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## The spiritual 'Zika Virus' plaguing our society

There is a truth in God's Word which aptly sums up the underlying agenda of those who belong to the 'world of perversion', represented by the various sodomite groups.

It is found in Isaiah 5:20-21. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"

Sodomites would have us believe that darkness is light; evil is good, bitter is sweet and vice versa!!

The deadly Zika Virus is spread by the smallest of bites but what havoc and grief comes of it! So it is with the sin of sodomy. It has been labelled as a most innocuous lifestyle which if accepted will bring benefits to society. It has corrupted the word 'gay' perverting that which used to mean joyful into a euphemism for all that is vile and offensive!

From tiny beginnings it has spread until the rights and freedoms of the God-fearing are largely eroded and denied in our land. It has become a crime to call sodomy what it is - a devilish perversion that will corrupt the minds and bodies of those who embrace it and damn their souls in everlasting hell!

### Right

Not content with obtaining the freedom to practise their ungodly lifestyle (a freedom that is unlawful in God's eyes), the sodomite lobby wish everyone else to endorse its views and accept as right and virtuous that which is condemned in God's Word, and which the Bible plainly teaches will bring eternal damnation upon those who engage in it or proclaim it morally lawful.

But sodomites would go further than this. They demand that society accept that what they do does not conflict with the moral code of Christianity, which is, of course, the Law of God set forth in the Bible. Rather, they say, that can practise 'Christianity' and also their perversions without conflict. They would have us believe that evil is good etc., etc. Not so God! "LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? . . . . he . . . in whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD," Psalm 15:1, 4.

Sodomites would make God the condoner of their shamefulness!

### Demand



Ruth Davidson at the new Belfast mural depicting a married lesbian couple

A recent newspaper article highlighted this demand by a politician from Scotland, Tory leader Ruth Davidson, over in Ulster to support the annual sodomite jamboree. The report read: "Ms Davidson, who is a Protestant and a unionist, is engaged to a Catholic Irishwoman. She said: I am a practising Christian - I care deeply about the role of the church in the public realm. I believe passionately that it is a force for good."

She added that legalising same-sex marriage in Northern Ireland would "make every couple in this country equal in the eyes of the law." (BBC NI, 2/8/16.)

This woman would have us accept her as a "Christian" and therefore accept that the Bible is in agreement with her lifestyle. Furthermore, she would have us accept that "the church" is a force for good in the land.

I will start with her final point: "the church" is a force for good in the land.



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The Westminster Confession of Faith, the historical compendium of Reformed doctrine, states that "synods and councils" are subservient to the Word of God, (WCF, Chapter 31:4).

This agrees with the teaching of the 39 articles of the Anglican communion. "General Councils may not be gathered together without the commandment and will of Princes. And when they be gathered together, (forasmuch as they be an assembly of men, whereof all be not governed with the Spirit and Word of God,) they may err, and sometimes have erred, even in things pertaining unto God. Wherefore things ordained by them as necessary to salvation have neither strength nor authority, unless it may be declared that they be taken out of holy Scripture." (Article 21.)

Ruth Davidson undoubtedly believes that having obtained approval for her ungodly lifestyle from the modern ecclesiastical bigwigs, then she has God's approval. How wrong she is! As is stated above, churches "may err!" Indeed, they have erred many, many times. Their errors gave us the 'dark ages' and their errors today have given us the plague of the "ecclesiastically-endorsed abomination of sodomy!"

### God hates sodomy

Nothing is more clear than that God hates the wicked lifestyle of the sodomite and those who defy Him will suffer the supreme penalty for such defiance.

The Bible's teaching gives us a clear demonstration of God's wrath against the perverted lifestyle that takes its name from the evil city of Sodom. It is recorded in Genesis that "the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly," Genesis 13:13. The word "wicked" appears in a verse which describes the earth before the flood of judgment in the days of Noah. "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Genesis 6:5. The plague of "wickedness" that befouled the earth before the flood, reappeared in the city of Sodom and it reappeared to a "forceful, overwhelming" degree. "The men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly." The phrase "before the LORD" indicates that they sinned brazenly, openly, defiantly, in the very face of God. Surely we see that spirit today! It is embodied in Ruth Davidson's claim that she is "a practising Christian." She defiantly declares herself to be a "Christian", irrespective of what the teaching of the Bible is. She, and her like, become the authority by which what is a Christian is decided, not God!

### Aggressive

The aggressive, defiant spirit of the citizens of Sodom was deployed in their behaviour at the door of Lot's home after the angels of God had entered his house. "But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: and they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, and said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. . . . And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door," Genesis 19:4-11.

They were going to decide what was "wickedness" and what was acceptable behaviour, not Lot, who was a true believer as Peter tells us. "And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked," 2 Peter 2:7. Lot was a "just" man, that is a "righteous man who sought to observe God's Law", though during his sojourn in Sodom he undoubtedly was outside God's will!

The men of Sodom were very much "in your face" and so increasingly is the spirit of the sodomite lobby today. They would seek to defile angels in their brutish arrogance! Nothing is sacred to the sodomite. They will put forth their hand to defile the most holy things.



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## Far Removed

The sodomite is as far removed from the spirit of Christianity as it is possible to be in this world! The lifestyle of the ancient sodomites brought upon them the terrible wrath of God, in a display of that judgment which will overtake all of the wicked in the day of God's wrath.

The words of the angels to Lot make that clear. "For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it," Genesis 19:13. Their sin was such that it sent a cry to heaven which precipitated that wrath which is normally reserved for the wicked until "the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men," 2 Peter 3:7.

Sodomy is a sin above other sins and God would not tolerate it to continue as He was pleased to tolerate or overlook other wickednesses of men for a time.

God's mercy decreed such a general delay in judgment. That is what Peter refers to in 1 Peter 3:20. ". . . when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing." But there was a restricting of that mercy in the case of sodomy, there was no waiting. Therefore the fire reserved for men who die in their sins and go to hell was poured out upon the cities of the plain.

Sodomites and their supporters in their blindness refuse to learn this truth.

God declared His view of sodomy when He said: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination," Leviticus 18:22.

The word "abomination" is a very strong word which means an "unclean and disgusting thing." The sin of sodomy was common amongst the Canaanite nations which once occupied the territory given by God to Israel. It is the reason for the judgment that befell the Canaanite nations when they were put to the sword by Israel at God's command. "Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: and the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants," Leviticus 18:24-25. "And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them," Leviticus 20:23. "For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee," Deuteronomy 18:12.

"And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel," 1 Kings 14:24.

Men today condemn the actions of Israel back in the days of Joshua and refuse to see it as a visitation of God's judgment upon the nations because of their wickedness, of which sodomy was a chief feature. They condemn Israel for they refuse to accept that what they do, in common with the ancient Canaanites, is an abomination worthy of God's wrath and judgment.

## New Testament

In the New Testament, the condemnation of God is reiterated. The age of the gospel of Jesus Christ did not bring a reprieve for sodomy!

Here is what Paul had to say on the matter:

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural



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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 that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them," Romans 1:21-32.

Men first of all changed their view of God, rejecting the revelation of Himself that He had given them and then instituted their own notions of what God should be like and how men may live.

A word spoken by the Psalmist comes to mind. "These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes," Psalms 50:21.

Having rejected God, they now rejected His law as a rule of faith and practice. Having rejected God, they were given up by God "to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves" Romans 1:24.

That is what sodomy is. It is a yielding to "the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves."

That is the practice that many if not most of the mainline churches have sanctioned and thereby encouraged; which governments have legalised and enshrined in law, surrounding it with all sorts of protective measures; and which an increasing number within society have acquiesced in, despite their instinctive abhorrence of this vile practice.

It will not end with this perversion. Man in his rebellion will go further.

Some time ago, Mr Ken, now Lord Maginnis, a man with whom I differed on many matters, left the Ulster Unionist Party after 50 years, having been punished for stating what had been a commonly held view of sodomy up until "politically correct" notions rather than the Bible began to decide such issues.

A newspaper report of 28th August 2012 said that "One of the Ulster Unionists' most seasoned veterans has resigned from the party he served for 50 years, in protest at being punished for speaking out against homosexuality.

Lord Maginnis confirmed on Tuesday he was leaving the party just two months after losing the party's whip at Westminster. The UUP peer was disciplined over remarks made on the Stephen Nolan radio show in which he claimed homosexuality was 'unnatural and deviant'. His comments were condemned by the party leader, Mike Nesbitt, who has sought to modernise the UUP and move it towards the liberal, centre ground in Northern Ireland.



Lord Maginnis

Lord Maginnis had said "This is based on sexual practice. Now, does that mean that every deviant practice has to be accommodated? Will the next thing be that we legislate for some sort of bestiality?"



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Such logic is anathema to the sodomite and his supporters.

An Australian politician suffered a similar fate some years ago after asking a similar question. During a Senate debate Senator Bernardi said the push for same-sex marriage was coming from 'radicals' who were determined to overturn the social fabric of Australian society.

And he questioned where the campaign would end, if society was prepared to redefine marriage based on the 'latest criterion' that it should be allowed irrespective of gender. "The next step, quite frankly, is having three people or four people that love each other being able to enter into a permanent union endorsed by society - or any other type of relationship," Senator Bernardi said. "There are even some creepy people out there... [who] say it is OK to have consensual sexual relations between humans and animals."

For this, Senator Cory Bernardi had to resign as parliamentary secretary to the Prime Minister, Tony Abbott.

### Outlandish?

But is what these two politicians have said so outlandish? Not really. Indeed, history shows all too clearly that where one deviation breaks out the other soon follows.

God indicates that both these wickednesses were found amongst the Canaanite tribes. "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: and the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants," Leviticus 18:22-25.

Here the two sins are linked and were the common cause of God's judgment on the Canaanite nations.

### History

The history of Babylon, Greece, Rome and indeed all the ancient so-called civilisations, descended into a morass of sin and corruption which brought about their demise. Common to all those declines were the outbreak of sodomy and bestiality! Frighteningly, this is a matter of indisputable documentation.

The campaign that is rapidly gaining support in the United Kingdom carries with it the evil virus which will destroy the nation.

The Christian can find comfort in the fact that the spread of this iniquity will bring about the return of Christ in judgment upon it.

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day," 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.

Until that day, it is our duty to preach the gospel and continue to protest against the madness and sin of blinded sinners.

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