Resisting Sexual Colonialism: Africans Stand Against 21st Century Imperialists Wanting to Plant the Homosexual Flag

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Background

Africa's people are experiencing unprecedented pressure to accept anti-family practices, especially sexual perversion and abortion. Although African Christians view homosexuality as a sin, and cultures across the continent abhor homosexuality, <u>African nations are being "arm-twisted" and blackmailed into accepting it.</u> Most African languages do not even have a word for homosexuality! Yet the Obama administration is vigorously pushing its embrace in African communities. Generations after African nations finally rid themselves of political sovereignty by western powers, a new kind of imperialism has risen: sexual colonialism.

As an elder in an influential church in Kampala, the capital of Uganda, East Africa, and the Executive Director of a <u>Ugandan based family ministry</u> working to restore family values and morals, I have come face to face with these vices over the last ten years. Our organization has visited over 700 schools, reached over 350,000 youth and have counseled tens of thousands. I have also read and researched widely on a variety of vices in several nations of the world.

Initially we observed very few incidents of homosexuality/lesbianism among students. Then, beginning about five years ago, we noticed an increase, but did not know what was driving the vice. About three years ago information came to light that well-organized pro-homosexual organizations were recruiting Ugandan children into homosexual behaviors by enticing them with financial favors. These groups were trained and funded by international organizations and some Western governments. Some of the groups receiving funding were engaged in gay activism and began to demand recognition and the right to openly engage in homosexuality. UNICEF published a handbook promoting homosexuality among teens, "Teenager Toolkit" and circulated it in 30 school districts of Uganda, in complete disregard for the laws of Uganda and the cultural practices which prohibit homosexual behavior.

When all this came to light, Ugandans were shocked and enraged. A national outcry ensued. Parents quickly swung into action and led a nationwide campaign, collected signatures, and submitted a petition to the Parliament of Uganda on April 23, 2009, demanding that the government take immediate action to protect the children and nation of Uganda from onslaught by activist homosexuals.

In response to the demand by parents, the Anti-Homosexuality Bill [AHB] was presented in the Parliament of Uganda on October 14, 2009. This drew worldwide attention and debate, especially because the international media, sympathetic to homosexuality, deliberately misrepresented both the facts and the spirit of the bill, giving the public the impression that Uganda wanted to "hunt and kill" homosexuals. Of course there was no truth in this charge. U.S. President Obama and his Secretary of State H. Clinton were among those who condemned the bill. Gay activists in the USA also falsely accused

the American evangelical church³ of influencing the Uganda church to initiate the AHB. Gay groups still promote this view and are still harassing some US evangelical churches⁴ over this matter.

Outrage over the death penalty for aggravated homosexuality is really an excuse to fight AHB, but it is also true that most Ugandans see the death penalty as an effective deterrent. In 2007, the Uganda parliament prescribed the death penalty for sexual abuse of children under 14, in order to protect these vulnerable children. AHB proposed the same penalty for homosexual abuse of children under 18, or disabled persons of any age, as well as homosexual contact by anyone with HIV.

In May 2011, the parliamentary committee handling the AHB provided an opportunity for interested groups to present their views on the bill for consideration to be incorporated in an amended version. To everyone's shock, the matter raised a lot of interest from the international community. Delegates from several nations attended all the sessions and noted what each group was saying. A representative from the U.S. Embassy contacted individual members of Parliament who supported the bill and threatened them with denial of American visas! We were stunned to see the mighty USA, the nation built on Biblical principles, stoop this low!

Happenings at the UN & the Role of USA

Gay activists regard homosexuality as a UN-sanctioned human right and claim UN authority for their position. Two years ago, a group of interested people in Uganda decided to study the matter. They reviewed UN documents to examine the authenticity and justification of this claim. I also recently visited New York in April 2011 to find out, from people who actually negotiate UN documents, how those negotiations are carried out. I also wanted to find out why the UN, which was established to keep peace among nations, is promoting perverted sexuality and providing perverted sex education to children around the world!

The study of relevant UN documents, and my recent visit to the UN, exposed the following shocking findings.

i. Human Rights

a. Official UN recognition of "sexual orientation" is based on a 1991 case, Toonen vs Australia, in which the UN Human Rights Commission made a judgment. But this judgment has no legal standing, for two reasons. First, the commission is not a court of law and has no mandate to make such judgments. It is simply a committee with a mandate to advise, and that advice is subject to the UN General Assembly vote by member states before it is binding. No such vote ever took place. Second, gay-rights activists fraudulently claim that the UN Human Rights Commission decision in Toonen vs Australia has a binding effect on UN member States as if ICCPR [International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights] was amended to include the term "sexual orientation", to henceforth legitimize homosexuality as a human right. But, ICCPR reserves any such amendments to a specific procedure involving only State Parties and the UN General

- Assembly in Article 51. UN Member States should consider the Commission's decision in *Toonen vs Australia* as inconsistent with ICCPR and thus null and void.
- b. Documents that are legally binding to UN Member States-such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [UDHR, 1948], or the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights [ICCPR, 1966]—do not recognize homosexuality as a human right. Both of these documents promote the family, are pro-life, and both recognize the importance of morality and even specify that the enjoyment of rights can only be in the context of preserving morals. Yet the promoters of homosexuality use the "Yogyakarta Principles," [2006], written by gay activists without involvement or approval of State Parties, as one of the major documents to justify their claim that homosexuality is a human right. There is absolutely no basis or credible foundation for this claim. It is based solely on the personal opinion of a group of pro-gay people who met in Yogyakarta and wrote a document. This controversial document⁵ claims that all UN Member States must interpret existing UN treaties in a manner that elevates sexual rights above other rights, including religious freedom and free speech rights, and that the expression of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities are basic human rights under existing human rights instruments. They also claim that all UN Member States are obligated to promote and protect these claimed "sexual rights" with the force of law, even though such rights are not mentioned in any binding United Nations treaties! This means that when a nation decriminalizes homosexuality and it is recognized as a human right and is backed by the law of the land, then the god behind homosexuality automatically becomes the god of that nation and, consequently, religious freedom is curtailed, especially for Christians, because the Bible suddenly becomes a "hate book" and some sections of it become outlawed in the public arena!
- ii. The <u>USA</u>⁶ and the <u>European Union</u> are bullying African states by threatening to withdraw aid if they do not recognize homosexuality in their countries.
- iii. At the UN, whenever documents relating to sexual orientation or abortion are being negotiated, the USA uses its weight to bulldoze poorer nations into submission either by directly threatening them or by compromising the officials representing those nations. For example, in 2010 the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission [IGLHRC] failed to qualify for accreditation at the UN before the accrediting committee. The USA deliberately bypassed this committee and took the matter to a vote at the next level, and then intimidated many of the African delegates who wanted to vote against this organization. In the end, protesting delegates either absented themselves or abstained from voting. Thus the IGLHRC got the necessary votes and was accredited. President Obama even found time to applaud the UN accreditation of IGLHRC. This IGLHRC is now using the UN platform to force poor countries to recognize and legalize homosexuality.

- iv. The USA is funding organizations, such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation, which promote abortion in developing countries.
- v. The recruitment of staff at the UN also appears to have been taken over by homosexuals. Most new job opportunities, especially in supervision committees, are now filled by homosexuals or sympathizers who are pressuring member states to recognize homosexuality.

Where is the American Church?

After seeing all this, it appeared to me that the U.S. was wreaking havoc around the world with no one to hold her accountable. My mind went to the Church. I wondered what the American Church was doing to restrain her government from spreading evil around the world.

The world has long respected America for her governance based on Biblical principles, her morality and freedom. How could the same nation become the leader in promoting the culture of death by promoting homosexuality and abortion? Surely the Church in the USA must realize that God expects her to be the salt, light, and conscience of the nation as well as the custodian of society! The American Church must also realize that if she does not play her God-given role to disciple the nation, she will lose religious freedom and the ungodly world will disciple the church instead.

As I talked to some Christians in U.S., I was shocked to discover that many don't even know what their country is doing at the UN and around the world. The reputation and positive influence of the U.S. around the world is rapidly waning. As scripture says, "Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach for any people." (Proverbs 14:34)

I am glad for groups such as the Family Research Council that are calling Christians to prayer and repentance; that is good and that is where it all begins. However, opposing same sex marriage alone is tantamount to defensive warfare and, as such, insufficient. America's Second World War General, George Patton said that no amount of defense can ever win a war. His war strategy was simple, "Attack, attack". The church that Jesus established in Matthew 16:18 is proactive. It advances into the territory of the kingdom of darkness, not the other way round. American Christians have a strong foundation laid by the nation's fathers; they need to follow their example by rebuilding the nation on values based on TRUTH.

My prayer is that God will motivate the American church to rise up to her God-given responsibility to use the superior weapons that God has given her " ... to demolish strongholds ... and arguments" (II Corinthians 10:4-5) which are derailing the their nation at this moment in history. According to God's Word, no power, stronghold, principality or obstacle can stop the advance of His obedient church. I have come to realize that God will unfold His Kingdom in this world only to the degree that His Church is obedient to Him.

African nations feel they are being subjected to sexual colonization at a time when Africans want to build God-fearing and God-honoring free nations. Our passionate appeal to the Church in the USA is to

take their government and the UN to task, to hold them accountable for their actions in forcing evil down the throats of developing nations, and to challenge them to stop using lies, manipulation, and coercion to propagate gay and abortion agendas worldwide.

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