Amazon.com: God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships
Matthew Vines

"God and the Gay Christian is a game changer. Winsome, accessible, and carefully researched, every page is brought to life by the author’s clear love for Scripture and deep, persistent faith. With this book, Matthew Vines emerges as one of my generation’s most important Christian leaders, not only on matters of sexuality but also on what it means to follow Jesus with wisdom, humility, and grace. Prepare to be challenged and enlightened, provoked and inspired. Read with an open heart and mind, and you are bound to be changed."—Rachel Held Evans, author of A Year of Biblical Womanhood and Faith Unraveled

Amazon.com: Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?
Letha Dawson Scanzoni, Virginia Ramey Mollenkott

Dr. Mollenkott graduated from BJU in 1953. In her own words:

“Some years ago, a person who had read my books wrote to BJU to ask whether I had actually graduated from there. The answer, on the college letterhead, signed by Bobby III, said that yes, I am a BJU graduate, but in their opinion I am “a demon” and they are praying that God will “destroy” me. So it should come as no surprise that I strongly resonate with Jeffrey Hoffman’s emphasis that we need to work at getting the Religious Right to tone down its rhetoric concerning LGBT people.”

Amazon.com: The Children Are Free: Reexamining the Biblical Evidence on Same-Sex Relationships
Rev. Jeff Miner, John Tyler Connoley

Rev. Jeff Miner is a 1980 alumnus of BJU. Jeff is the pastor of Jesus Metropolitan Community Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was raised in fundamentalist independent Baptist churches, and received his undergraduate degree from Bob Jones University. In college, Jeff felt called to the ministry, but deferred that calling while trying to come to terms with being gay. In the meantime, he attended Harvard Law School, graduating with honors in 1983. Several years later, after intensive study of the Bible and homosexuality, Jeff came to peace with being gay. Soon he discovered the Metropolitan Community Churches, a Christian denomination that has arisen out of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. There, Jeff realized he could fulfill his call to ministry. He completed his clergy training and was ordained in 1997.
For all intent, virtually all accepted mainstream Catholic Christian tenets remain untouched for the past two millennia. It follows then that we take for evident truths for example, our views on the Creator and creation’s sexuality, gender issues, and human relationship concerns may in fact be nothing but establishment dogmas gleaned from wrong interpretation or translation of the original text and intent of Jesus Christ and the Bible authors.

In Bible, Gender, Sexuality James Brownson argues that Christians should reconsider whether or not the biblical strictures against same-sex relations as defined in the ancient world should apply to contemporary, committed same-sex relationships. Presenting two sides in the debate -- "traditionalist" and "revisionist" -- Brownson carefully analyzes each of the seven main texts that appear to address intimate same-sex relations. In the process, he explores key concepts that inform our understanding of the biblical texts, including patriarchy, complementarity, purity and impurity, honor and shame. Central to his argument is the need to uncover the moral logic behind the biblical text. Written in order to serve and inform the ongoing debate in many denominations over the questions of homosexuality, Brownson’s in-depth study will prove a useful resource for Christians who want to form a considered opinion on this important issue.

Ten years of research, as well as relationships with thousands of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people, led to answering important questions:

- How did history, culture, science, and politics intertwine to create social discrimination against the gay and transgender community?
- When and why did the conservative Christian community turn their focus on the gay and transgender community?
- Should Christian fellowship be extended to gay and transgender people? Should civil marriages, or even Christian marriages, be granted to them?
- What is happening within the LGBT Christian movement today?

Baldock carefully constructs a timeline as she untangles the details of various influences and influencers. Along the way, she shares fascinating stories and testimonies enriching the historical journey. Finally, for those who are wondering how they might enter into productive and respectful conversations about the intersection of faith and sexual orientation or gender identity, this book offers the resources and tools needed to make informed and wise, Christ-centered choices.
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