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*And he [King Josiah] brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD....  
(Romans 1:26,27)*

*...And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly...  
(2 Peter 2:6)*



## **U.S. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ORDAINS FIRST GAY MINISTER Associated Press, October 8, 2011**

MILWAUKEE – A man who left his Presbyterian ministry in California more than 20 years ago after telling his congregation that he is gay was welcomed back into the church leadership on Saturday as its first openly gay ordained minister.

In a quavering voice ripe with emotion, 56-year-old Scott Anderson told the hundreds of friends and backers who packed Covenant Presbyterian Church in Madison, Wisconsin for his ordination ceremony that he never thought the day would come.

“To the thousands of Presbyterians who have worked and prayed for almost 40 years for this day, I give thanks,” Anderson said. “And I give thanks for those who disagree with what we’re doing today yet who know that we are one in Jesus Christ.”

When he was presented to the crowd, audience members gave him a thunderous standing ovation and began roaring with cheers.

“That was very atypical of Presbyterians,” Doug Poland, an elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church, told the Wisconsin State Journal. “Usually our hands are in

our laps.”

Anderson was closeted when he served as a minister in Sacramento, Calif., from 1983 until 1990. When a couple threatened to reveal his sexual orientation, he came out to his congregation and resigned because the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) barred homosexuals from serving as ministers.

But things changed last year when the church’s national assembly voted to remove the ban, clearing the way for Anderson’s ordination.

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*26And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.*

*27They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.*

*28Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;*

*29But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.*

*30Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.*

## **END OF “DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL” BRINGS RELIEF, CELEBRATION CNN News, September 20, 2011**

Washington -- Reactions ranged from gloom-and-doom predictions to celebrations to ho-hum business-as-usual as the U.S. military changed its rules Tuesday to allow gay men and lesbians to serve openly.

A minute into the new day, at 12:01 a.m., the old “don’t ask, don’t tell” rule that has been in force since the Clinton administration was gone.

In its place was a policy designed to be blind to sexual orientation and one that the Pentagon brass insists will maintain the military in fighting trim, with no negative impact on “military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion and recruiting and retention.”

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen told a news conference that the repeal enhanced the integrity of the nation’s fighting forces.

“They’ll all get up, they’ll all go to work, and they’ll all be able to do that work honestly, and their fellow citizens will be safe, and that’s all that really matters,” Mullen said.

Some members of the U.S. military -- many who carefully hid both their identities and sexual orientation for years -- wasted no time in going public.

That included the man who until now had been known as J.D. Smith. Smith had been at the forefront of pushing for the repeal, as co-founder and co-director of a group called OutServe, which bills itself as the Association of Actively Serving LGBT Military Personnel.

As an active-duty service member, he would only speak to the media under a pseudonym. Under the new rules, his real identity can be revealed, and he announced at a news conference Tuesday that he is 1st Lt. Josh Seefried, an airman serving on a base in New Jersey.

Until now, Seefried said, he had worried every day that he could lose his military career if it became known he was gay.

“Today and every day I can go back into work with that burden lifted off my shoulders and not have to worry about it any more,” he said. Concerns of a possible hostile reaction from heterosexual colleagues were unfounded, Seefried said, adding that “no one’s going hurt us when we go back to our units.”

Others joined him. OutServe published a new edition Tuesday called the “Repeal Issue.” It was available on some military bases around the world and included photos of 101 active service members openly stating they are gay. The OutServe magazine is also distributed online.

“Now we are stepping forward, to a new day, a new life,” wrote Air Force Staff Sgt. Jonathan Mills. “A life of openness, integrity, of honor. At last, our country has accepted us -- not for who we love or how we love but who we are.”

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*But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

*(Matthew 24:36)*

*in-san-i-ty [in-san-i-tee]: noun, plural in-san-i-ties*  
1. the condition of being insane; a derangement of the mind. Synonyms: dementia, lunacy, madness, craziness, mania, aberration.

**PORN COMPANY BUILDS PORN BUNKER TO RIDE OUT FORECASTED APOCALYPSE**  
**Fox News, September 15, 2011**

“Debbie Does End of Days”?

San Fernando Valley porn purveyors Pink Visual may be the only adult film company equipped to release such a title, as they are planning on “riding out the 2012 apocalypse in style” by building an “enormous underground bunker” in anticipation of the December 21, 2012 apocalypse.

“Our goal is nothing less than to survive the apocalypse to come in comfort and luxury,” Pink Visual spokesman Quentin Boyer told CBS’ Los Angeles affiliate. “Whether that catastrophe takes the form of fireballs flung earthward by an all-seeing deity, extended torrential rainfall, Biblical rapture, an earthquake-driven mega-tsunami, radioactive flesh-eating zombies, or some combination of the above.”

Boyer told the LA Weekly that the X-rated bunker will be filled with “multiple fully-stocked bars, an enormous performing stage, and a sophisticated content production studio.”

With nothing to lose on that fateful night, Boyer suggests that those invited to the bunker may participate in an end of the world orgy. “Inevitably, I suppose, that will happen,” he muses. “It’s hard to say how people would respond to an actual apocalypse.”

Pink Visual’s guest list will be limited to 1,500 VIPs said Boyer, adding that “Pink Visual performers, active site members and Twitter followers (will get) priority over the general public.”

Good thing they have over a year to plan for the event, as Boyer admits that they’re “still working on oxygen, that kind of thing.”

The exact location of the bunker has not been released due to “security concerns.”

And hey--there are worse places than Van Nuys to spend your last hours on earth. “If nothing else, it’ll be a fantastic one-night party, after which we’ll emerge from underground, red-faced, to go home, and the company will be left behind with the coolest bunker known to man,” Boyer said

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*Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. (Matthew 5:11)*

**TEXAS SCHOOL PUNISHES BOY FOR OPPOSING HOMOSEXUALITY**  
**Fox News, September 22, 2011**

An honors student in Fort Worth, Texas, was sent to the principal’s office and punished for telling a classmate that he believes homosexuality is wrong.

Holly Pope said she was “absolutely stunned” when she received a telephone call from an assistant principal at Western Hills High School informing her that her son, Dakota Ary, had been sent to in-school

suspension.

“Dakota is a very well-grounded 14-year-old,” she told Fox News Radio noting that her son is an honors student, plays on the football team and is active in his church youth group. “He’s been in church his whole life and he’s been taught to stand up for what he believes.”

And that’s what got him in trouble.

Dakota was in a German class at the high school when the conversation shifted to religion and homosexuality in Germany. At some point during the conversation, he turned to a friend and said that he was a Christian and “being a homosexual is wrong.”

“It wasn’t directed to anyone except my friend who was sitting behind me,” Dakota told Fox. “I guess [the teacher] heard me. He started yelling. He told me he was going to write me an infraction and send me to the office.”

Dakota was sentenced to one day in-school suspension – and two days of full suspension. His mother was flabbergasted, noting that her son had a spotless record, was an honor student, volunteered at his church and played on the school football team.

**FLORIDA TEACHER SUSPENDED FOR  
ANTI-GAY MARRIAGE POSTS ON  
PERSONAL FACEBOOK PAGE  
Fox News, August 19, 2011**

A former “Teacher of the Year” in Mount Dora, Fla. has been suspended and could lose his job after he voiced his objection to gay marriage on his personal Facebook page.

Jerry Buell, a veteran American history teacher at Mount Dora High School, was removed from his teaching duties this week as school officials in Lake County investigate allegations that what he posted was biased towards homosexuals.

“We took the allegations seriously,” said Chris Patton, a communication officer with Lake County Schools. “All teachers are bound by a code of special ethics (and) this is a code ethics violation investigation.”

Patton said the school system received a complaint on Tuesday about something Buell had written last July when New York legalized same sex unions. On Wednesday, he was temporarily suspended from the classroom and reassigned.

Patton said Buell has taught in the school system for 22 years and has a spotless record. Last year, he was selected as the high school’s “Teacher of the Year.”

But now his job is on the line because of what some have called anti-gay and homophobic comments.

Buell told Fox News Radio that he was stunned by

the accusations. “It was my own personal comment on my own personal time on my own personal computer in my own personal house, exercising what I believed as a social studies teacher to be my First Amendment rights,” he said.

The school system declined to comment on the specific Facebook messages that led to their investigation, but Buell provided Fox News Radio with a copy of the two Facebook messages that he said landed him in trouble.

The first was posted on July 25 at 5:43 p.m. as he was eating dinner and watching the evening news.

“I’m watching the news, eating dinner when the story about New York okaying same-sex unions came on and I almost threw up,” he wrote. “And now they showed two guys kissing after their announcement. If they want to call it a union, go ahead. But don’t insult a man and woman’s marriage by throwing it in the same cesspool of whatever. God will not be mocked. When did this sin become acceptable?”

Three minutes later, Buell posted another comment: “By the way, if one doesn’t like the most recently posted opinion based on biblical principles and God’s laws, then go ahead and unfriend me. I’ll miss you like I miss my kidney stone from 1994. And I will never accept it because God will never accept it. Romans chapter one.”

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**A STUDY FROM ROMANS 1  
Compiled from notes by Donald Stamps  
Life In The Spirit Study Bible**

Please Read Romans 1:20-28.

1:24: A primary sign of God’s abandonment of any society or people is that they become obsessed with sexual immorality and perversion. The term “God... gave them up” means that God abandoned these persons to intensified lusts. (1) The term “lusts of their own hearts” (Gk *epithumia*) denotes a passionate lust for forbidden sexual pleasure (cf. 2 Cor. 12:21; Gal 5:19; Eph 5:3).

(2) The three stages of abandonment to impurity are: (a) God giving them over to sinful sexual pleasures that degrade the body (v. 24); (b) God giving them over to shameful homosexual or lesbian passions (vv. 26-27); after this, (c) God giving them over to a depraved mind, i.e., their minds justify their unrighteous actions and they become continually preoccupied with evil and the pleasures of sexual sin (v. 28). These three stages occur among all people who reject the truth of God’s revelation and seek pleasure in ungodliness (v. 18).

(3) God has two purposes in abandoning the unrighteous to sin: (a) to allow sin and its consequenc-

es to accelerate as part of His judgment upon them (2:2), and (b) to make them realize their need for salvation (2:4).

1:25: The Greek (*toi pseudei*) includes the definite article. The “lie” is the word of Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44): “Ye shall be as gods” (Gen 3:5). (1) To believe the lie is to reject “the truth of God” and participate in idolatry (Gen 3:5; Col 3:5; 2 Thes 2:11). (2) Humanity’s propensity to believe the lie and seek to determine its own destiny apart from God always leads to some form of idolatry—for instance, greed and materialism. For this reason the Bible incessantly warns against pride. “Thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God” (Ezek 28:2; cf. Prov 6:17; 8:13; 16:18; 1 Tim 3:6; Jas 4:6; 1 John 2:16).

1:27: The apostle likely regarded the homosexual/lesbian abomination as a key evidence of human degeneracy resulting from believing Satan’s lie (v. 25) and God giving a society over to the consequences of deception (see Gen 19:4-5; Lev 18:22). Any nation that justifies homosexuality or lesbianism as an acceptable lifestyle is in an advanced stage of moral corruption. For other Scriptures about this horrible act see Gen 19:4-9; Lev 20:13; Deut 23:17; 1 Ki 14:24; 15:12; 22:46; Is 3:9; 1 Cor 6:9-10; 1 Tim 1:10; 2 Pet 2:6 Jude 7.

*Notes taken from pages 1738, 1739 of Life In The Spirit KJV Study Bible.*

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*1This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

*2For men shall be **lovers of their own selves**, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

*3**Without natural affection**, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,*

*4Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.*

*(2 Timothy 3:1-4, bold added)*

*And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin. (Jeremiah 32:35)*

*Molech: Old Testament: a deity to whom parents sacrificed their children.*

## **TENNESSEE MOTHER TELLS POLICE SHE HID PREGNANCY, SMOTHERED NEWBORNS** **Fox News, September 15, 2011**

A young mother charged with murder has told police she hid her pregnancy, gave birth to twin sons at her family’s home and killed the infants by smothering their cries so her parents wouldn’t hear them.

Police in the Nashville suburb of Hendersonville arrested Lindsey Lowe, 25, on Wednesday after her father discovered one baby’s body in a laundry basket. According to a police affidavit, the young mother said she didn’t tell her family she was pregnant, but believes she got pregnant in January and never visited a doctor. Police said on Thursday they were trying to identify the father of the twins.

“Lowe stated that the baby was crying and Lowe did not want her parents to hear and find out about the child,” police wrote in the affidavit. “Lowe stated that she put her hand over the child’s mouth and she stated that she kept it there until the child was dead, which was a couple of minutes.” Lowe said she never checked the sex of the child.

A few minutes later, the affidavit says, she gave birth to the second child, who also fell in the toilet. She again put her hand over the baby’s mouth and held it there until the baby died, which she said took less time than the first child. She put both babies in the laundry basket and covered them up with blankets.

Police said both boys appeared to be full term and weighing about 5 or 6 pounds.

Lowe, who works at a pediatric dentist’s office, was charged with first-degree murder and remained in jail Thursday with no bond. Police said she is undergoing a medical evaluation.

Police Lt. Scott Ryan said Thursday that he didn’t know how she hid the pregnancy, just saying that she didn’t tell anyone. He would not say whether Lowe was helping them to identify the father.

Ryan said women with unwanted pregnancies have several options, including a safe haven law that allows newborns to be dropped off at places like hospitals and police stations.

“No matter how bleak the outlook may be for you, let someone help you out,” Ryan said.

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