What Central College Homosexual Speaker Mel White Says the Bible Says – And Doesn't Say – about Homosexuality

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There is graphic sexual material discussed in this brochure. Please protect all modest young people from unnecessary exposure. We are sorry that the activist homosexual community has made it necessary to publish such material.

We also apologize for the print size. The type of response needed and the limitations of our ministry budget made it necessary.

In 1985, Mel White divorced his wife, left his employment with Baptist Pastor Jerry Falwell and joined with his homosexual partner Gary Nixen. White, who had also written for Ollie North, Pat Robertson, and former televangelist Jim Baker, now tours the country speaking on college campuses providing an apologetic for Christian sodomy. Mr. White is coming to Central College, Thursday, April 24, 2003, to sell this latest version of higher criticism¹ of the Bible by informing Central students what it "really" says about homosexuality. Such a speaker will easily persuade immature students who have little faith or true Biblical knowledge. Sadly, this is true because the Christian Church long ago stopped teaching moral casuistry in the area of God's creational ordinances for marriage, sexual relations, and family. More broadly, the church has preached almost exclusively the promises of the covenant that God has with His people but not the responsibilities. The result - more and more churches are turning into assemblies of "white hairs" (the elderly) and the young are turning toward a more mystical, entertainment-driven, emotions-dominated worship, often void of rigorous preaching of the true Law-Word of God.

Our society is immersed in a culture gone sexually mad. If they themselves are not fornicating, our youth are surrounded by those who are. It has become normative. Chaste, modest, red-cheeked, blushing virgins have almost become a thing of the past. Rarely have we seen gracious instruction and when needed, church discipline, against those sexual sins which violate God's Law within the church. The marital sexual functions that God does richly bless are rarely defended by the church.

Today many of our youth are at a cross-roads. If the church and parents rarely stand courageously against fornication, adultery, male-female sodomy (Ie. Clinton/Lewinsky), "Why?" many wonder, "should I deny the homosexual his sexual enjoyment? More so, if I am "enjoying" these sexual sins already who am I to question the homosexual?" Yes, many know that fornication and adultery are the sinful employment of otherwise proper sexual relations and that sodomy is a sin against the created order and there is no proper sexual context for it, but the more the homosexual community makes it appear "normal" and ordinary the faster our youth are letting go of that objection, too. We are in trouble.

There needs to be much repentance in the church in this area. At times one wonders if our infidelity is as Israel's of old. (Numbers 14) Are we, too, going to see our entire older generation die off over the next `40 years in the wilderness' so as to begin to see our little ones raised up by young parents striving to be covenantally faithful, especially in the area of right worship and sexual morality?

This barren spiritual foundation and general apostasy in so many churches makes it much easier for people like Mel White to recruit young boys into the act of male intercourse in the feces-lined rectum of another male much easier. May we repent and see our own idolatrous silence as a part of the problem before God destroys us as a nation and takes away all of our material security. In an act of contrition for years of silence, if willing, **please feel free to join us protest Mel White Thursday, April 24, 2003, 10:00 am, on Central's campus near Douwstra Auditorium.** They have invited the public to attend this event. With much experience in such activities we know that Iowa law and our 1st Amendment Rights make it lawful to conduct such public activities on their otherwise private property during an "open to the public" event. As a member of that public we always strive to conduct ourselves in such a way as to show a confrontational yet polite love to homosexuals and ultimately to be a witness unto Christ. Please join us!

Mel White heads an organization, Soulforce, that is cunningly dangerous. It masks a hideous behavior that violates the very laws of God's nature and does it with a contrived kindness and empathy appealing to emotions above Biblical reason, sound logic, or evidence.

His premise is to posture homosexual marriage as ordinary, normal, faithful, monogamous and even "sweet". This is an illusion that relies on the heterosexual world's ignorance of their relationships or more and more it's cowardly silence even when they do know of it. May God grant us the grace to speak out. There is nothing ordinary, normal, monogamous or sweet about homosexual unions.

Mel White admits in his book that he was not faithful to his first wife before he divorced her and that he committed adultery with at least two separate men while still married.² That being true, how can his current male partner expect faithfulness? But then a question arises that someone from Central needs to ask Mr. White. Gary Nixen was his live-in sexual "partner" when White first came out. Pictures of the "loving" couple abound on the internet. But last fall, standing in front of his home in Lynchburg, VA, he mentioned to area college students that his partner's name was Steve. An eye-witness says "Steve" looks nothing like the Gary Nixen in the photograph in his book. Someone needs to ask, "Who is your current partner, Gary or Steve, and have both of you been "faithful" since becoming a couple?" This is an important question as the average homosexual has 50 to 70 different "partners" every year, year in and year out. You can see why the average 20-year-old who begins the gay lifestyle will have AIDS, some other very serious disease, or be dead, by the time he is 30.³

Though adultery rates are higher than they should be, lifetime sexual monogamy is far higher in traditional marriages than anything homosexual's experience. A gay newspaper survey of nearly 8,000 found that gay couple's relationships lasted 3.5 years and lesbian couples lasted 2.2 years.⁴ Even if the average homosexual marriages could last, both partners would be dead within a couple decades. In a London sample of gays, those infected with HIV were more likely to have regular partners than those not infected.⁵ If White wants us to believe that a homosexual marriage will be as legitimate as the heterosexual marriage, then we need to know just how faithful he has been. If his is like most homosexual couples, the legitimacy of his claim will collapse.

Few people are aware of the violence that occurs by homosexual lovers toward one another. Homosexual marriage has the highest rate of domestic violence! This is especially true among lesbians. Susan Holt, coordinator of the domestic violence unit of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center, said this, "Domestic violence is the third largest health problem facing the gay and lesbian community today and trails only behind AIDS and substance abuse in terms of sheer numbers and lethality."⁶

With the infidelity, disease, and violence in the deadly and sterile world of sodomy, the only way Mel White and his friends can survive as a movement is to recruit young people. This is why he travels the nation speaking on college campuses.

None of this should be a surprise to students of the Scripture who know clearly that God says such activity is a heinous evil against his creation ordinances and His revealed Law. It violates the order of a peaceful, just and truly loving society. But for those who don't know this as clearly, Mel White presents the Scriptures condemning sodomy with the same scoffers lie Satan did in the garden of Eden, "Has God indeed said...?" (Gen. 3:1). White is doing it in the form of his new brochure found on his website at www.soulforce.org/ whatthebiblesays.pdf . As we can assume it will be his showcase brochure on Central's campus Thursday, it deserves our attention. Mostly for the eternal risk of the people who may believe the lie that "indeed" God's clear teaching is not so clear, it needs to be confronted and exposed. Join with us as we review Mel White's booklet What the Bible Says – And Doesn't Say – about Homosexuality (WBSDSH)

WBSDSH begins with the modern scoffers' perceived tension between "modern" science and the "intolerance" born of "ancient prejudice". While paying deference to the spiritual lexicon (words) of Christianity in this opening and throughout the booklet, upon careful review the discerning reader can see that White has set himself up to sit in judgment over God. This critique will demonstrate that in the coming pages. WBSDSH lays out seven premises by which it attempts to assert that the Bible does not condemn homosexuality as the writers were "clearly" ignorant of science and the more recent "discovery" of the homosexual orientation. Though it is a craftfully done piece of propaganda, it is still propaganda. This critique will review each of the premises and demonstrate its twisting, half-truths and lies.

Mel White's First Premise: Most people have not carefully and prayerfully researched the Biblical texts used by some people to condemn God's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

White's insistence that Christian heterosexual opposition to homosexuality comes about as the result of poor study of Scripture soon proves itself to be the chutzpa that it truly is.

He declares that "Jesus says nothing about same-sex behavior." One can only respond that he must deny the doctrine of the Trinity to reach this conclusion. He seems to be saying that since he cannot find it in the red ink text in the New Testament, Jesus says nothing about it. But, White is misconstruing God's triune nature. When one part condemns it all three condemn it. In Genesis 1:26 "God said, Let us make man in our own image, according to our likeness." Christ was and is present with his Father and the Holy Spirit as one God who gave His creation ordinances and revealed law to all mankind to live in accord with Him. These laws condemn same sex relations and in the fullness of God, Jesus does condemn them. Further, the six times Christ refers to the wickedness of Sodom in the Gospels can only be ignored as White does if one agrees with White's premise that Sodom's primary abomination was not homosexual relations. (More on that below.)

Further he says, **The Jewish prophets are silent about homosexuality**. One has to concede passage two of his Fifth premise that Sodom's primary sin was not homosexual relations to say this. As Genesis 19 demands the contrary, one can not concede it. Therefore his assertion is wrong, (more on that later) as the sin of Sodom is mentioned 18 times in the prophets. Isaiah 3:9 reminds us of Israel's apostasy at that time. "And they declare their sin as Sodom. They do not hide it."

Finally, White writes that none of the Bible verses on sodomy "**refers to homosexual orientation as we understand it today**." Now we come to the heart of his objection: God's Word doesn't conform to the modern human construct of "homosexual orientation." More particularly, God's Word doesn't conform to 19th Century German social activist Karl Heinrich Ulrich's new-found class of people which he insisted are "created" to have sexual intercourse with members of their own sex. According to homosexual literature, Ulrich himself had his first sexual relations with another male at the age of 11 or 12. "He was the first gay activist who came out and declared Uranism (his term for sodomy) normal. He started the modern Gay Movement by being the first to say publicly that Uranians are natural, not sinners, diseased, or criminal. He set a <u>new</u> <u>standard</u> for everyone who followed by bringing a new, positive approach to bear on what he called the "riddle of nature."⁷

Ulrich had no training in physiology, anatomy, biology, genetics or any other field of science. Rather he studied theology and law at Göttingen University and at Berlin University from 1844 to 1848. He didn't have any scientific qualifications. But if he was going to be the one establishing a "new standard" for sexual morality, it helped to claim such because these were the early days when men of the Church were abandoning the faith in large numbers and instead pursued science for the subjugation of His authority over man, not for Christ's glory. Science in the hands of these new secular men has become our new final authority in all of life, much to our demise. Ulrich was a pioneer at this and his new-found class of people, those with this 'homosexual orientation', lacking true scientific support had to be cast as a "riddle". What White doesn't want his reader to know is that modern day science firmly rejects the notion.⁸

And a historical footnote -- Ulrich's successor, homosexual activist Magnus Hirschfield went on to influence the Nazi leadership in Germany. In fact, much of the gay activist movement came from this `poison stream' in Germany and bore its first political fruit in the violent Nazi Party. Many might ask how this can be as everyone knows the Nazis persecuted homosexuals. History has obscured the often-violent differences within the homosexual movement between "butches" and "fems" which was at the root of the killing of many `fems' at the hands of Nazi `butches'. Read **The Pink Swastika** by Scott Lively and Kevin Abrams and **The Poisoned Stream**⁹ to clear up the obscurity.

Mel White's Second Premise: Historically, people's misinterpretation of the Bible has left a trail of suffering, bloodshed and death.

Who says that? The 20^{th} century was the bloodiest century of all and it was dominated by powerful centralized state governments that have one thing in common – a rejection of God's Law as their standard for law. White lumps several popularly known human depravities together and asserts that they were caused by misinterpretations of Scripture without evidence. White takes the

words of Jesus Christ "Search the Scriptures" found only in John 5:39 and quotes them through a 16^{th} century writer who says these words have "undone the world". White is doing violence to Christ's Words here. It is not faithful, God-fearing Christians searching the Scriptures who are undoing the world. Rather it is White and those throughout history who have stood against His kingdom, the very ones Christ mentions in the next verse (v. 40) - whom he describes as those who search the scriptures (that testify of Him) but still, "are not willing to come to Me, that you may have life" - that have undone the world. Christ is referring to the likes of Mel White who have undone the world.

White cites three psychopaths who murdered homosexuals to prove this premise. One he cites, Ronald E. Gay (that was his real name), shot and killed a man in a sodomite bar in Virginia. Gay had been married five times before, had been on mood-altering antidepressant drugs since the Vietnam War, was a chronic alcoholic who was prone to fits of violence.¹⁰ White insists that before he pulled the trigger Gay shouted, "I am a Christian soldier working for the Lord." Though not one news report can be found of this quote, one wonders if White heard it from fellow sodomites who were in the bar that night and were trying to make as much political capital as they could. Two or three wicked malcontents with questionable stories make up White's "trail of suffering, bloodshed and death." It doesn't wash! To parody White's use of Shakespeare, "Even Mel White can cite scripture for his purposes."

Mel White's Third Premise: We should be open to new truth from Scripture. Even heroes of the Christian faith have changed their minds about the meaning of various Biblical texts.

This premise is easily transparent. In John 14:6 Jesus says that he is the truth. God is truth and "every man a liar" (Romans 3:4). God tells us he does "not change" in Malachi 3:6. We are prone to lie when we want to make our self or our sex life God. Nothing could accommodate such idolatry more clearly than believing what White asserts, that one can find "new" truth in the Bible. Yes, through the Holy Spirit's working in us, God's unchangeable truth is often revealed more to us as we study the Bible. But there is nothing "new" about any of it. As God occasionally chose to reveal His will in the Scripture with blinding lights, voices from heaven and visions, White ignores the fact that such means of God's revelation have now been closed to us (Rev. 22:18). White argues that such experiences are now the ordinary way for reaching these "new" truths. So much for his previous argument for "careful study" of God's Word.

It is ironic he warned readers to be careful following cultic leaders like Jim Jones, who convinced 914 people to commit suicide with him in Guyana in 1977. White asserts that, "1,000 people believed that Jones was a faithful interpreter of God's Word" and thus encourages the young reader to flee from those who are faithful interpreters of God's Word. After all, he implies such a Pastor might lead you to commit suicide. He doesn't prove any of this nonsense about Jones as he can't. It is a lie. Jones was a former political operative in San Francisco who enjoyed the support of the city's homosexual/Marxist community, including Willie Brown, Angela Davis and Jane Fonda. Even Harvey Milk, the nation's first openly homosexual elected to office as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, wrote President Carter in 1977 and defended Jones.¹¹ Jones was a madman in the likes of today's homosexual leaders. White uses him as evidence as to why the Christian needs to break free of the influence of a faithful preacher, for example, and to autonomously decide for themselves that sodomy is OK.

Take notice who White mentions as heroes of the faith. Does he mention those listed in the well-known passage of such heroes found in Hebrews 11? No. They are either ones who have had extra-Scriptural inspirations to change their mind on matters or they are ones who changed their mind and now agree with him that sodomy is fine. This premise is also transparently false.

Mel White's Fourth Premise: The Bible is a book about God. The Bible is NOT a book about human sexuality

This false antithesis appears to be asserted to accomplish two wicked ends. First, according to White, the Bible is not God's inspired word of life to us from Him. Remember God says that He wrote these things to us in the Bible that He might "make thee know the certainty of the words of truth" (Prov. 22:21) and that He has written them down for us, like he did for Theophilus, "that thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou has been instructed." (Luke 1:4) The Bible is not the authoritative Word from God for White. It is a collection of words to us *about* God. Once it has been successfully reduced to a story book, it certainly can not contain God's

authoritative commands about human sexuality or else White and his friends will stand condemned by it. It's better to make it a colloquium of stories about "God's (non-judgmental?) love for the world" and how he is "empowering" humankind to sodomize each other.

To "prove" this point White marshals several ceremonial and case laws from the Old Testament and mixes them up with some falsely characterized New Testament verses to demonstrate how "absurd" God's commands are about sexuality. He violates his own standard of "careful study" by lumping them together without study or exposition. Some of these verses are tied to ceremonial law that have been fulfilled in Christ. Some of them are moral laws that our generation has ignored, to our demise. Others are shadows of that which we can see more clearly now in the New Testament time of Christ. Most important in this section is that White's standard by which we are to interpret such texts, his hermeneutic, is not found in the self-attesting Word of God but "science [teaches] us why those ancient commands no longer apply to our modern times." Again, God's morality is ancient and the liberty of science (so -called) is modern for White. This begs the next question for White - Your modern views of sexual behavior will be seen as ancient for those living generations from now. Their contemporary views will be modern to them. Will your views also be seen as erroneous due to their age?

In the first half of the 20th century Iowa law made adultery, seduction of a chaste virgin (and refusing to marry her), sodomy, and other sexual sins against God a civil crime, as did most states in the Union. Most of them were rooted in some of the very Old Testament text he cites and provided a general peace and modesty to the average citizen that the yuppie generation and their children have not known. Today, ignoring those Old Testament laws we now have a moral sewer flowing through our communities. Why? In part, the church has lost faith and we have lost the protection of theses laws. There is much that could be said about each text, but space does not allow.

The last paragraph of White's "Fourth Premise" reveals a lot about his inconsistencies in applying his view of homosexual "orientation". Note that he must deny the forgiving power available to practicing homosexuals found in the Resurrection of Christ when he claims that former homosexuals who are now living in heterosexual marriages (which happens all the time, by the way) only "once perceived themselves to be homosexual." In White's twisted world when a former homosexual was actively involved in the act of sodomy he was merely *perceiving* he had such an orientation, but didn't really have it. This belies White's assertion of a scientific foundation to this orientation.

Mel White's Fifth Premise: We miss what these passages say about God when we spend so much time debating what they say about sex.

Again the premise is flawed - it presupposes that the reader agrees that the Bible is merely a storybook *about* God and is not the authoritative Word *from* God on each doctrine and subject that He wanted us to know, including sexual morality. Let's look at White's refutation of several of the primary texts of Scripture that he challenges.

Passage 1: Genesis 2:21-25 The Creation Story

To save space the actual text of Scripture have been left out. The reader is encouraged to open the Bible and review the text cited. As one who wants to be his own god, White conveniently forgets to remind the reader that when God pronounced his reproductive creation "good" as White mentions, that this was before the Fall of Adam. White lists several couples who don't have children and asks if they are unnatural. Again he ignores that after Adam and Eve's fall, sin entered into the world. So now we have to live with the consequences, forever redeeming the time we have been given. Due to sin inherited through Adam and Eve certain couples are now barren; all couples will get old and will no longer be able to bear children (remember why Sarah laughed?); others will choose, often selfishly, to deny themselves God's blessings of children, etc. - all of which can lead to childlessness. Are these human relationships unnatural? No! Have they been affected by sin? Yes. Do they then alter God's creational ordinance as to how man and woman should cleave unto each other and procreate the race? Not at all! Can we infer that because God was revealing particularly in this text how he wants married couples to leave and "cleave" while not mentioning other "cleavings" that we are now free to sodomize each other? No! There was no need to reveal His moral law forbidding sinful sodomy as sin hadn't entered the world yet.

Passage 2: Genesis 19:1-14 The Story of Sodom

Again White makes his false dialectic pitting "about God" vs. "about sex", when the verse is clearly about what God says about a city who tolerates men putting their male sex organ in the feces lined anus of another man...it is an abomination. Yes, a general wickedness, cruelty and heartlessness did pervade Sodom just as it does most hedonistic cultures, but the primary sin was that of their desire to "know" Lot's visitors. Such "knowing" was sexual and it wasn't as if they were the local Welcome Wagon representatives. Could you see the dear Welcome Wagon lady bring a group of her friends and "surround the house" (v. 4) to insure that she got to meet the new visitors to the community? There was an aggression in their motive that Lot (a city leader) recognized. Again could you imagine Lot telling the Welcome Wagon representatives not to "do so wickedly" when they came to his door? The evidence is clear that this type of "knowing" was carnal. White again is disingenuous when he refers to Ezekeiel 16:48-49 to "prove" that Sodom's primary sin was their pride and lack of a social conscience. He forgets to point the reader to the preceding text verse 45, in this analogy in Ezekiel. It pictures Jerusalem as "...her mother's daughter, loathing husband and children" just as lesbians do today. Then after the list of relevant social sins it says in verse 50 "And they were haughty and committed abominations before me..." The social sins are laying the foundation for the greater sin, the abomination before God. Those abominations were "knowing" other members of the same sex carnally, pictured by a married woman loathing her husband and children. For more Biblical study, check out the website listed in the footnotes below.¹²

Passage 3 The Verses from Leviticus

White categorically rejects the Holiness code in Leviticus 17 through 27 as a "list of behaviors that people of faith find offensive in a certain place and time, in this ancient case the code was written for priests only ... " This is not true. They were not written for priests only. They were not dreamed up by ancients in a certain time and place to apply to them only. They were revealed of God for His people to hear, as Chapter 20:1 says, "Then the Lord spoke to Moses saying ... " The Lord authored the Holiness code. Some of them were ceremonial laws that have been fulfilled in Christ, yet others are moral in nature, and, some argue, are still binding today. It is misleading to reject them all offhandedly without "careful study". Yes, Lev. 20:13 does call for the civil execution of homosexuals. And though many may debate God's revealed penology (His prescribed civil punishments for such crimes) certainly some see that the multitude of states that had criminalized such behavior prior to the 1960s could not have been completely wrong. Wouldn't it seem reasonable, when evidence is provided, to criminalize the aberrant behavior of those in a group where 70% of them eat their partner's waste as a part of their sex act?¹³

God knows what man is capable of doing to destroy civilization. Child killing by abortion and homosexuality are at the top of the list and need to be criminalized again.

At the end of this passage White attempts to discredit the moral law found in Leviticus by asserting that "Jesus and Paul both said the holiness code in Leviticus does not pertain to Christian believers." He should be asked to prove it. He demonstrates why he asserts this lie by declaring, "Let's talk together about establishing sexual standards that please God." For White, mankind is to define sexual moral standards based on what he decides will please "God."

Passage 4 The Verses in Romans 1:26-27

White's folly comes forth when he ignores the very straightforward language of this text and views it as condemning wanton, promiscuous, lustful sexual passion but not the so-called caring, spiritual, loving type that typifies the sexual life of the "Christian" homosexual. He can sell this only to the extent that his Christian reader remains ignorant of the typical homosexual's lifestyle. There are very few homosexuals who fit White's definition. The vast majority are "unfaithful" to their partner and engaged in risky, dangerous, promiscuous sex.¹⁴ They routinely engage in the practices that the priests and priestesses did while worshipping Aphrodite and Diana. If White believes that his distinction cited earlier truly exists then where has he publicly condemned those promiscuous homosexuals turned over to their passions? He certainly didn't do it last October at a major homosexual rally he hosted at the Riverside Park in his hometown of Lynchburg, VA. College students present at the rally reported that most national homosexual organizations were set up with information booths in the park during the event. Someone needs to ask White where he has condemned homosexual promiscuity before homosexual audiences. One would be confident he never has and that this distinction is only a ruse for his Christian readers.

Pursuing this re-definition of the Romans text White insists, "Our Creator *celebrates* our sexual passion." Our Sovereign God created our sexuality for us to use for His glory and for our pleasure (the Song of Solomon is a beautiful picture of Christ's love for His church expressed in sexual imagery) and to insure the propagation of the Church and human race at large. But the word *celebrate* has three primary definitions - a. commemorate with festivities b. perform or c. make known with honor or praise. Definition A and B cannot possibly fit White's use of the word. Therefore, according to White God `makes known with honor and praise' our sexual passion. Once White makes himself a god, then we see who needs to bow, with honor and praise, to whom. It is God's job to give us glory and honor and praise in this mindset. This is simple blasphemey that will not be left standing by the God of justice and vengeance. As Calvin pleaded with Servetus to repent before the magistrate condemned him, we need to call upon White to repent before God condemns Him for eternity.

Mel White's Sixth Premise: The Biblical authors are silent about homosexual orientation as we know it today. They neither approve nor condemn it.

This basis to this point was discredited under his First Premise above. It needs to be pointed out again that in a pro-gay website dedicated to studying and honoring his memory, German Karl Heinrich Ulrich was never trained in science, shows no evidence of earning a degree and was not bestowed any post -graduate type "Dr." degree, contrary to White's attempts to make him and "homosexual orientation" scientific. And as noted above current scientific research today indicates no such class of people exists.

Mel White's Seventh Premise: The prophets, Jesus and the Biblical authors say nothing about homosexual orientation, as we understand it today. But, they are clear about this one thing. As we search for truth, we are to "Love one another."

How, Mr. White, are we to love one another? The bloody, sadistic, violent way that the average homosexual "loves" his current bed partner? While White knows well the lexicon of the Bible he knows nothing of Biblical love. True Christians do, when they abide in God's love by keeping His commandments (John 15:10) or have seen it from one who would lay his life down for a friend (John 15:13). His call for love is a veiled call for appeasement from those who rightly call for the spiritual, moral and civil condemnation of their behavior.

In this section White employs the humanist ploy of the incident between Galileo and the Catholic church in Rome in 1632 to show how for generations Christians, standing on God's Word for their final authority in life, have had to begrudgingly yield up to science. Science knows better, we are to believe. The Galileo matter was not nearly so simple as White tries to portray. After all, Galileo himself argued that the sun was the center of the cosmos and few astronomers today would agree with that.¹⁵ The church was cautioning him to speak "hypothetically not absolutely," in these new affairs and give the church time to reconcile his theories to the Scriptures. This turned out to be good counsel as Galileo was also proved wrong regarding his views about the sun being the center of the cosmos.¹⁶ His implication that Christians at the time of Columbus believed the "earth was flat" has also been proved to be a historical myth of the modern humanists. See Isaiah 40:22.¹⁷

Mel White's Eighth Premise: Whatever some people believe the Bible seems to say about homosexuality, they must not use that belief to deny homosexuals their basic civil rights. To discriminate against sexual or gender minorities is unjust and un-American.

Now White is reduced to waiving the flag and appealing to a secular sense of patriotism. Certainly this will disgust most members of the American Legion in the Pella area. This is his final ruse. The "married" homosexual agenda has no desire to live at peace with heterosexual married families. Writing in the homosexual *Out* magazine, regular contributor Michelangelo Signorile described a strategy in which homosexuals "fight for same-sex marriage and its benefits and then, once granted, redefine the institution of marriage completely...to debunk a myth and radically alter an archaic institution....the most subversive action lesbians and gays can undertake-and one that would benefit all of society-is to transform the notion of `family' entirely."¹⁸

It boils down to a simple conclusion. Either the Christian church is going to repent, throw out "leaders" like Mel White and work to re-criminalize sodomy or else the sodomites will continue their intense political activity until one day

they will criminalize the Biblical family. They are playing for keeps and only a few of us have even suited up yet, let alone take the field.

To Conclude

The power to break free from this death-grip of sin that holds the homosexual is, as it is for any other sinner who is turned over to his sin, the spiritual power that comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection foiled Satan and all of His minions. It can foil even the power controlling your 'burning' flesh. I gently offer to the homosexual an understanding that he stands condemned under the Law of God, but through faith in Christ and His blood atoning work - and not through any blood sacrifice ritual that you may offer - you can be found 'not guilty' and have your salvation complete. Through conversion to the true faith, the God who condemns you will see the work of His Son and the fruit of a new life in Christ being rooted in you. Major changes of lifestyle, friends, educational course work and maybe even employment - all frightening things for most of us to ordinarily consider – may be necessary to flee from temptations. Many new and Godly changes can begin to replace your horrible memories with thoughts of Christ and His purity and perfection being applied to you.

What can we do about Central College?

With the positive endorsement of the gay/lesbian student group, Common Cause, on campus and with the invitation of Mel White to speak at Central on Thursday, April 24, it is clear that spiritual apostasy abounds on this campus. I have a few questions for the students, parents of children enrolled at Central and local supporters. You are being tested before God. Will you stand in faith to align yourself with Him or will you align yourself with the business relationships you have with the school, your employment at the school, your community prestige, etc.? Will you be controlled by your love of money or your love of Christ? Which will it be? For me, I am praying that God would bring them great repentance and help in throwing off the wickedness of Sodom and their tolerance for other sexual sins as well as envy, pride, and all other idolatries. If God chooses not to bring about a restoration, I pray that He will quickly close down Central College, casting it into the memory hole of history, doing it in such a way that the world will know that something beyond mere men caused it to happen.

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