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### **"The changing 'Christian' view of sodomy highlighted and condemned"**

***[The following is an article written by Pastor Ralph Ovadal. It addresses a problem that faces God's people everywhere.]***

There will be many conservative evangelicals, including pro-family leaders, who will rightly condemn Rick Warren for his wicked remarks concerning sodomite Bishop Gene Robinson (see below). But brethren, the ungodly errors of Rick Warren are rooted in, and nourished by, the refusal of conservative evangelicals to stand by the Word of God themselves. The standard evangelical--I should say new evangelical--teaching regarding homosexual acts represents an abandonment of the law of God, including with regard to the function and duty of civil government. The Lord teaches us throughout His Word that sodomite acts are criminal acts, to be treated as such. See, for instance, in I Timothy 1:8-11. It is not the lawful use of the law (I Tim. 1:8) when homosexual acts are protected by the civil government as a "right" rather than punished as a criminal wrong. [A Biblical Answer to Sodom](#)

Until the mid 1960s, the perverted, unnatural acts sodomites commit were crimes in every state in the United States of America. Next came the laws which prohibited "discrimination" against open sexual perverts. And, on a side note, those statues were enacted in our state, thanks to a coalition of liberals, sodomites, and Roman Catholic Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee. Then in a number of states, hate crime enhancement laws were adopted. These laws elevated criminals to a status not enjoyed by moral, law-abiding citizens. Now we are wondering how long will it be before hate speech laws will be passed in some of the more liberal states of our beloved America. All of this has come about due to a decriminalization of unnatural, filthy sexual acts.

But apparently, many new evangelicals have decided to fight fire with fire. They utterly refuse to consider, or take the position, that sodomite acts must be recriminalized. Further, they insist on sticking with their empty and untrue mantra that "gays and lesbians" ought to have all the rights and privileges of every American, just no "special rights." I won't even get into the wretched, heart-hardening doctrinal errors constantly vomited out by the neo-evangelicals which in turn minimize the wickedness of sodomite acts, desensitizing both the world and the church to acts which the Lord says are an abomination, filthy, lawless, and grievous sin and which the shepherds of the Lord's people in better times did not hesitate to call beastly, filthy, and so vile as to not even name. For more details, [click here](#).

It is significant that those evangelicals who insist on perpetuating the sort of errors I have mentioned on behalf of sodomites--and quite frankly, with little regard even for the souls of sodomites--would never consider applying those same standards to, say, rapists or child pornographers. But of course, rapists and child pornographers do not make the grade under the world's "just do no harm to others and consenting adults" humanist philosophy which has been also adopted by so many in the church. Now the same ones who refuse to stand on the Word of God with regard to the decriminalization of sodomite acts and the right of American citizens to refuse to rent to, hire, or do business with sexual criminals



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will be outraged that Rick Warren has built upon the corrupt foundation they have laid and taught to the nation. In that, Warren is at least the more consistent in his position.

And I will close this impromptu, I hope not too rambling, commentary by warning once again that the Lord will never crown with victory a cause which does not first and always honor His Word and seek His glory.

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[Rick Warren praises Obama's pick of gay bishop](#)

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**From CNN Associate Political Editor Rebecca Sinderbrand**

**(CNN)** - Rick Warren offered an olive branch to another minister delivering an inaugural invocation - an openly gay Episcopal bishop who had been critical of the evangelical pastor over his support for California's Proposition 8.

The California minister praised President-elect Obama's selection of Eugene V. Robinson to deliver the invocation at the kickoff inaugural event.

Obama "has again demonstrated his genuine commitment to bringing all Americans of goodwill together in search of common ground," Warren said in **a statement** released Wednesday. "I applaud his desire to be the president of every citizen."

Warren, who is delivering the invocation at the Tuesday swearing-in ceremony, drew fire from some Obama supporters over his opposition to same sex marriage and abortion rights.

Robinson had called Warren's inclusion "really, really unfortunate" because of his support for Proposition 8, which barred same-sex marriage.

"It's about this particular venue and the role that he has in praying for all of America, and I'm just not sure he'd pray to God the same way I would," Robinson told Beliefnet last month.

"This particular choice [of Warren] is not about having everyone at the table for a discussion or some sort of general forum. Every choice related to who does what at the inauguration is highly symbolic, and I think the transition team failed to ask the question of what, symbolically, this might say to some of our citizens."

Robinson said at the time his disappointment would not affect his plans to attend President-elect Obama's inauguration.