

## Readings on Human Sexuality

**“Homosexuality and the Bible”** by Walter Wink . The Fellowship of Reconciliation, New York. 1996.

Sub headings:

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[An Appeal for Tolerance](#)

<http://www.bridges-across.org/ba/winkhombib.htm>

**“The Right True End of Love: Sexuality and the Contemporary Church”** by Stephen White. 2005. Columba Press, Dublin. It has been described as ‘a thoughtful and provocative book ’and in it the author urges the Church ‘to celebrate, not just tolerate, all human sexuality’

Expository Times review: <http://ext.sagepub.com/content/117/8/345.1.extract>

Review: <http://www.jstor.org/pss/27665329>

**“A Time to Embrace”** by William Stacy Johnson. 2006. Wm Eerdmans, USA.

In *A Time to Embrace* Johnson presents a brilliant analysis of the religious, legal and political stakes in the debates over gay marriage, civil unions, and the place of committed gay couples in a democratic society.

The book begins by laying out the church’s seven different responses, from outright prohibition to full ecclesial consecration, testing the arguments of each along the way. Johnson then focuses on gay rights in recent court battles, detailing the arguments made from both liberty and equality. Finally, he assesses the different types of gay marriage and civil union arrangements and suggests how deliberative democracy can create a society in which all citizens can rely on principles of equality and liberty.

Weighing the pros and cons from across the moral and religious spectrum, *A Time to Embrace* is a thought-provoking and well-argued treatment of one of the most controversial issues in the West today. This book is sure to stir readers to reflect more deeply on religious truth and the meaning of marriage.

<http://www.atimetoembrace.com/index.php?ln=ln1&page=Home>

**“The Anglican Communion and Homosexuality”** edited by Canon Phil Groves. 2008. SPCK

The Lambeth Conference in 2008 included a 'listening process' where people hear the views of others and listen to the experience of homosexual people. This book includes items from all parts of the world, from individuals and groups, to give a spectrum of views under 8 different chapter headings. Background information on homosexuality, advice on the process of dialogue and case studies are included.

The Revd Canon Phil Groves was the Facilitator of the whole process. He has worked for the Church Missionary Society in Africa, especially Tanzania. He was assisted by Adrian Chatfield,

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who has been responsible for the creation of the distance learning materials at St John's Nottingham.

The Anglican Communion **Don't Throw Stones** initiative.

The Anglican Communion, through the Bishops at Lambeth in 1998, the Primates at Dromantine in 2004 and various statements by the present Archbishop of Canterbury, has in various ways made it clear that 'the victimisation or diminishment of human beings whose affections happen to be ordered towards people of the same sex is anathema to us'  
(Dromantine Communiqué)

Website <http://www.dontthrowstones.info/index.cfm>

"What the Bible Says - And Doesn't Say - About Homosexuality" by Mel White. Available on the Soul Force website.

<http://www.soulforce.org/resources/what-the-bible-says-and-doesnt-say-about-homosexuality/>

"What Science Says - And Doesn't Say - About Homosexuality" .Available on the Soul Force website.

<http://www.soulforce.org/resources/what-science-says-and-doesnt-say-about-homosexuality/>

**"Permanent, Faithful, Stable: Christian Same-sex Partnerships"**  
(Affirming Catholicism) by Jeffrey John. DLT, 2nd Revised edition 2000.

**"Exploring Diversity"** Third Order of St Francis. (TSSF) 2008. Available from Third Order Distribution, The Old Parsonage, 168 Wroslyn Road, Freeland, Witney OX29 8AQ

**"Contemporary Christianity & LGBT Sexualities"**, ed. Stephen Hunt. 2009. Ashgate. (especially ch. 7. by Richard O'Leary *"Christians and Gays in Northern Ireland: How the Ethno-Religious Context has Shaped Christian Anti-Gay and Pro-Gay Activism"*)

**"Gay Clergy Count: Visibility and Listening in the Church of Ireland"** by Mervyn Kingston **SEARCH - A Church of Ireland Journal Vol.31 Number 2. Summer 2008** APCK. (Offprint pp.129-136).

**"Living it Out: A Survival Guide for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Christians and Their Friends, Families and Churches"** by Rachel Hagger-Holt. 2009. Canterbury Press.

**"Exchanging the truth of God for a lie"** by Jeremy Marks. 2008. Robert Penberthy Publishing Ltd.

**"In the Eye of the Storm"** by Bishop Gene Robinson. 2008. Canterbury Press.

**"For the Bible Tells me So"** A film by Daniel Karlake. DVD 2007. This award winning film tells the stories of families of faith who learn that their child is gay, including the story of Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson. Available at [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

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The following items in pdf. format are downloadable from the Changing Attitudes Ireland website. [www.changingattitudeireland.org](http://www.changingattitudeireland.org) Publications page.

**“Homosexuality and the Bible”** by Walter Wink . Published by The Fellowship of Reconciliation, New York. 1996.

**The Scriptures and Homosexuality: “Accepting Sexuality: Old and New Testament Perspectives.”** By Revd. Professor James Williamson and Padraig O’Tuama. These papers by two Irish Scripture Scholars one Protestant and one Roman Catholic engage in a positive way with the more difficult Bible passages dealing with Homosexuality. (October 2011).

**Reading Romans ch 1. Extract from a 'Bible Listening Day'** Irish Peace Centres. This article is one of seven contributions, representing a variety of viewpoints, given at the ‘Bible Listening Day’ organised by the Irish Peace Centres in November 2011. This is part of an effort both to take Scripture seriously and to engage in respectful evangelical dialogue. The seven contributions, along with the discussion that followed, will be available January 2012.

**Human Sexuality: A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of the Church of Ireland 2003**  
[www.ireland.anglican.org/](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/)

**“Share your story: gay and lesbian experiences of church”**. Edited by Revd. Mervyn Kingston. Published by Changing Attitude Ireland and the Church of Ireland Chaplaincy, Trinity College Dublin. 2010. Also available from CAI £2/€2 plus postage £1.50/€1.50

**“I Think my Son or Daughter is Gay: Guidance for parents of gay children in the Church of Ireland”**. By Gerry Lynch. Also available from CAI £2/€2 plus postage.

**Parents Speak: “My child is gay”** Paul Rowlandson, (Derry Cathedral). **Moving Beyond Boundaries** Revd. Tom Gordon, (Church of Scotland) (May 2011).

**“Gay Clergy Count: Visibility and Listening in the Church of Ireland”** by Revd. Mervyn Kingston **SEARCH - A Church of Ireland Journal, Vol.31 Number 2. Summer 2008** APCK. (Offprint pp.129-136).

**LGBT Communities' Experiences of Faith and Church in Northern Ireland.** Booklet no. 7. Irish Peace Centres (September 2011).

**'Holding the tension wisely'** Notes from an encounter between faith leadership and LGBT advocates. Irish Peace Centres Report based on their June 2011 Conference. Respectful Evangelical Dialogue. (November 2011).