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Many of us grew up with the idea that homosexuals a

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former leaders of the organization apologized for the “isolation, shame, fear and loss of faith”















14. What is the “gay lifestyle”?

- gay people are a diverse group
- the lives of gay people are as varied as the lives of heterosexuals
- condemnation of a “lifestyle” sounds better than co







Heterosexuals express their sexual orientation when they mention (or introduce) their boyfriend, girlfriend, husband or wife to another person; when they place a family picture on their desk at work; when they give their significant other a kiss goodbye at the airport; when they talk about a celebrity whom they find attractive; when they tell others they are



19. Why do some gay people prefer not to come out?

- to protect themselves
- to protect those who depend upon them
- to avoid prejudice and hurt
- an individual may not be completely “in” or complet





destructive, but they look the other way and do nothing. Governments deny gay people equal protection, many businesses discriminate, and elected officials and political action committees

The miracle is that so many gay people not only sur













28. What are “special rights”?

- gay people do not have the same civil rights as het









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Some members of Congress are pushing for an amendment to the federal Constitution that n?Af“(B)KP?NAs“j



The fact that gay people, women or racial and ethnic minorities may need civil rights













Gay youth very frequently hear homophobic remarks in school. In a 2005 survey, over 75%



36. Do families know if their children are gay?

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of “outing” a transgender person without his or her

44. Are religious people antigay?



Some Presbyterians are confused as to why the church condemns discrimination in other



As more and more people disclose their identities to loved ones, more families will begin to seek information about the subject and increasingly

























He will give strength to your bones,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water











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