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"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Dear Brother Faull,

A student sent this to me after having a discussion on homosexuality. Please let me know your thoughts.

As always, you have been my go-to on matters like these. I have often purchased and reviewed your material on this subject. However, I just don't see this topic discussed regarding the "timing" of the word being introduced & this article's interpretation. Here is that article:

HAS "HOMOSEXUAL" ALWAYS BEEN IN THE BIBLE?

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"The word 'arsenokoitai' shows up in two different verses in the bible, but it was not translated to mean "homosexual" until 1946.

We got to sit down with Ed Oxford at his home in Long Beach, California and talk about this question.

You have been part of a research team that is seeking to understand how the decision was made to put the word homosexual in the bible. Is that true?

Ed: Yes. It first showed up in the RSV translation. So before figuring out why they decided to use that word in the RSV translation (which is outlined in my upcoming book with Kathy Baldock, "Forging a Sacred Weapon: How the Bible Became Anti-Gay") I wanted to see how other cultures and translations treated the same verses when they were translated during the Reformation 500

*years ago. So, I started collecting old Bibles in French, German, Irish, Gaelic, Czechoslovakian, Polish... you name it. Now I've got most European major languages that I've collected over time. Anyway, I had a German friend come back to town and I asked if he could help me with some passages in one of my German Bibles from the 1800's. So, we went to **Leviticus 18:22** and he's translating it for me word for word. In the English where it says "Man shall not lie with man, for it is an abomination," the German version says "Man shall not lie with young boys as he does with a woman, for it is an abomination." I said, "What?! Are you sure?" He said, "Yes!" Then we went to **Leviticus 20:13**— same thing, "Young boys." So, we went to **1 Corinthians** to see how they translated 'arsenokoitai' (original Greek word) and instead of "homosexuals" it said, 'Boy molesters will not inherit the kingdom of God.'*

ANSWER:

The proverb says a little knowledge is dangerous. This man proves it. I do not claim great knowledge or Greek pretensions.

I remember when the deniers and pro-homosexuals wanted us to believe that word meant "male prostitution". Sometimes that is who it is talking about so it can be used of them. Now this rascal wants it to mean "sex with young boys". Of course, it would include young boys just as the word "whore" describes a prostitute or a loose housewife or a priest's daughter that engages in intercourse with one who is not her husband. A whore can be paid or

given freebies. A homosexual can be a pagan temple prostitute or a freelancer. He may do it with a young man or an old man. When God speaks of them, He calls them "dogs". "You shall not bring the price of a whore or the price of a dog into the congregation". (See **Deut. 3:18**)

It is just saying not to lie (down) with a male as you do with a woman. What makes the German translation the authority? My Old Testament text uses the word "zakar" there and tens of times in other verses. It is used of male animals or male humans. Males are contrasted to females.

I am wondering why this word is the same in the Old Testament (Hebrew/Aramaic) and in the New Testament (Greek). An Old Testament word should be in Hebrew, not Greek! It is a Greek noun.

Now let's see how dishonest and ludicrous he really is. Look at the examples of this sin in the Bible.

Were those in Sodom destroyed because they were "young men lovers". Did the angels they pursued look like Kids? Do you get that idea from **Genesis 19** or **Jude 1:7**? No!

Was the story in **Judges 19:22** about wanting to pursue a young man or a married man? An old man.

Is there anything to indicate **1 Kings 14:24** involved only young men? Are they pursuing young men only? No!

Romans 1:26 does not refer to age of the participants.

1 Timothy 1:10 is not just about young men, is it?

How about **1 Corinthians 6:9**? What kind of pervert would think Paul only condemned pedophilia here? Incidentally, where does that word ever appear in the Scriptures? Or the actual word "lesbian"? Or "bestiality"? Or "necrophilia"? The act is mentioned, but not the name.

Incidentally, that word "*zakar*" is used in **Genesis 34:15**. Did Simeon and Levi only kill little boys? Or how about **Ezekiel 16:17**? Only images of little boys or young men? No.

The word "homosexual" did not appear till 1896 so why would you see that word in a KJV in 1611? Here in America the word that was used before that was "buggerism". Indians kicked them out of the tribe. Rome did have its boy lovers as well as the Greeks just as men do today, but to limit that sin to those perverts does an injustice to God's Word.

An act can be called by more than one name. "Intercourse", "coitus", "sex", "fornication", "adultery", all speak of the same physical act.

We do not only see homosexuality mentioned In the Old Testament, it is also called "sodomy". In the same book, men and women are not to have sex with a beast. The word there is "*quadruped*" or an animal which walks on four feet.

Would Mr. Oxford then say it would be okay to have sex with a Kangaroo? Kangaroos are powerful hitters. How about a penguin or an ostrich? Do you see how foolish this is? He is, as Paul says, "a teacher that knows not what he says or what he affirms".

Sex with a male by a male is what God forbids and calls "an abomination" regardless of the age of the victim.

Read the January 2013 Vol. 26 #1 edition of the Gospel Unashamed Article B-617, "*Laws of Sexual Morality – Leviticus 18*" which shows that God is specific who you, as a

man, could not approach. He mentions 15 specific women. He did not give specific commands to homosexuals except the general command, "do not lay with a male as with a female". Why? Because they would need only one command – 'Do not lie (down) with a man as you do a female'.

Thayer says that what it is describing means just that: a male who lies (down) with man as he does a woman.

In Vine's, it says it is a noun. It is a "sodomite".

I hope this plain talk helps.