

Healing Homosexuality By Joseph Nicolosi

Drawn from the eponymous blog essays on faith, culture, and lives of Christian discipleship by young Jesuit priests and seminarians for young adult seekers. Real help for Christians who struggle with homosexuality and for those who minister to them. "This book is a product of author Andrew Comiskey's Living Waters program...Pursuing Sexual Wholeness and its companion guidebook present Comiskey's teaching to the church at large."

Psychologist Joseph Nicolosi details the therapeutic techniques of reparative therapy. The book first describes the nature of the psychodynamics of same-sex attraction. The second part describes the various phases of treatment. The final part deals with walking clients through the process of grieving and the healing of their wounding.

HOPE AND HEALING FOR FAMILIES Out of his own experience and the experience of many of those he has served in his counseling practice, Richard Cohen sets out a step-by-step plan that offers a path toward renewed family relationships grounded in love, faith and mutual respect.

Help and hope for men . . . undermined by silent fathers harassed by pornography and sexual temptation afraid of failing those they love most angered by past relationships with women Help and hope for women . . . lost in their relationships with others betrayed by fathers, husbands or male leaders wounded by sexual assault paralyzed by self-hatred Andrew Comiskey sees our weakness as "a threshold for holy power"--the point at which God can meet us for healing and equip us for service. He has seen it happen again and again. During many years of ministry, Comiskey, his wife, Annette, and their fellow "strugglers" have accompanied hundreds of wounded men and women to transformation at the cross of Christ. Telling real-life stories of despair, hope and lasting change, Comiskey lays out the foundations for healing from relational and sexual sin. With chapters focusing on particular areas of vulnerability for men and women, on the battle over homosexuality in church and culture, and on the essential role of the church in ongoing healing, *Strength in Weakness* makes clear the way to the cross--God's sufficient answer to our deepest needs.

"As a young man, Floyd struggled with unwanted attractions to other boys. He worked furiously to keep God's commandments and pray, but the feelings wouldn't go away. He was tormented by temptations on a daily basis, and started to consider that perhaps he was born gay. Ultimately, he met a man who had changed his own homosexual attractions. Floyd attended a conference organized and taught by others who had changed their orientation. The stories at the conference were life-changing! Although he had spent a couple of years with a counselor, it was the first time he heard information that actually made sense. Floyd began to realize the attractions were symptoms of emotional needs and wounds. As he focused himself on the emotional issues, his attractions to other boys diminished...This workbook is written for young men who want to understand the emotional needs and wounds which generate homosexual feelings. It provides insight and understanding in a simple format. It can be used for parents, clergy, and counselors as a format for supporting young men who want to change. Goals and healing activities can be established from concepts in each chapter. Thousands have experienced change. 'Born that way' is a myth" -- BACK COVER. Mark Yarhouse gives honest and accurate answers to parents and pastors who have

questions about homosexuality. Throughout the book, the author uses a new framework for understanding the issue, carefully separating the concept of "same sex attraction" from a "gay identity." In a clear and compassionate style, he explains the research regarding what causes same-sex attraction and whether or not it can be overcome. He also discusses what Christians can do when someone they know opens up to them about their homosexual attractions.

The fruit of years of training, research and counseling experience, Janelle Hallman has drawn together a comprehensive resource for those who are interested in understanding and counseling women in conflict with same sex attraction. In this ground-breaking work, Hallman sets forth the unique dimensions of struggle that women experience through the presentation of research, interviews and clinical experience. This is an indispensable guide for understanding and a manual for counseling adult women seeking to "mature in giving and receiving love in all of [their] relationships, and no longer be restricted by destructive relational patterns."

This book addresses the complex moral and pastoral questions involved in both homosexual orientation and activity, including an analysis of lifestyles in accord with the Christian Gospel and those running counter to Christian moral teaching.

In our complicated world, parents, young people, and youth leaders frequently face the subject of homosexuality. The author provides a balanced perspective on this complex issue, discussing its various physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects with wisdom and compassion. This book explores a reparative psychotherapy based on an understanding of the development of gender identity, offering to help the non-gay homosexual, that is, one who is unhappy with his sexual orientation. A Jason Aronson Book

Luca Di Tolve was born in Milan. He and his wife Terry founded the LUCA® project A conference speaker and promoter of training courses in favour of the new evangelisation, Luca conducts a series of spiritual exercises along with many priests and experts aiming at bringing men and women back to their true identity that identifies itself with Christ. Abandoned by his father as a child and trying to handle a very demanding relationship with his mother, Luca finds himself questioning his gender identity and begins exploring the homosexual sphere. As he comes of age, he decides to come out of the closet and live his life without fear of judgement. In the 90s Luca is elected Mr. Gay at a very important Italian contest. Suddenly he becomes a much sought-after popular celebrity. His new life leads him to a world of transgression without end and his greatest enemy is lying in ambush around the corner. AIDS takes away his best friends and leaves him alone, in the dark. He is filled with anger towards God. Luca then chooses to undertake a journey that will change his life forever. He converts to Christianity. As time goes by, he finds a way to heal his wounds and vows to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. He regains the part of him he lost along the way and resumes his life as a straight man. A long journey, full with doubts and struggle, leads him to Medjugorje (Bosnia and Herzegovina). His encounter with the Virgin Mary is of great importance as it confirms his desire for a change and rebirth. After a life of hardship, he finally finds love and begins life anew full with joy and happiness with his wife Terry and their daughter Gemma.

A breakthrough plan for males to re-enter the world of men. What happens when a boy grows physically into an adult male but misses some of the experiences and relationships that help form complete manhood? Alan Medinger writes for such men and for those who care about them. Within the context of his own release from homosexuality and his growth into "confident and comfortable" manhood, Medinger offers hope to others. For homosexually oriented men, such growth is an essential but often overlooked step in the process of healing. This ground-breaking study could well change many lives.

For more than a decade, "Desires in Conflict" has been the definitive must-read for those who

wonder "Can a homosexual change?" This new edition with updated information offers more compelling reasons why the answer is "yes." Dallas provides a fresh insight into the increasingly debated subject of sexual orientation.

Homosexuality: is it learned, biological or both? The answer to this question deeply concerns parents. They want to know how they can best raise their children. A common belief today is that nothing can be done to foster the development of healthy heterosexual orientation in children. But the clinical experience and professional research of Dr. Nicolosi and others indicates otherwise. In this groundbreaking book Joseph and Linda Ames Nicolosi uncover the most significant factors that contribute to a child's healthy sense of self as male or female. Listening to moving recollections from ex-homosexual men and women who describe what was missing in their own childhoods, the Nicolosis provide clear insight for identifying potential developmental roadblocks and give practical advice to parents for helping their children securely identify with their gender. Replete with personal stories from parents, children and ex-homosexual strugglers, *A Parent's Guide to Preventing Homosexuality* offers compassion and hope for all those parents who seek to lay a foundation for a healthy heterosexual identity in their children.

HEADLINE: Is it really that big of a deal? A May 2009 Gallup poll revealed that fifty-seven percent of Americans oppose same-sex marriage, while only forty percent are in favor of it (down from forty-six percent in 2007). This short, easy-to-read book helps shed light on what so many people believe, and why they ought not be at a loss about what to do now. The headlines only tell part of the story. In this revised and updated version of his bestselling book, Dr. Erwin Lutzer clearly and accurately depicts the truth about what is at stake here. By asking the right questions and by pinpointing the very real ramifications of same-sex marriage this handbook will help guide reality back to Truth. Dr. Lutzer expertly answers the questions that so many individuals, parents, friends, and families are asking: -How did we get to this point? -Why is marriage, as God intended it, better—and healthier? -How can I talk to my kids about this? -How do I responsibly read, watch, and filter the news? -Is there still hope? Let no one say that we have to choose between loving homosexuals and opposing same-sex marriages. Biblically, love is defined not as license to legitimize sinful behavior of any kind, but love helps us see that there is a better way. Obviously, we must be as concerned about our own sins as we are about the sins of the homosexual community. We must be concerned enough to speak out about any action, heterosexual or homosexual, that violates God's intended plan for marriage and the family. This simple, straightforward look at the issue of same-sex marriage will equip you to know what is really happening and, most importantly, why it matters for you. Everyone knows someone with a homosexual orientation: a neighbor, co-worker, relative or friend. "Coming Out Straight" sheds light on a long misunderstood subject. Questions such as what causes same-sex attractions and how one can transition from gay to straight are addressed. Illustrated by those who successfully transitioned, this book is engrossing, illuminating, and for many, an answer to their prayers. Although it may create controversy, it is destined to heal many lives - a loved one...or maybe yours!

"Restoring Sexual Identity" offers answers to the most commonly asked questions from both homosexuals desiring change and friends and relatives of women struggling with same-sex attraction. Is lesbianism an inherited predisposition or is it developed in childhood? Does becoming a Christian eliminate all desire for members of the same sex? What support is available for women who struggle with lesbianism? Can a woman be a lesbian and a Christian at the same time? How does childhood sexual abuse relate to the development

of lesbianism? These and other important questions are answered as the author draws from her own experience and that of many other former lesbians who participated in an extensive survey on same-sex attraction.

Winner of a 2015 Catholic Press Award: Gender Issues Category (First Place). In this first book from an openly lesbian and celibate Catholic, widely published writer and blogger Eve Tushnet recounts her spiritual and intellectual journey from liberal atheism to faithful Catholicism and shows how gay Catholics can love and be loved while adhering to Church teaching. Eve Tushnet was among the unlikeliest of converts. The only child of two atheist academics, Tushnet was a typical Yale undergraduate until the day she went out to poke fun at a gathering of philosophical debaters, who happened also to be Catholic. Instead of enjoying mocking what she termed the "zoo animals," she found herself engaged in intellectual conversation with them and, in a move that surprised even her, she soon converted to Catholicism. Already self-identifying as a lesbian, Tushnet searched for a third way in the seeming two-option system available to gay Catholics: reject Church teaching on homosexuality or reject the truth of your sexuality. *Gay and Catholic: Accepting My Sexuality, Finding Community, Living My Faith* is the fruit of Tushnet's searching: what she learned in studying Christian history and theology and her articulation of how gay Catholics can pour their love and need for connection into friendships, community, service, and artistic creation.

This report addresses the vexed problem of the religious LGBT conversion therapy movement. Conversion therapy emerged in Australian conservative Christian communities in the early 1970s, and has been practised in these and other communities ever since.

In the debate about homosexuality, one thing that seems clear - on an issue renowned for lack of clarity and controversy - is that two fundamentally incompatible positions continue to be held tenaciously. One asserts that homosexual acts are legitimate, the other that they are not. Concentration on the legitimacy of sexual expression rather than on underlying needs has made the debate about homosexuality incapable of resolution. *Homosexuality: A New Christian Ethic* presents a psychoanalytic interpretation that has shifted the focus of the debate from symptoms to root causes. The crux of Elizabeth Moberly's argument is that 'the homosexual condition involves legitimate developmental needs, the fulfilment of which has been blocked by an underlying ambivalence to members of the same sex'. But, while the argument is certainly controversial, it involves a much-needed restatement of the traditional Christian distinction between the homosexual condition and its expression in homosexual activity.

The co-director of JONAH (Jews Offering New Alternatives to Homosexuality) argues that homosexuality is an illness that can be cured through practical steps based on the teachings of the Torah and the Talmud.

Chances are you know someone who is gay--a coworker, family member, or friend. And chances are, as a Christian, you're not exactly sure how to relate to

this person. While the church has been pretty good at "hating the sin," it hasn't really known how to "love the sinner" without fear of condoning a homosexual lifestyle. Chad Thompson, a man who has struggled with homosexual feelings, argues that "homosexuality needs to be solved through relationships." Drawing from the life and words of Jesus, Thompson gives readers permission to love and befriend homosexuals before they change--and radically, even if they never change--their sexual orientation. This candid book includes an appendix of additional resources. It will be a valuable tool for pastors, teachers, counselors, and any Christian who knows someone who is gay.

Originally published in 1993 as *Healing Homosexuality, Case Stories of Reparative Therapy* introduces an assortment of Dr. Nicolosi's clients as they undertake the lifelong journey to realign their sexual and romantic desires with their true-gendered natures. These men, and hundreds like them, told the author, a distinguished clinical psychologist, "I wasn't born this way. Gay is not who I am. I know, on some deep level, that something happened to me when I was growing up which derailed my heterosexual development." How do you help such men? As with psychotherapy for any unwanted condition, Reparative Therapy does not aim to "erase" a client's problems. Rather, it sets the motivated client on a pathway toward transforming his compelling, unwanted desires from foreground into background. He comes to understand the underlying motivations that drive him in this unwanted direction; he develops compassion for himself as a struggler; and he acquires tools to deal effectively with those attractions when they resurface, from time to time, during his lifetime. "Case Stories" shows how this transformation can come about through Reparative Therapy(TM), a carefully structured course of probing dialog and genuine conversation designed to assist the client in discovering the key moments and circumstances that derailed his early sexual development and to guide him on the way to a more serene engagement with life, love and sexuality.

Yet many who sit next to us in the pew at church fit that description, says author Wesley Hill. As a celibate gay Christian, Hill gives us a glimpse of what it looks like to wrestle firsthand with God's "No" to same-sex relationships. What does it mean for gay Christians to live faithful to God while struggling with the challenge of their homosexuality? What is God's will for believers who experience same-sex desires? Those who choose celibacy are often left to deal with loneliness and the hunger for relationships. How can gay Christians experience God's favor and blessing in the midst of a struggle that for many brings a crippling sense of shame and guilt? Weaving together reflections from his own life and the lives of other Christians, such as Henri Nouwen and Gerard Manley Hopkins, Hill offers a fresh perspective on these questions. He advocates neither unqualified "healing" for those who struggle, nor their accommodation to temptation, but rather faithfulness in the midst of brokenness. "I hope this book may encourage other homosexual Christians to take the risky step of opening up their lives to others in the body of Christ," Hill writes. "In so doing, they may find, as I have, by grace, that being known is spiritually healthier than remaining behind closed doors, that the light is better than the darkness.

Is change possible? Pioneering therapist Joseph Nicolosi, Ph.D. offers a fascinating exploration of his unique therapeutic approach to male homosexuality.. The reader is invited to

observe Dr. Nicolosi in actual conversation and interaction with a representative array of clients covering a broad range of personalities, issues and situations--but all sharing in common an intense disaffection with their homosexual inclinations and interpersonal relations. Case Stories of Reparative Therapy™ offers an at times heartbreaking yet always uplifting survey of the intimate workings of the human psyche and a surprisingly revealing glimpse into the practice of a courageous, insightful and genuinely caring psychologist. Although Reparative Therapy™ has helped thousands of clients overcome their ambivalence, loneliness and despair through straightforward talk, firm guidance, and compassionate wisdom, he offers here an honest account of success and failure, progress and disappointment, determination and growth. No reader, male or female, gay or straight, can come away from these case stories without a deeper understanding of the homosexual condition, and an enhanced appreciation of those affected by it.

"This is a long-overdue, practical, one-of-a-kind resource on a critical topic of which every Christian counselor needs to be aware. Rather than an impractical one-size-fits-all approach, this unique book provides a breadth and depth of proven pathways to healing and hope from eight clinical professionals. Reading this book will enhance your clinical understanding and give you the resources to increase your effectiveness in serving this unique population. This book is a clinical gold mine that needs to be in every therapist's library." --Gary J. Oliver, Ph.D., Executive Director, Center for Relationship Enrichment; Professor of Psychology and Practical Theology, John Brown University "Finally, a strong clinical ally has been found for the thousands of women and men whose sexual attractions are at odds with their worldview. In twenty plus years of working with such people, I've never seen a resource as comprehensive, user-friendly, clinically viable and realistic as this. Professionals, lay counselors and pastors need look no further than this book for state of the art treatment approaches, assessment skills and guidance. Thank God for this much needed contribution." --Joe Dallas, Author of *Desires in Conflict* and co-author of *The Complete Christian Guide to Understanding Homosexuality*

"This book is a 'must read' for anyone wanting to consider this issue in a careful and reasoned manner." --Walter Schumm, Ph.D., Professor of Family Studies, Kansas State University; Author of over 200 scholarly publications. "The Handbook of Therapy for Unwanted Homosexual Attractions is an important tool for any counselor, pastor or individual helping those dealing with the uniquely challenging subject of same-sex attraction. As someone who personally struggled with and overcame homosexuality, I am confident that this resource will help others live a life that reflects their deepest beliefs." --Alan Chambers, President of Exodus International, www.exodusinternational.org

Healing Homosexuality Case Stories of Reparative Therapy Jason Aronson

Beyond the Shades of Gray is based upon Christian fundamentals and beliefs. It was not written to convince anyone that homosexuality is "wrong." It was written primarily to assist those who are inwardly convinced that their own homosexuality is "wrong for them." Over 10 years in the personal journey of its writing, the author uses practical applications of Bible scripture throughout the book, without religiosity. Scripture is used to confront various aspects of this very controversial subject—head-on. Therefore, the author makes no apologies for the portions of this book that may seem to be more graphic in nature than your average "Christian" book. Homosexuality is a subject that absolutely needs to be dealt with truthfully, and without religious avoidance of difficult topics. If you are a person who has ever had doubts or questions about your sexual orientation or behavior, then what the author has written here is for you. The work contains a wealth of practical, biblical principles, and also includes information for women. But the book is otherwise a work written by a man, for other men who also desire freedom and heterosexual restoration from their own unwanted homosexual behaviors. "What we long for is a deep and heartfelt sense of brotherhood," and the author proposes that the real issues behind homosexual behaviors are not about sex! God's love

(agápe love) always has both a balance of truth, and a responsibility that goes along with it. In this book, I take the same agápe love approach toward homosexuality, as Jesus did in the Book of John, Chapter 8, with the woman caught in the sin of adultery. Jesus showed great love and compassion toward the woman, both in the way that he dealt with the hypocritical crowd that had brought her to him, and in the way he spoke to her as he sent her on her way, and told her, "Go, and sin no more." - Dean Bailey

Schott's latest project, a provocative book entitled *Gay Awareness*, focuses on the controversial topic of same sex attractions and the relationship between homosexuality within Christianity. Schott makes his position clear, the church needs to be unrelenting with our love for people but unwavering in a Biblical stance. He sights over 400 scriptures, and in equal parts teaches grace and truth. He takes the reader by the hand and leads them right into what he calls the heart of the Father on this matter and the mind of Christ on sexuality. This book will walk those struggling with same sex attractions into freedom and a firm biblical understanding.

Written by recovery minister and pastor Andrew Comiskey and helpful for counselors and those struggling with sexuality on a number of levels, *Naked Surrender* offers strong grounding in a healthy approach to sexuality for today's cultural context.

This unique and timely volume provides a comprehensive overview of the most recent clinical work and research on the topic. Following an overview of the disorder, the first section of the book deals with young children, providing a detailed analysis of gender identity disorder in both boys and girls. The second section, which focuses on adolescents, covers gender identity disorder, transvestic fetishism - also based on the largest sample of individuals ever studied - and homosexuality. Detailed clinical case material, which brings the issues to life, is included throughout.

What does social science research tell us about homosexuality? Does this knowledge affect public policy? Despite scholarly research, homosexuality continues to be the subject of an intense, and often bitter, debate. This volume summarizes academic knowledge about homosexuality and its relevance for public policy. Topics addressed include the nature and causes of sexual orientations; the reasons homosexuality is not an illness; the ethics of various mental health approaches to homosexuality; the effects of social and legal discrimination; newer biological and psychological understandings of homosexuality; homosexuals as parents; and the implications of the AIDS epidemic.

This book is primarily for those persons drawn towards homosexuality and who seek practical advice in order to change, or, at least, to deal with it constructively and responsibly.

Bringing together a Judeo-Christian anthropology with biological and psychodynamic theories of human development and sexuality, psychologist Joseph Nicolosi details the therapeutic techniques of reparative therapy he has developed over the past twenty years. Written in three parts, the book first describes the nature of the psychodynamics of same...

In this groundbreaking book, Joseph Nicolosi uncovers the most significant factors that contribute to children's healthy sense of themselves as male or female.

In 1973, when all the arguments were presented to the American Psychiatric

Association both for and against the idea of homosexuality as pathology, it was the personal disclosures of gay men that had the most influence. Listening to their stories of frustration in treatment—and their newfound happiness through acceptance of a gay identity—the American Psychiatric Association voted to omit homosexuality as a diagnostic category. Now, twenty years later, Dr. Joseph Nicolosi presents the opposite kind of personal testimony. This testimony is from homosexual men who have tried to accept a gay identity but were dissatisfied, and then benefitted from psychotherapy to help free them of homosexuality. While each client has his unique story, Nicolosi has chosen eight men as representative of the personalities he has encountered in the twelve years during which he has treated over 200 homosexual clients. These men are engaged in a "two-front war"—an internal assault against their own unwanted desires, and an external battle against a popular culture that does not understand or value their struggle. In their own words, we hear these men's struggles to develop healthy, non-erotic male friendships. We hear of their fear and anger toward the men in their lives, and their strained relationships with the fathers they never understood. Nicolosi contends that every man possesses aspects of these clients: The frailty of Albert, the integrity of Charlie, the rage of Dan, the narcissism of Steve, and the ambivalence of Roger, to list some of them. Some readers of this book may be surprised by the directive style of Dr. Nicolosi's therapeutic intervention. In part, this is due to the editorial synthesis of the transcript. More importantly, however, reparative therapy does require a more involved therapist—a benevolent provocateur who departs from the tradition of uninvolved, opaque analyst to become a salient male presence. The therapist must balance active challenge with warm encouragement to follow the father-son model. T

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