mental health. *The Handbook of Adult Clinical Psychology* is one of a set of three handbooks published by Routledge, which includes *The Handbook of Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology* (by Alan Carr) and *The Handbook of Intellectual Disability and Clinical Psychology Practice* (Edited by Alan Carr, Gary O'Reilly, Patricia Noonan Walsh and John McEvoy).

### Themelios, Volume 43, Issue 2

[Wipf and Stock Publishers](#) Themelios is an international, evangelical, peer-reviewed theological journal that expounds and defends the historic Christian faith. Themelios is published three times a year online at The Gospel Coalition (<http://thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/>) and in print by Wipf and Stock. Its primary audience is theological students and pastors, though scholars read it as well. Themelios began in 1975 and was operated by RTSF/UCCF in the UK, and it became a digital journal operated by The Gospel Coalition in 2008. The editorial team draws participants from across the globe as editors, essayists, and reviewers. General Editor: D. A. Carson, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Managing Editor: Brian Tabb, Bethlehem College and Seminary Consulting Editor: Michael J. Ovey, Oak Hill Theological College Administrator: Andrew David Naselli, Bethlehem College and Seminary Book Review Editors: Jerry Hwang, Singapore Bible College; Alan Thompson, Sydney Missionary & Bible College; Nathan A. Finn, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Hans Madueme, Covenant College; Dane Ortlund, Crossway; Jason Sexton, Golden Gate Baptist Seminary Editorial Board: Gerald Bray, Beeson Divinity School Lee Gatiss, Wales Evangelical School of Theology Paul Helseth, University of Northwestern, St. Paul Paul House, Beeson Divinity School Ken Magnuson, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Jonathan Pennington, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary James Robson, Wycliffe Hall Mark D. Thompson, Moore Theological College Paul Williamson, Moore Theological College Stephen Witmer, Pepperell Christian Fellowship Robert Yarbrough, Covenant Seminary

## Same-Sex Attraction and the Church

### The Surprising Plausibility of the Celibate Life

[InterVarsity Press](#) **The Gospel Coalition Top Books of 2015 in Christian Living** **Tim Challies' Top Books of 2015** **ProdigalThought.net's Top Reads of 2015** **Leadership Journal's Best Ministry Books of the Year** **When Christians have same-sex attraction, how should the church respond?** Pastor Ed Shaw experiences same-sex attraction, and yet he is committed to Scripture and the church's traditional position of fidelity in heterosexual marriage and celibacy in singleness. In this honest book, he shares his pain in dealing with these issues, but at the same time shows us that obedience to Jesus is ultimately the only way to experience life to the full. He shows that the Bible's teaching seems unreasonable not because of its difficulties, but because of missteps that the church has often taken in its understanding of the Christian life. We have been shaped by the world around us and urgently need to re-examine the values that drive our discipleship. Only by doing this in the light of the Bible can we make sense of its call on the lives of those who are attracted to their own sex.

### What is Mormonism?

#### A Student's Introduction

[Taylor & Francis](#) **What is Mormonism? A Student's Introduction** is an easy-to-read and informative overview of the religion founded by Joseph Smith in 1830. This short and lively book covers Mormonism's history, core beliefs, rituals, and devotional practices, as well as the impact on the daily lives of its followers. The book focuses on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Salt Lake City-based church that is the largest and best-known expression of Mormonism, whilst also exploring lesser known churches that claim descent from Smith's original revelations. Designed for undergraduate religious studies and history students, **What is Mormonism?** provides a reliable and easily digestible introduction to a steadily growing religion that continues to befuddle even learned observers of American religion and culture.

### The Question of Homosexuality

#### A Conversation for Youth About Same-sex Attraction

[Harvest House Pub](#) **The hot button issue of our day is addressed in this powerful DVD produced by Exodus International, the leading ministry to men and women who are tempted by unwanted same-sex attractions.** Viewers will learn from the powerful testimonies of young men and women who struggled with homosexuality as teens and will also receive biblical insights on this timely topic from Scott Davis, the director of Exodus Student Ministries. The primary 25-minute segment answers the following questions through a dynamic mix of teaching and testimonies: How should we respond to friends who struggle with homosexual feelings? What is homosexuality really all about? What does God say about homosexuality in the Bible? Can homosexuals change? A second 15-minute segment called "Biblical Perspectives" powerfully demonstrates that God's design for sexuality is absolutely clear throughout Scripture. It teaches that sex is a beautiful aspect of His intention for man and woman within marriage-any other sexual activity, whether premarital sex or homosexuality, goes against God's design and is destructive to their souls. Two 30-minute bonus segments highlight the uninterrupted testimonies of former homosexuals, Michelle Robinson and Mike Ensley. Their stories are sure to move hearts and connect with the life experiences of students who have same-sex attractions. **The Question of Homosexuality** was specifically designed as a resource for youth groups, campus ministries and families in an effort to ground students in the truth about homosexuality while moving their hearts to compassion for their gay-identified peers.

### Same-Sex Marriage (Thoughtful Response)

#### A Thoughtful Approach to God's Design for Marriage

[Baker Books](#) **Same-sex marriage is here, presenting unique challenges and opportunities. How do those who follow Christ faithfully answer the standard talking points for same-sex marriage? And how can they best articulate the case for one-man, one-woman marriage in everyday conversation?** Sean McDowell and John Stonestreet believe a thoughtful approach to God's design for marriage is the answer to both questions. The key is not a contentious attitude towards those who believe in same-sex marriage, but a winsome perspective that is faithful to Christ, committed to truth, and shaped by a love for God and others. Christians need to know that because Christ has risen, there is no such thing as "all hope is lost." They are still called to engage culture even if they are viewed as wrong, illegal and intolerant.

### Ensign

#### The Ensign of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

#### A View from the Deck

#### My Christian Journey with Same-Sex Attraction

[CreateSpace](#) **Is there any safe place for a man with a shameful 66-year-old secret-friends, family, the church, a Christian organization?** Rob Farnsley explores that question with transparency and candor as he reflects on his life journey-a journey that came to a climax with the revelation of his struggle with same-sex attraction. Rob introduces us to the people and recounts the events that have made him the man he is-from observing his parents' loveless marriage as a boy to serving as a church planter in war-torn Eastern Europe later on in life. In **A View From the Deck**, Rob refuses to offer his readers pat answers to difficult questions about sexuality or to pontificate about the proper Christian response to those who wrestle with the same giants he has faced. Instead, he gives us a glimpse into the human experience-a glimpse that inspires empathy, compassion and a deeper awareness of our need for grace, regardless of our position on the issue. Rob Farnsley has lived a life of Christian service. He devoted over 23 years to church-planting missionary service. Prior to that, he served for a number of years on a college campus ministry team. He has been heavily involved in church ministry and service over all these years. He is single and looking forward to his best years ahead of him, although he says they have been pretty

awesome already."

## Sex

### A Philosophical Primer : with New Material on Same-sex Marriage

[Rowman & Littlefield](#) In the first edition of *Sex: A Philosophical Primer*, Singer offered a new conception of sex, locating it within a spectrum that also includes love and compassion. He suggested that this conception improves upon the work of theorists who tend to relegate sex, love, and compassion to separate and distinct compartments. Singer further argues that sex in human beings is normally--perhaps always in some degree--a composite of the appetitive and the interpersonal, a view that becomes the basis for his later remarks about the relative value of individual sex acts, as well as their place within the aesthetic and moral dimensions of human nature. In the present, expanded edition, Singer supplements the 2001 chapters with a timely and stimulating essay that focuses upon marriage, particularly same-sex marriage. Singer maintains that questions about sex are fundamental in all thinking about the marital condition, and addresses the problem of same-sex legitimization and rights to material benefits by analyzing the nature of marriage, union, and family in their relation to sexuality and love. For first-time and seasoned readers alike, Singer's lucid new reflections will clarify current and emerging issues in the philosophy of sex. Irving Singer is professor of philosophy at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the author of many books, among them *Explorations in Love and Sex*, *Feeling and Imagination*, and his trilogies *Meaning in Life* and *The Nature of Love*.

## Made for Love

### Same-Sex Attraction and the Catholic Church

[Ignatius Press](#) In *Made for Love*, Fr. Michael Schmitz presents the Catholic teaching on same-sex attraction and same-sex "sexual" relations. He begins by giving background information regarding the different worldviews of the human person, the philosophical ideas of nature and purpose, the differences between objective and subjective truth, the principal of non-contradiction, and the fallen human nature that resulted from Original Sin. He then discusses in great detail the nature and ends of human sexuality and the nature of true love, while, in a compassionate and non-judgmental way, explaining the flawed nature of same-sex "sexual" relations. While this book is intended primarily for those who have same-sex attraction and their family and friends, its presentation of the compassionate truth of Catholic teaching on same-sex attraction will be of great benefit to everyone in today's society.

## Same Sex Relationships

### Classic wisdom from John Stott

[The Good Book Company](#) Every woman longs for authentic friendships with others-but in a world of carefully-curated social media, most of us are merely keeping up appearances. Both online and offline, we're all prone to only presenting the best side of ourselves. This book shows us that the secret to growing the relationships we crave is in developing a biblical habit of repentance. By being honest about our sin before God and receiving his forgiveness, we're freed to be honest about our sin with others. When we drop the act and allow ourselves to be vulnerable by sharing our struggles, not only are we strengthened in our fight against sin, but we experience authentic fellowship and real friendship. Catherine Parks empowers women to fight side by side against their sin, and shows how by getting real about our struggles, we can create genuine community in an "I'm fine" culture. This book is great for reading with your book group, women's group, accountability partner, or one-to-one mentor-discussion questions are included for every chapter.