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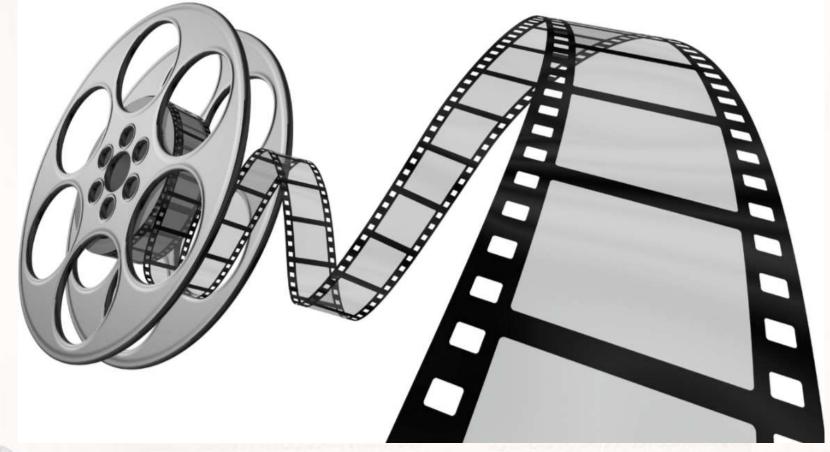


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"If God is good, why doesn't he put a stop to all the evil in the world?"

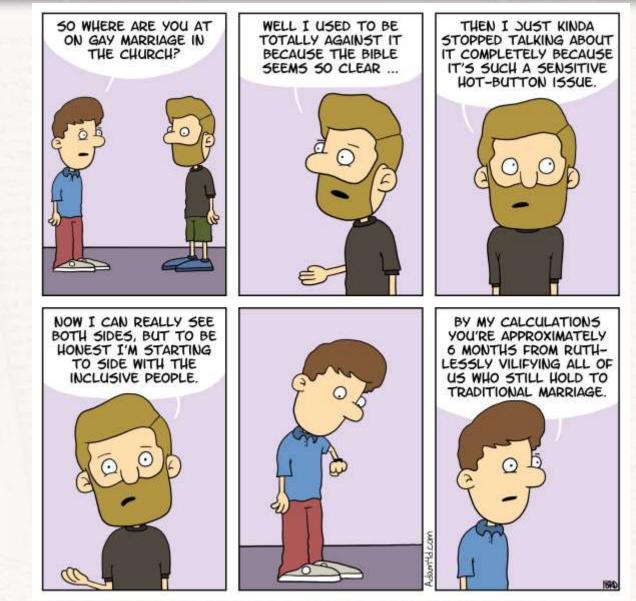
> He did that once. It's called Noah's Flood.

"So why not just destroy the worst of the worst so the rest might learn by example?"

He did that too. It's called Sodom an Gomorrah.

If God decided to destroy all evildoers at midnight tonight, where would you be at 12:01?

Don't mistake God's patience for his tolerance! Take advantage of the time and repent today.



Homosexuality

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Accusation: The word 'homosexual' wasn't even in the Bible until 1946!

True? False? Kinda?

True

The Revised Standard Version published in 1946 was the first English translation to use the word 'homosexual' (1 Cor 6:9, 1 Tim 1:10 in NT).

The first known usage of the English word homosexual anywhere was in 1891 – it is a 'new' word.

G733 ἀρσενοκοίτης arsenokoitēs

From G730 [male, man] and G2845 [a couch; by extension cohabitation; by implication the male sperm]; a sodomite:

- abuser of (that defile) self with mankind.

1 Corinthians 6:9

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor **abusers of themselves with mankind**,

1 Timothy 1:10

For whoremongers, for **them that defile themselves with mankind**, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

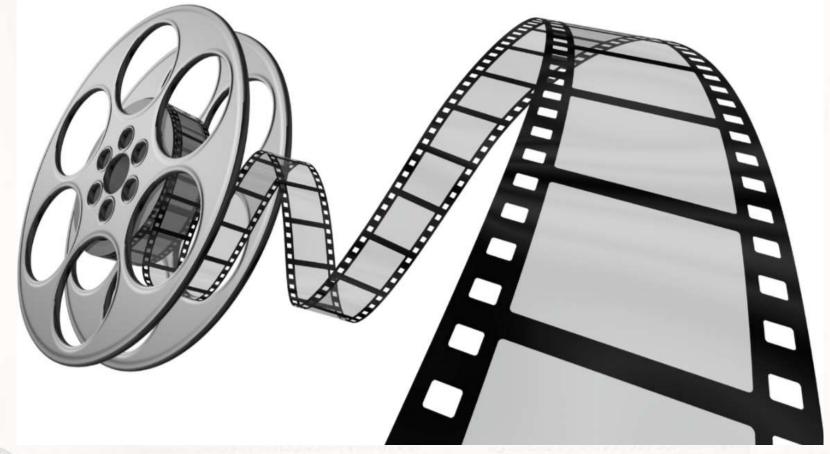
The word **arsenokoitai** is formed by combining two Greek words, **arsen**, meaning "male," and **koite**, meaning "lying." Arsenokoitai literally means "men who lie with a male."

It's also worth noting that ancient Jews used the Hebrew phrase **tiskav zakar** (Lev 18:22), which means "lying with a male," to describe male-tomale sexual contact.

A second reason that solidifies this translation. The Greek words **arsen** and **koite** appear together in two Greek (LXX) Old Testament verses:

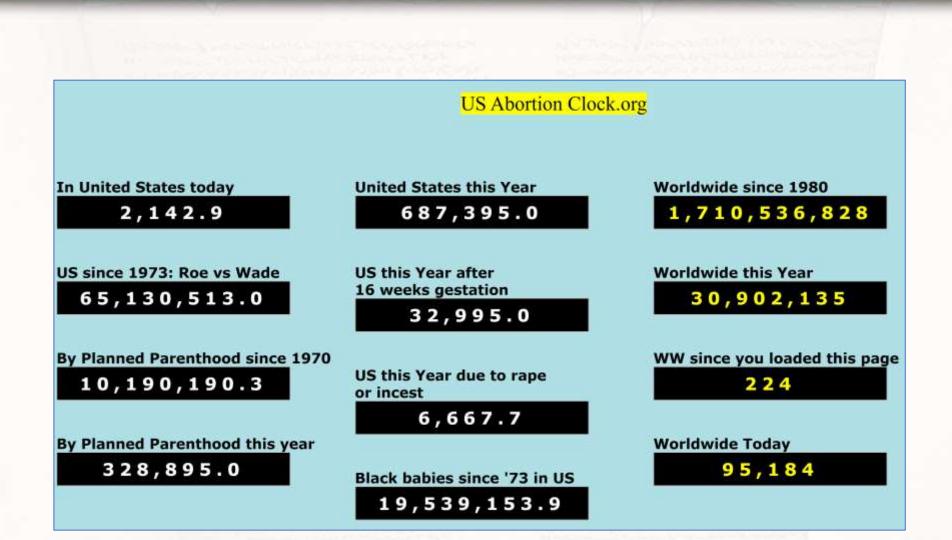
These verses are **Leviticus 18:22** and **20:13**—the very two verses in the Mosaic Law that condemn homosexual behavior.

I was born this way



Abortion

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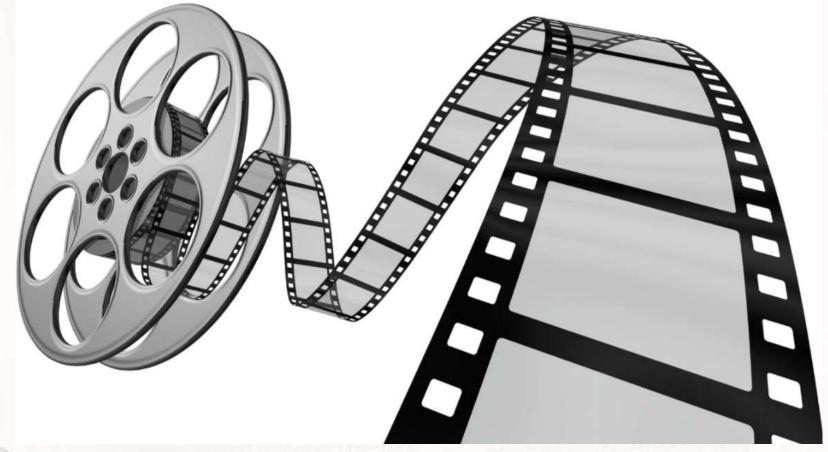


To begin with, scientifically something very radical occurs between the processes of gametogenesis and fertilization: the change from a simple part of one human being (i.e., a sperm) and a simple part of another human being (i.e., an "egg"), which simply possess "human life", to a new, genetically unique, newly existing, individual, whole living human being (a single-cell embryonic human zygote).

That is, upon fertilization, parts of human beings have actually been <u>transformed into something</u> <u>very different from what they were before;</u> <u>they have been changed into a single, whole</u> <u>human being</u>. During the process of fertilization, the sperm and the "egg" cease to exist as such, and <u>a new human being is produced</u>.

https://www.princeton.edu/~prolife/articles/wdhbb.html WHEN DO HUMAN BEINGS BEGIN? "SCIENTIFIC" MYTHS AND SCIENTIFIC FACTS Dianne N. Irving, M.A., Ph.D.

Jesus didn't say anything about abortion



Abortion proponents typically look at the entire issue as a complicated mess. So many different situations...

One way is the 'toddler' test.

Typical false reason #1:

A woman is in no situation to have or raise a child (drug addict, born addicted, etc) – abortion would be the merciful thing to do.

Toddlerize it:

A woman is in no situation to raise her child (drug addict, etc) – killing her two-year-old would be the merciful thing to do.

Typical false reason #2:

Having a baby right now would completely derail my life plans. I would have to drop out of school. I won't be able to pursue the career I want. Abortion is the best solution.

Toddlerize it:

Caring for my two-year-old right now would completely derail my life plans. I would have to drop out of school. I won't be able to pursue the career I want. Killing my child is the best solution

Other common 'justifications' for abortion (reasons why it shouldn't matter in the minds of many)

S.L.E.D. Size Level of Development Environment Degree of dependency

Size

The error: Embryo has less value because it is so small.

-If that is true, then a three-foot-tall 10-year-old has less value than a full-grown adult.

-Women are worth less than men (since they are generally smaller)

Level of Development

The error: Unborn are less developed, therefore have no right to life.

-If that is true then we can kill children because they are less developed than adults.

-Mentally challenged children (or adults) are also disposable with this mindset, never 'developing' as others.

Environment

The error: Being in the womb means you have less (or no) value

-If you roll over in your sleep do you become a different person? Likewise, a trip of nine inches through a birth canal doesn't change who you are. The trip down the birth canal doesn't 'magically' transform a non-human into a human.

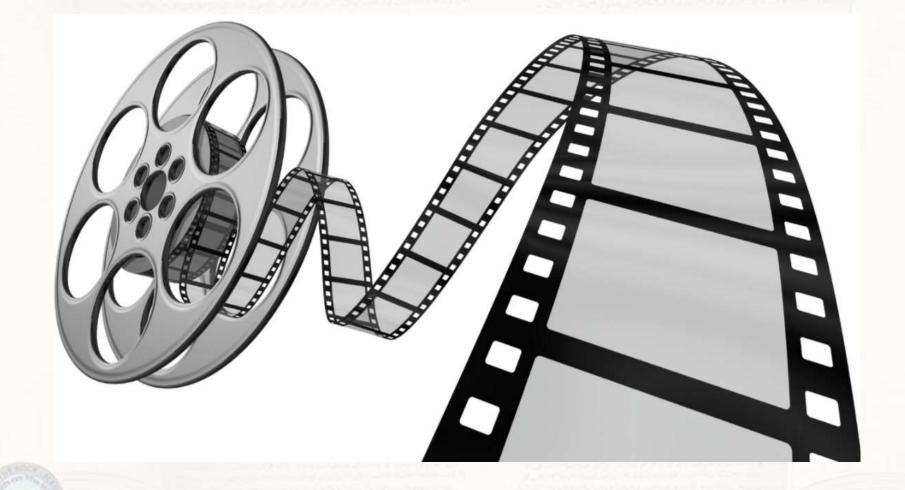
-Where you are located does not change who you are or what you are worth.

Degree of dependency

The error: Embryo has less (or no) value because it is 100% dependent on the mother.

-This is also true of a newborn. It is 100% dependent on someone feeding and caring for the child. -How about those who are ill and require someone to care for them? Less valuable?

What would you say? - Abortion



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