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THE LGBTQ+ MOVEMENT: HISTORY, INFLUENCE, AND CHURCH RESPONSE

LGBTQ+ CATEGORIES OF CHANGE

LGBTQ+ Goal	Territory to Conquer	Cultural Change
Normal	Psychiatry	Homosexuality can't be a sickness
Legal	Politics	Homosexuality can't be a crime
Religious	The church	Homosexuality can't be a sin
Visible	The media	Homosexuality can't be hidden

LGBTQ+ CATEGORIES OF CHANGE (CONTINUED)

Worldview Change	Spiritual Agenda
<p>Homosexuality and heterosexuality are both equally valuable and normal variations to sexual expression.</p> <p>Gender is fluid.</p> <p>People's sexual orientation and self-perception do not need to be cured or changed.</p>	<p>Reject God's design for gender, sex, and marriage as described in Scripture.</p> <p>God's design is not good.</p>
<p>Same-sex couples should be afforded equal privileges and protections as heterosexual individuals.</p>	<p>God did not say marriage had to be between a man and a woman.</p>
<p>The Bible's view on homosexuality must be revised or rejected. Flawed men, not a perfect God, wrote the Bible.</p> <p>The Bible affirms homosexuality. God made people same-sex attracted.</p> <p>God is love. Love is love. Love wins. You can define love based on feelings, not the Bible.</p> <p>The church is not a loving or safe place.</p>	<p>"Did God really say?"</p> <p>Don't read or follow the Bible. True freedom and happiness are found in disobeying God.</p> <p>Your desires are more important than obedience to God.</p> <p>Your thoughts and feelings should be trusted more than God's Word.</p> <p>A loving God would not deny you your wants.</p> <p>God made you queer. It isn't wrong to live out how you were made.</p> <p>Love and acceptance can be found outside of God and his church.</p>
<p>Everyone's lives and choices deserve equal attention and representation.</p> <p>The more you see something, the more acceptance you will have.</p> <p>You are an oppressor, homophobic, transphobic, heterosexist, etc. if you reject homosexuality or try to suppress its visibility.</p>	<p>Self-acceptance and Pride are the goals of life.</p> <p>What God thinks doesn't matter.</p> <p>The devil has nothing to do with it.</p>

TEN

JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES

COMPARISON OF NWT PASSAGES

	NWT	CSB	Notes
Titus 2:13	We wait for the happy hope and glorious manifestation of the great God and of our Savior, Christ Jesus.	While we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.	The NWT changes the reading from “the glory of our great God and Savior” (CSB) to avoid identifying Jesus as God.

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	NWT	CSB	Notes
Col. 1:15–17	He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and on the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All other things have been created through him and for him. Also, he is before all other things, and by means of him all other things were made to exist.	He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and by him all things hold together.	The NWT adds the word “other,” a word not present in the original Greek, in order to make Jesus appear to be part of God’s creation, simply being the first of all creation.
Heb. 1:8	But about the Son, he says: “God is your throne forever and ever, and the scepter of your Kingdom is the scepter of uprightness.”	But to the Son: Your throne, God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of justice.	The NWT reverses the order of the text from “your throne, O God, is forever,” because God the Father here calls the Son “God.”
John 1:1	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god.	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.	The NWT adds the indefinite article “a” before “god,” which mistranslates the text in order to emphasize the idea that Jesus was inferior to God the Father.