

Homosexual magazine's attack on Christ one of the ugliest ever

The Advocate front cover of December 13, 1994, asks "Is God Gay?" and depicts Jesus Christ in garish colors as a homosexual, complete with sexual devices around his neck and obscene body-part imagery around and on Him.

Inside the magazine is an even more obscene portrayal: a full-color, full-page picture that includes realistic renderings of male and female genitalia. It accompanies a disingenuous article about the merits of the homosexual-oriented Metropolitan Community Church.

One cannot ever justifiably desecrate the image of God Himself for any reason, much less to make a political point. Not to mention days before one of the most sacred days on the Christian calendar. One cannot do this and claim to be seeking mere "tolerance" for all.

The Advocate is not a "fringe" homosexual publication. It is the largest and most respected "mainstream" homosexual periodical in America. However, *The Advocate* is typical in that, like other homosexual publications, it markets pornography and sexually explicit materials and personal ads.

The Reisman and Johnson Report, a new study by Drs. Judith Reisman and Charles Johnson subtitled "Partner Solicitation Characteristics as an Expression of Male Sexual Orientation," compares five years' worth of personal ads in *The Advocate* with male heterosexual personal ads in *The Washingtonian*, a coffee table monthly published in the nation's capital.

The authors find that 98% of *Advocate* clients seek casual sex, often through prostitution. By contrast, 87% of *Washingtonian* clients seek long-term fidelity. A typical *Washingtonian* ad stresses character traits, while a typical *Advocate* ad stresses size of body parts, adeptness at certain sexual acts, and such erotica as sadomasochism and fetishes.

Reisman and Johnson conclude, "There is no measured commonality of outcome, purpose, or process between the heterosexual population and the homosexual population under study."

The report also documents that all homosexual publications contain pornography material, but few "mainstream" publications do so. If anyone is "obsessed," with the issue of homosexuality, it is male homosexuals seeking lust, not love.

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As offensive as *The Advocate* cover image is to all believing Christians, the choice of a crucifix is particularly odious to Catholics. Homosexual activists believe that if they can get Rome to abandon Biblical teaching on homosexuality, then the rest of the Christian world would eventually follow.

It is not overstatement to observe that *The Advocate's* cover image constitutes one of the ugliest attacks on religious freedom in this nation's history, right up there with Andres Serrano's photo of a crucifix in urine. America's pluralism has been protected not so much by abstract law such as the First Amendment, as important as that is, but by a mutual respect for the beliefs of others that preempts attacks like the one in *The Advocate*.

Some people are struggling with uncertain gender identity and others have given up hope of becoming normal and have openly identified with homosexuality. As individuals, these people are in need of compassion and care, and churches should be reaching out to those who are sexually wounded and who seek the same salvation that all of us, as sinners, are offered. But homosexual activism must be opposed in all its forms, because it is not about tolerance and compassion. It is about compelling others, by government force if necessary, to renounce their most deeply held beliefs. Anyone with any doubts about that should ask the Boy Scouts, who are under attack by homosexual activists in courts all over the country.

As the flagship publication of the homosexual rights movement, *The Advocate* has unmasked the true agenda of homosexual

activists, who have been very careful to hide their actual behaviors by persuading the media to focus only on abstract arguments about civil rights.

The object is to use the media and government power to force us to declare homosexuality as normal and healthy and to live as if traditional moral tenets are now somehow inapplicable or even criminal in their public expression.

In choosing an image that expresses contempt for Christians and for Christ Himself, *The Advocate* reveals the foundation of homosexual activism: hatred of social norms and hatred of God Himself. After all, it is His moral law that they are trying unsuccessfully

to overthrow, and it is He with whom they ultimately have an argument. But they are not behaving very well in that quest.

Many – not all – homosexual activists have shown little regard for civility. Some have marched naked in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York; others have invaded the cathedral to shout obscenities and throw the communion Host on the floor. Still others have attacked opponents by: throwing condoms at parishioners in a Colorado church; trashing the offices of pro-family organizations and at least one ex-gay therapist in California; physically assaulting a newspaper editor for declining to use the word "gay"; attempting to criminalize reparative ex-gay therapy; presenting severely flawed genetic and parent-hood studies by homosexual researchers as undisputed "fact" and working to suppress other points of view; working to deny parents the means to shield their children from pro-homosexual propa-

ganda in government schools; shouting down, interrupting and otherwise suppressing opponents on television talk shows and in public forums; using the media to denounce as "bigots and haters" any person who op-

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constitutionally inadmissible, ignoring Justice Cardozo's admonition that "the criminal [should not] go free because the constable has blundered." *Miranda* and *Mapp* thus distorted Hamiltonian due process – service of an indictment – beyond all recognition.

In expanding the concept of due process, the court has gone well beyond state criminal procedure. In *Roe v. Wade*, in overruling the statutes of all 50 states, the court held that due process of law includes the right to an abortion.

Other examples abound. In *Texas v. Johnson*, the court, in effect, held that due process prohibits state statutes banning flag burning. And in *Fanny Hill v. Massachusetts*, the court turned state obscenity laws into a dead letter.

The common denominator of *Roe*, *Johnson* and *Fanny Hill* is that each was based on the implicit premise that the due process clause gives federal courts jurisdiction over substantive state laws, a premise made plainly illicit by Hamilton's admonition that due process never applies to legislative acts.

READING THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE AS IT WAS WRITTEN

It's time to enact an amendment that undoes not just the school prayer decision, but all of the mischief the Supreme Court has wrought in the name of due process. To amend the Constitution on a piecemeal basis, would, given the number of illegitimate Supreme Court decisions, turn our succinct Constitution into a prolix code deforming its simplicity and readability. We need generic reform, not the type that overrules illegitimate Supreme Court decisions on a decision-by-decision basis.

My suggestion is that we start with an amendment that restores due process to its original meaning using Hamilton's and Marshall's own words with only slight editing: "In this Constitution, 'due process of law' shall refer only to the process and proceedings of courts; and the rights and protections in the first eight amendments are security against the federal government, not against the states."

That wording would have great political appeal, I should think – even liberals might have a bit of difficulty in challenging two of our greatest statesmen, the one a principal architect of the Constitution, and the other the father of the American judicial system.

In any case, we should begin at once to restore federalism to our constitutional system. And we should ignore the naysayers who claim that *Miranda*, *Mapp*, *Roe*, and all the other illegitimate decisions of the Supreme Court are too embedded to be undone. Non-

sense. Using the words of Justice Holmes, these decisions are "an unconstitutional assumption of power by the courts of the United States which no lapse of time nor respectable array of opinion should make us hesitate to correct."



TV Reviews...from page 8

■ **Married...With Children** (Fox, 1/8) Series hero Al Bundy and friends use numerous slang terms for the anatomies of women at the strip joint they frequent. Other jokes refer to teenage Bud's rubber sex doll and one wife's threat to castrate her husband.

Advertiser: Warner-Lambert

■ **Models** (Fox, 1/9) The episode is typical of the series – illicit sex, selfish ambition, total greed, lots of profanity, drug abuse, and a male hooker who's a regular character.

Top Advertiser: Johnson & Johnson

■ **Mommies** (NBC, 1/7) The thrill of teenage boys having sex with their girlfriends while parents are in the house is one theme in this episode. One mother acknowledges her son does so, and a father reminisces that the parents' presence is what makes it a thrill. Characters curse about every two minutes.

Top Advertiser: Procter & Gamble

■ **Roseanne** (ABC, 1/4) Dan and Roseanne Conner are addicted to spying on their elderly neighbors, nudists whose windows face the Conners' bedroom window. In another story line, teenager Darlene declares she'll never get back with David, her former lover. When brother-in-law Mark suggests they will, Darlene whines sarcastically, "Every night I kneel at the foot of my bed and pray that we'll get back together. Then I make my new boyfriend get out of bed and pray with me!"

Advertiser: Warner-Lambert

■ **A Whole New Ballgame** (ABC, 1/9) The gawking, drooling hero's first line in this debut episode is to a woman he's trying to pick up at a bar: "...you have absolutely perfect breasts." It goes downhill from there, including the hero's references to his promiscuity and other illicit sex content.

Top Advertiser: Kellogg



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the NEA does not make it out of the House Appropriations Committee, it is doubtful the Senate could resurrect it.

The NEA must be eliminated, not just downsized. This was made crystal-clear at

the hearing on NEA before Sen. Kassebaum's committee recently. There, Jane Alexander, in an urgent plea to save her agency, said one of NEA's most important functions is to place an "imprimatur of excellence" upon artists and art organizations. Art in America is defecation and urine. It is sacrilege and pornography. It is because the NEA says it is.

Members of Congress need to hear your views on whether the NEA should be abolished. Addresses for Senators and Congressmen are found pages 24-28 in this issue of *AFA Journal*.



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poses or even questions any part of the homosexual agenda; instituting unprecedented, restrictive policies on the medical profession with regard to AIDS; and supporting abortion, pornography and other forces that are tearing apart the traditional family structure.

The Advocate has offered up an insult to Christians, but it also has given us a gift—the gift of truth. No one else could have done so much to reveal the true aims of the homosexual rights movement in a single image.

The rest of the credit goes to Our Lord Himself. Just as Jesus allowed Himself to be crucified 2,000 years ago for our sake, He continues to allow His own crucifixion through shameful imagery in order to shed light on the struggle between light and darkness. God's love knows no bounds. Should those responsible for this crime against Him repent, He has already forgiven them as He has any sinner who has confessed his sins. Homosexuals are in bondage to a particularly destructive form of sin. But thousands have been brought to wholeness through ex-gay ministries. Those struggling with homosexuality do not need a nonexistent exemption of sin, but rather our prayers that they overcome that sin by kneeling before their Maker – the only posture by which any of us may enter that blessed Door.



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