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Homosexuality is NORMAL.

A *BBC* statistic have shown that 106 nations have considered homosexuality as a crime, and according to another statistic on *Washington Post*, ten nations among the list would “dedicate” death penalties for any homosexual acts. Restraining one to pursue his life due to his sexual orientation is prejudicial, since it violates Act 3 of *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, stated “everyone has the right to live, liberty and security of person.” We, as civilized citizens, should not discriminate nor join any groups, whether governmental or religious, that show repugnant attitudes towards these individuals in our society, simply because they are homosexuals.

Homosexuality is not a disease and does not have a cure. Associations worldwide, such as the American Psychological Association (APA) or Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS), had acknowledged this. They claimed homosexuality and heterosexuality as two natural sexual orientations, and no psychological evidences could support whether one is unhealthier than the other. Furthermore, humankind had made several attempts to cure homosexuality. Many had even proposed that they were successful, yet, they had no proof to justify their success. As a result, all these theories ended up being rejected. (“Can Psychiatrist Really “Cure” Homosexuality?” Scientific American Global) “I don’t think homosexuality is a choice. Society forces you to think it’s a choice, but in fact, it’s in one’s nature. The choice is whether one expresses one’s nature truthfully or spends the rest of one’s life lying about it.” Marlo Thomas, an American classical actress, said.

“From a religious point of view, if God had thought homosexuality is a sin, he would not have created gay people.” Howard Dean, 79th Governor of Vermont, mentioned in an interview. Humankind is at fault for misunderstanding God about homosexuality. We assume it as a sin, and treat homosexuals like garbage throughout centuries. In fact, homosexuality is not a sin. The issue regarding homosexuality that caused many to think this way went back to the fall of Sodom and Gomorrah, as referred in Christianity, or the destruction of the Lut people, as referred in Islamic pieces. The texts from the two religions, which appeared to convey similar messages, discussed the Sodom and Gomorrah, being homosexuals, have committed misdeeds throughout their lives. The people, then, assumed that it was homosexuality that had turned them into such monsters. However, if enough time was taken to analyze *The Jude 1:7, Genesis 19*, or the *Qur’an 54:33-34*, we would realize the actual fault is the inhospitality among discriminators, rather than these people’s sexual orientations. Also, Hinduism had mentioned homosexuality in various epics, and *Mahabhrata* is probably the most significant among the pieces of literature. It told a story of a heroine, Shikhandi, who was married to the daughter of King Hiranyanvarman. This showed that during the ancient time, homosexuality had already existed within the Hinduism society. (“LGBT Texts,” Internet Sacred Text Archive) Therefore, with all the evidences supported, homosexuality is not a sin under the religious perspective.

Finally, I want to prove that homosexuals and heterosexuals are talented people with various of contributions to our society. The first person I want to mention is Plato, a Greek philosopher around the 400-300s BC. Plato was gay, and also the founder of the *Theory of Forms*, *Platonic idealism*, *Platonic realism*, along with many other notable pieces of work. (“Plato,” Wikipedia.org) The second person worth mentioning is Peter Thiel, co-founder of the international payment gateway, PayPal. (“Peter Thiel,” Wikipedia.org) With more than 143 million accounts connected across 196 markets worldwide and 26 different currencies, PayPal has become a convenient payment gateway for all consumers and businesses. (“About PayPal,” PayPal) According to Forbes, by March 2014, Thiel’s net worth reached up to 2.2 billion US dollars and he was considered the wealthiest of all homosexual individuals in society. Adam Lambert, an American singer-songwriter, and runner-up of American Idol Season 8, is the third person whom I hope to mention. He released two hit albums, *For Your Entertainment* and *Trespassing,* which are both widely distributed on the most dominant market in the world, such as the US, Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand, Sweden, UK, etc., and is always honored among the Top 30 Best Selling Albums in the market. (“Adam Lambert,” Wikipedia.org) The total revenue of the albums is approximately 1.02 million U.S. dollars and according to Forbes, by October 2011, Adam Lambert’s net worth is more than 6 million US dollars. (“Adam Lambert ($6 Million – Tie) (…)” Forbes) Through the typical bright faces above, we can conclude that homosexuals are also talented and excellent individuals of society, who would always lend a hand to make our world a better place. “Gay people are the sweetest, kindest, most artistic, warmest and most thoughtful people in the world.” Little Richard, an omnisexual American R&B artist, publicly said.

To summarize, an educated citizen should show toleration towards homosexuals in their society, and suggest others to follow as well. Homosexuality isn’t a disease with a cure, nor is it a sin under any religious perspectives. The population is rather composed of successful individuals, who had contributed much effort to improve our world and made it a better place. “Gay rights are human rights. It should never be a crime to be gay,” Hillary Clinton, the 67th U.S. Secretary of State, declared within her speech at the United Nations in Geneva.