

Today, I am aware of gay associations in all the Christian denominations, including the more conservative Baptists and Pentecostals. There are also gay Roman Catholic and Jewish gay groups. The acceptance of gays in Christian churches is continuing. I expect acceptance to be 90% or more within 10 or 20 years.

On the gay issue, Islam's present-day, normative response to homosexuality is death by a number of very cruel punishments...for instance:

Flogging (100 lashes)

Sunni Shafi Law Code (trans. Anwar Ahmed Qadri, Lahore: Sh. Muhammad Ashraf, 1984), says that "the commission of sodomy and bestiality is an act which is equivalent to *zina*" (adultery, fornication or rape) . . . (p. 118). A footnote says that "legal punishment (stoning as done to adulterers) should be applied, but "the accepted view is for tazir [the judge's discretion] punishment" (p. 118). So the punishment ranges from stoning to a judge's discretion, possibly down to flogging.

Wall Pushing

In February 1998, the Taliban, who once ruled in Afghanistan, [ordered this punishment](#) for three men convicted of sodomy:

*On Wednesday, the Taleban ordered the execution of three men for sodomy in the southern town of Kandahar, southern Afghanistan. They were ordered to be buried alive under a pile of stones and **a wall was pushed on top of them** by a tank.*

Burning

Mishkhat al-Masabih, a compendium that brings together other hadith collections, are found the punishments of being burned to death and having heavy objects thrown on the guilty homosexuals:

Ibn Abbas and Abu Huraira reported God's messenger as saying, "Accursed is he who does what Lot's people did." In a version . . . on the authority of Ibn Abbas it says that Ali [Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law] had two people burned and that Abu Bakr [Muhammad's chief companion] had a wall thrown down on them. (vol. 1, p. 765, Prescribed Punishments; cf. Maududi vol. 2, p. 52, note 68)

Throwing from a High Place

Mohammed's first successor (caliph) Abu Bakr reportedly had a

homosexual burned at the stake. The fourth caliph, Mohammed's son-in-law Ali, ordered a sodomite thrown from the minaret of a mosque. Others he ordered to be stoned. One of the earliest and most authoritative commentators on the Koran, Ibn 'Abbas (died 687) blended both approaches into a two-step execution in which "the sodomite should be thrown from the highest building in the town and then stoned." Later it was decided that if no building were tall enough, the he could be shoved off a cliff.

Umar ibnul Khattab (second caliph) and a group of companions and followers said that homosexual offenders should be stoned to death. Ibn Abbas said, " The highest building in town should be sought. The homosexual offender should be bound, then thrown from it then stoned. " This verdict was derived from the way the people of Lut were punished. said, "The Prophet, sallallahu allahe wa sallam, and the companions unanimously agreed that the offender and his partner must be put to death. What they differed in was the method of execution. Some people interpreted this to be a disagreement as to whether or not the offender should be executed but as a matter of fact, they all agreed on this point."

Any or all of the Above

In its 1991 Constitution, [Iran adopted](#) the extreme punishment of execution for sodomy. Articles 108-113 say:

Sodomy is a crime, for which both partners are punished. The punishment is death if the participants are adults, of sound mind and consenting; the method of execution is for the Shari'a judge to decide.

Muhammad's punishment of homosexuals: . . . "If you find anyone doing as Lot's people did, kill the one who does it, and the one to whom it is done" (vol. 3, p. 145, no. 4447 Sunan Abu Dawud).

Sex with boys is not considered 'homosexual'

Moslems have never felt anal sex with boys to be sinful. As long as the **boy** has no hair and 'plays the woman part', the predators are not considered homosexual.

Mohammed's stipulation in war was to kill all males who were above puberty, while boys and women were captured alive to be raped or made slaves. A Moslem's only concern is to perform the proper ritual washing before prayers following anal sex with a boy...'whether forced or not' (quoted from Imam al-Nawawi, noted medieval scholar).

Sexual relations in Middle Eastern societies have historically articulated social hierarchies, that is, dominant and subordinate social positions: adult men on top; women, boys and slaves. A grown man who uses boys may be seen as virile, due the fact of his dominance. A Saudi prince in London is being tried for killing a man he used in his hotel room.

'PAKISTAN: 95% of truckers have sex with boys' The name 'Pakistan' means 'Land of the Pure'. In that Islamic republic where homosexuality is a crime, the sexual exploitation of boys is an endemic practice, notably in the transport industry. From <http://www.al-islam.org/laws/marriage1.html> 2414. * If a baligh person commits sodomy with a boy , the mother, sister and daughter of the boy become haraam (forbidden...or taboo) for him. And the same law applies when the person on whom sodomy is committed is an adult male, or when the person committing sodomy is na-baligh. But if one suspects or doubts whether penetration occurred or not, then the said woman would not become haraam. 2415. * If a person marries the mother or sister of a boy, and commits sodomy with the boy after the marriage, as a precaution, they will become haraam for him. In other words, if a Muslim dates a woman and finds her kid brother or son attractive, he must choose one or the other. He can't have both.

Conclusion: Practically everything in Islam is based on duality and submission. Dual ethics with public pronouncements about homosexual, versus the actual real behaviour...the accepted use of boys for anal sex...provide practically unlimited sexual variety and opportunities for Moslem men, while claiming that Islam is practically puritanical. The Puritanism of Islam applies solely to women in practice, unless the women are slaves.