

Eve and the E.R.A.

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The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is not a mere instrument for obtaining equal pay for equal work, nor equal legal rights under the law, but is an effort to give legality and respectability to those acting in defiance of God's laws regulating sexuality. Among its chief supporters are leaders in the International Women's Year (IWY), the National organization for Women (NOW), Women's Political Caucus, the Humanist Society and the Gay Liberation people. Spokesmen (Spokespersons?) for these groups have publicly announced in favor of abortion, lesbianism, children as wards of the state and the rejection of God's order for the home.

This is not to suggest that all supporters of the ERA are immoral, but that the principle embraced in the amendment undercuts the basic principle of separate and different roles of the sexes and, therefore, gives strength to the rest of the movement which pervert the sex faculty.

While we would not accuse Adam and Eve of the gross sins these modern Sodomites flaunt, there is a striking parallel between the attitude of the so-called liberated woman and that of Eve in the original sin. Eve was made to be Adam's helpmeet; that is, she should meet his needs and help him fulfill the Creator's purpose to live in the image of God, to do God's will and to enjoy to the fullest the happy estate of dominion over the world. Her sin was not only in disobeying God but in reversing her God-given role, so instead of being a helper to her husband in obedience to God, she beguiled him and persuaded him also to disobey the Creator so that the head of the race became a rebel.

The modern women's lib movement seems to be taking its script directly from the lips of Satan who said to the woman, "You shall not surely die: for God does know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:4, 5) To be as God, knowing good and evil, was simply to say that she would no longer be subject to God's commands regarding good and evil but would decide the issues for herself. Satan is saying "No longer must you ask of God what is right and wrong, you will decide that for yourself. You will be equal to God in that respect." This is exactly the same idea that is promoted by the backers of the ERA and other women's lib organizations. The issue is not social and political liberty and equality. Such legislation is already on the books. The main thrust of the movement is to abolish the home and God-given principles.

The men must share in the blame for this rebellion against God and His law just as Adam had to take the blame for Eve's actions. He was in command but he relinquished his headship in order to obey Eve just as millions of men today are refusing to accept their responsibilities as husbands and fathers and gladly relinquishing them in order to enjoy their own so-called freedom to pursue sports and the gratification of their own fleshly

desires. Over all the world men are falling in line with Adam's weakness to relinquish their responsibilities and let the women run the home and everything else. Many women are forced to earn the living, abandoning their children to a nursery, because their husbands are not manly enough to face responsibilities of the home. Like spoiled children they whimper, "I want my freedom," which means they want to exploit their lust and passion without the responsibility that goes with love and sexual union.

Some men are willing supporters of the Women's Lib movement because they actually delight in the new role of the female. They are ready to turn over to her their responsibilities and at the same time think it will give them more opportunity for sexual conquests. Look at the national leaders who cave in to any woman who stands before a microphone and demands to have her way. From the president on down the line men grovel at her feet and promise to submit to her demands.

In the Old Testament it is written: "If a man also lies with mankind, as with womankind, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death" (Lev. 20:13). Moral law does not change. As God is changeless so is His purpose and intent changeless, that man should be His image.

Writings of those who refused to abide by God's law, Paul said, "For this cause God gave them up unto vile passions: for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working un-seamless, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due." Paul added that "they that practice such things are worthy of death." (Rom 1:26-27, 32) God's attitude toward the so-called sexual liberation is demonstrated for all time in the fiery destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. According to Jude, those cities which gave themselves up to sexual perversion "are set forth as an example suffering the punishment of eternal fire" (Jude 7).

No nation has ever given itself over to the gross sins of homosexuality and infanticide and escaped the judgment of God.

The new sexuality as proposed by the women's liberation groups not only changes the role of woman in her relation to man, and the home, but invites all the perversions of homosexuality and finally demands the right to destroy all the infants who may be produced from unlawful unions.

In the ruins of ancient Canaan archeologists have found where the Canaanites systematically destroyed the newborn. They worshipped Ashteroth, a female goddess, and gave woman the superior role in the home. Men had forsaken their God-given roles as head of the woman and as the one responsible for family and worship. As judgment God commanded the Hebrews to enter in and destroy them. In giving the Hebrews such an order God promised, "I will fight for you", clearly assuring them that destruction upon Canaan would be God's judgment. The first city to be destroyed was Jericho, one of the best fortified cities of all time. By God's power the walls fell and the city was easily

destroyed by Joshua and his untrained men without the loss of a single one. The judgment was God's.

This speaks to our day and to our nation. All the sophisticated weaponry, the mighty arsenals of rockets, bombs, planes, tanks, ships and men are worthless against the power of God.

It was God who created sexuality, the difference of the sexes and then commanded the sexual union within marriage when He said, "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth" (Gen. 1:28). God pronounced all his works as good, therefore one of the good works of God is sex, when used according to the Creator's purpose. Out of the union of the sexes is created the home, a potential for the greatest earthly happiness known to man; but out of the misuse of sex grows the deepest sorrows.

The ERA – which might stand for "Encouraging Repulsive Acts," and the various groups backing it, are symptoms of the underlying attitude of modern humanity which would cast aside God's laws and set up their own as Adam and Eve sought to do. The movement is widely supported by the entertainment world, the theater, the arts, TV and the press. Books and magazines of all kinds are filled with pornography and the TV networks are busy giving them respectability by glamorizing the authors and pronouncing that any law against such wickedness is a violation of "rights."

The advocates of the anti-Christian concept of sexuality have gained such power in the media, in the educational system and in the whole structure of our society that it is now a question of survival of the home and of human decency. The public showing of nudity and continual bombardment of perversion upon our ears and our eyes is like the invasion of a foreign enemy bent upon destroying our lives, our homes and our nations. We are at war. One of the best illustrations of this fact is the recent action of singer Anita Bryant and the response when received for her efforts to oppose the rights of children against homosexual teachers. According to the Associated Press news item actress Jane Fonda told a homosexual rights party-dance that Anita Bryant is "not well," and that "she mustn't be a very secure person." According to the press Jane Fonda said that "Miss Bryant represents a kind of mentality and attitude that should have been swept away by the civil rights movement." Indeed, the ERA and women's lib movement would "sweep away" those who insist upon honoring the laws of God.

According to scriptures there are two kinds of harvests. There is the harvest of God's people, as Jesus spoke of sending forth the laborers into the fields which were ripe for the harvest. But there is another kind of harvest mentioned in Revelation 14 where an angel comes from God's temple "crying with a great voice to him that sat on the cloud, send forth thy sickle, and reap: for the hour to reap had come; for the harvest of the earth is ripe." This is a picture of judgment. God himself determines when a nation is so wicked as to deserve destruction, but from past examples it appears that our own is ripe for the harvest.

The answer to immorality now is the same as it was in the beginning. God is the one who gives us the knowledge of good and evil. It is He who tells us what is right and what is wrong. The hope of our nation does not lie in the political realm but in the moral realm. Our greatest danger is not an invasion by Russians or Chinese but the invasion of gross wickedness, an invasion that has already happened as the hosts of satanic forces permeate every facet of American life.

There is hope. First there is hope for the homosexual. Sexual sins are not unforgivable. Sex deviation is not an incurable disease, as psychologists and doctors have agreed. Rather it is the sin of rebellion against God's order for the individual. When one turns from rebelliousness to faith and obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ he may be forgiven and receive new life. The apostle Paul lists the "effeminate" and "abusers of themselves with men" among those who shall not inherit the kingdom of God. In the same letter he indicated that some of the Christians at Corinth had been guilty of these acts, but they had been "washed," "sanctified," "justified in the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of God" (1 Cor. 6:9-11). Christ is able to save to the uttermost.

Second, there is hope for the nation, providing there is a national return to the absolutes of God. Unfortunately there are no signs that this is about to happen. Third, there is the personal hope for every true child of God. Christ promised that in this world there will be tribulation, temptation, persecution and suffering because of the sins of the rebels. But He also promised that when he comes He will put an end to such rebellion, will raise his people to glory, and give us immortality in a new creation "wherein dwells righteousness." There the faithful may enjoy forever the joys of a world totally free from all evil, where each one may fulfill the eternal purpose of God to live in His image.

In the meantime it is ours to cry out against this wickedness, to draw close to God, "to live soberly and righteously and Godly in this present world," and to publish abroad the purpose of God to redeem and purify a people for His eternal fellowship.

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