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### The Pro-Homosexual Gospel According to Obama

**Clinton** and **Obama** agree on the "change" they wish to bring to our nation - ushering in Homosexual marriage and adoptions. The "change" **Obama** promises is more than his liberal social programs - he wants to change the teachings of Jesus and the Bible. It is refreshing that both parties are more openly discussing faith and even Christianity in this election cycle. Hopefully, people of faith will make informed decisions on who will lead our nation.

**Obama** told a crowd last week that he believes the Sermon on the Mount justifies his support for legal recognition of homosexual unions. He also told the crowd that his position in favor of legalized abortion does not make him "less Christian." ([View the entire article here](#)). He went on to say, "If people find that controversial then I would just refer them to the Sermon on the Mount, which I think is, in my mind, for my faith, more central than an obscure passage in Romans." It is hardly proper to speak of the Sermon on the Mount as a digest of the teaching of Jesus, for it does not include any reference to some very important subjects discussed by Our Lord on other occasions in the course of His ministry. Every scripture is the inspired word of God and should be treated as such, not thrown about to justify personal preferences.

As reported by **Cybercast News Service**, **Obama** published on his Web site an "open letter concerning LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) equality in America." In that letter, Obama said he favored same-sex unions that were equal to marriage--including adoption rights--and that he was open to states codifying same-sex marriages.

**"As your President, I will use the bully pulpit to urge states to treat same-sex couples with full equality in their family and adoption laws."** ([View the full letter here](#))

Ironically, **Obama's** distortions of the Bible's teachings come as he fends off suspicion of his loyalty to Islam. **Clinton** is charged with leaking Muslim dressed pictures of **Obama** and she left open whether he is a Christian or a Muslim in a recent interview. Yet, Homosexual marriage and adoptions pushed by both are not acceptable in Christianity or Islam.

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## WHO IS ENDORSING THE CANDIDATES?

Endorsements keep getting attention although not always the kind the candidates want. While they don't speak for the candidates, they do tell us something about who is drawn to the campaigns of each candidate. Ellen **DeGeneres**, an openly lesbian television host has shown her support for Hillary **Clinton**. **Clinton** pledged in the Washington Blade that she wanted to be the first U.S. President to march in a gay pride parade.

**McCain** has **President Bush**, Former President **Bush**, **Romney**, **Huckabee**, **Giuliani** and most elected Republicans lining up behind him. He still has critics in conservative talk radio and attempted to distance himself from radio talk show host Bill Cunningham, who preceded him at a rally and called Obama by his full name, **Barack "Hussein" Obama**. **McCain** followed by calling both Democratic candidates honorable people he disagrees with profoundly on certain issues.

**Obama** has had his own problems. Louis **Farrakhan** endorsed **Obama**, stating that **Obama** was "the hope of the entire world" and is "capturing audiences of black and brown and red and yellow" (omitting "white"). **Farrakhan** is the Nation of Islam leader and the National Representative of Elijah Muhammad (a well known black supremacist). **Farrakhan** is a well-known advocate for African American interests and a critic of American society which doesn't help **Obama** after the focus on his wife's comments that she was proud of America for the "first time" in her life.

**Obama's** pastor for over twenty years, Dr. Jeremiah A. **Wright** Jr. presented his Trumpeter Award last year to Louis **Farrakhan** stating that he "truly epitomized greatness." **Obama's** pastor stated that the attacks on 9/11 proved that "people of color had not gone away, faded into the woodwork or just 'disappeared' as the Great White West went on its merry way of ignoring Black concerns." **Wright** is not an incidental figure in **Obama's** life, or his politics. **Obama** said he uses **Wright** as a "sounding board" to "make sure I'm not losing myself in the hype and hoopla." "If you want to understand where Barack gets his feeling and rhetoric from," says the Rev. Jim Wallis, a leader of the religious left, "just look at Jeremiah **Wright**."

Perhaps this theological training is where Obama draws his support for his comments last week that the Sermon on the Mount supports Homosexual unions and allows him to dismiss Romans and Corinthians clear mandates regarding sex as "obscure" passages.

We must do our homework with diligence, studying each candidate to determine how they stand on important issues and not let endorsements or the media sway how we will vote in this or any election.

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## Children Under Attack

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently signed bill [#SB777](#) which adds "sexual orientation" to

the state anti-discrimination statutes. There is also a clause that states transgender students be allowed to use restrooms of their chosen gender. It also adds Islam and agnostic to define religious instruction.

The Governor vetoed SB 1437, which had been approved by the Legislature, only after receiving thousands of emails and letters from Californians protesting the bill that would have seriously infringed upon students' religious freedoms. It would have prevented any school teaching materials or activities from "reflecting adversely" upon homosexuals, bisexuals or transgenders.

"First, California law allowed public schools to voluntarily promote homosexuality, bisexuality and transsexuality. Then, the law required public schools to accept homosexual, bisexual and transsexual teachers as role models for impressionable children. Now, the law has been changed to effectively require the positive portrayal of homosexuality, bisexuality and transsexuality to 6 million children in California government-controlled schools," said Randy Thomasson, chief of the [Campaign for Children and Families](#) and a leader in the movement to withdraw what supporters pray will be up to 600,000 children from public districts in the state.

We must recognize the threat being posed to our children, the biblical family and to our religious freedom and we must stand together in our fight not only in California but throughout the entire country.

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### **California Outlaws Home Schooling**

On February 28, 2008, three judges from the Court of Appeal handed down a very controversial decision regarding a case involving a home school family. Their opinion holds that home schooling is not a legal option in California. ([Read the entire ruling](#)).

Vision America Action agrees with the HSLDA ([Home School Legal Defense Association](#)) who believes that the best course of action is to petition the California Supreme Court to depublish the opinion. If the opinion is depublished this ruling can not be used against other home schooling families in California. ([Sign the petition](#)).

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has stated he will intervene if a court ruling against homeschoolers is not overturned. Some home schooling parents say they'll leave the state, rather than give up their rights to educate their children. Please join us in defending this basic parental right.

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### **Iowa Governor Rejects Abstinence Funding**

On March 3, 2008, Iowa Right to Life issued a press release about the fight for abstinence education in their state schools. The release reads, "Iowa's Governor; Chet Culver, who owes his election to

an abortion group, Planned Parenthood, has rejected funding for a program that teaches teens to wait until marriage before having sex." The Governor rejected \$320,000 that would go to Iowa Educators to teach abstinence only and he placed in his appropriations budget \$1,000,000 to go toward Planned Parenthood's family planning, a program they call 'Healthy Families'."

Iowa Right to Life has been raising the alarm on this issue. The abstinence education programs in Iowa have been attacked through legislation, briefings and now funding denials. The group stated, "Families should be warned of the deliberate attempt by Planned Parenthood to eliminate abstinence only education because they believe that it discriminates against the homosexual life style by mentioning marriage."

This week the CDC released its findings in a study of teen girls aged 14 to 19 years. This study indicates more than three-million girls have an STD with the human papillomavirus (HPV) being the most common infection. That is a one in four number and of those; half have admitted to having premarital sex.

Valerie Huber, executive director of the [National Abstinence Education Association](#), says, "It certainly shows that abstinence education should be a top public health priority in slowing down these numbers." "Teens need to be taught that having sex, and having any other kinds of high-risk sexual activity, can put them at risk for acquiring one of these STDs," adds Huber.

Nationwide, we find ourselves in a fight for the values that made America strong and enabled her to be a blessed nation. We encourage you to get involved in Iowa Right to Life's fight. You can find out more at [Iowa Right to Life](#). You can also [e-mail Iowa Governor Chet Culver here](#).

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### **Ministry Update**

I would like to share with you the important work God has given me in the past few weeks. This past weekend we hosted a gala in Houston, Texas, to honor the lives of two wonderful servants of our Lord; Drs. Tim and Beverly LaHaye. When we began planning the event we could have never imagined it turning out so wonderfully. From the superb way that Pastor Steve Riggle of the great Grace Community Church exceeded the event, to the messages of both the LaHayes; the evening was a memorable night. A video tribute to their life of achievement was shown and is available to all who contribute this week to our work. [Contribute here](#). I know the LaHayes were appreciative of all who came. I have known the LaHayes for many years and yet every time I am around them I come away even more impressed with not only the list of their accomplishments, which reflect what God can do with a yielded servant, but the quality of their lives and marriage as well.

Last week, I spoke to, and met with, about 100 of the nation's Values Voter organization leaders about the upcoming elections and our duty to our nation in this time. On Monday I traveled to Denver, Colorado, for two days of meetings and brainstorming with several national leaders, discussing how to

energize Values Voters to register and vote their convictions next fall. These were very important and productive meetings which you will be hearing more about in the near future.

And finally, the work at Harvest Point Church where I am now serving as senior pastor continues to progress. Next time you come to East Texas please stop by. I am enjoying the privilege of preaching every Sunday to this wonderful church family.

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