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ABSTRACT

Homosexual is a bad behavior that is prohibited in Islamic jurisprudence based on al-Quran and Hadith. Homosexuality is a term that has been used since the 1990s. Moreover, this term has spread widely since it became a national issue. Homosexuality is despised by the community and those who practice it are disgusted and dirty. Referring to the JAKIM statement (2018) which states that there are more than 300,00 people comprising gay communities. Additionally, the same relationship is a contributor to the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and is badly affected. The ever-increasing current of globalization driven by today's rapid technology has led to the spread of these homosexuals. Considering past research, we concluded that younger participants with higher levels of media would have more positive attitudes on homosexuality. Due to the pressure from the society who did not receive these homosexuals, these adolescents were not willing to continue their lives and chose to live outside the country and even some committed suicide. This chapter will discuss several factors and the ways to overcome the problem of homosexual among Muslim adolescents. This paper also covers the definition of homosexuals and adolescents, western moral theory, homosexuality according to Islamic perspective and homosexual issues. Finally, the cooperation of the authorities to take the best measures to curb this problem is to ensure that Muslim communities can avoid the negative effects of abnormal treatment.

Keywords: Influence, Homosexual, Muslim, Religion

INTRODUCTION

Homosexuality is despised by the people of Malaysia and those who practice it are considered disgusting and dirty. The youths had to hide and pretend to be heterosexual. They are abusing others and supporting the community in cursing gay but in fact they are suffering. They will suffer because society generally cannot accept the equivalent and in line with the norms of society. Due to pressure from society, these adolescents are not willing to continue their lives and some commit suicide. This

is not a new thing abroad. For example, how do they feel about defending themselves (gay) if they are dealing with people who oppose homosexuality?

In addition, a similar relationship is a contributor to the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and devastating effects. AIDS is a disease transmitted through sexual contact random and same-sex relationships. According to Aziz (2014), it happened by the HIV virus that attacks and destroys durability, warm detected in the early 1980s when homosexual men in New York and California showed signs of unusual illness difficult to treat. This issue becomes more critical when homosexuals have begun to demand gaps in law against them.

Their actions are becoming bolder very worrying because they want to be accepted and honored. They demanded that any discrimination against them terminated immediately. They not only face discrimination from society but also of legal documents. The law relating to sodomy exist in 23 states in the United States were denied the sexual relationship. According to Awang Abdul Aziz (2014), on June 7, 2011 United Nations (UN), through the Rights of the Nations (UNHRC) has passed a resolution recognizing the rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual (LGBT). This resolution has been approved with 23 supporting of countries, 19 against and 3 abstentions. These activities widely practiced by both homosexual and heterosexual, but this legislation will only be brought to the attention of the court in cases involving homosexuality. As a result of this discrimination onset of homosexual rights movement in the early 1950s and dubbed "homophile movement". According to the Astro news on April 15, 2016, a Gay declared himself a homosexual offender nor acknowledge, a Malaysian student in Canada, Hazim Ismail was sent by her family and approved by the Canadian government to stay in that country as a refugee. According to the news portal reports CBC News Canada, lawyers Bashir Khan explained that the panel Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada has declared that Hazim Ismail "protected" and cannot be deported to Malaysia. It is true that the practice of homosexuality is viewed seriously and cannot be accepted as a whole by Malaysians who are mostly Muslim.

DEFINITION OF HOMOSEXUALITY

Homosexuality is a term used to describe an individual who likes to have intercourse emotionally and physically with those kinds of (Sulaiman, 1995). Homosexual relating to, or characterized by a tendency to direct sexual desire toward another of the same sex (gay) or a person who is sexually attracted to people of the same sex. In general, gay men or groups are labeled as gay while women's sexual relations are known as lesbian (Esa, 2008). Most homosexual individuals know their gender identity. Gender identity is awareness of masculinity or femininity in biology. Gay men are aware of their masculinity and women as well as lesbians. This act common among women in the West who do not have the decency and good morals. Such occur among adolescent women who do not believe in Islam and corrupt morals. This act of great danger and the curse of Allah, as it did in the days of Luth as practiced by his people. Based on meaning of this Quranic verse:

"What of all creation will you go to (fornicate with) the males. Leaving aside those whom Allah has created for you as your mates. Nay, you are a people that has transgressed all limits. (Surah Asyyura: 165-166)".

From the Quran verses shows of all the creatures you have chosen males only for the purpose of gratifying your sex desires, whereas there are plenty of women in the world. Secondly you alone

are the people in the whole world, who go to men to satisfy the sex desires; even the animals do not resort to this. This second meaning has been explained in Surah Al-Aaraf and Al-Ankabut. Thus: Have you become so shameless that you commit such indecent acts as no one committed before you in the world? (Surah Al-Aaraf, Ayat 80). The verses from 166 also have two meanings that you leave your wives whom God has created for you to satisfy your sex desire and adopt unnatural ways with the males for the purpose. Secondly even with respect to your wives you do not follow the natural way but adopt unnatural ways for the gratification of your lust? This they might have been doing with the intention of family planning.

WESTERN MORAL THEORY

According to Sulaiman (1997) noted the difficulty faced in collecting statistical data regarding homosexuals. There is no other way to do unless they are willing and open-minded. This is not only happening in the country is even in countries that have long handles that similar studies. Difficulty making assumptions stated by Kinsey et.al. (1948), homosexuals do not answer the question correctly when submitted questions to him.

In a study in the United States, Kinsey et.al (1948) found that 37 percent of adult men there never engaged in homosexual activities until its peak (orgamse). 8 percent had a special homosexual orientation. For women, 13 percent had engaged in homosexual activities and almost two percent are involved in particular. This finding surprised the US population own at that point. A man named Henry hay has established the "International Fraternity Bachelors Orders for Peace and Social Dignity", a homosexual rights group in the summer of 1950. The starting point in the United States is when the Stonewall riots. Since that homosexual activity is growing more rapidly.

Many associations and organizations formed to "protect the interests of homosexuals" such as The National Gay and Lesbian Task. The association demanded equal rights and liberties for gays and lesbians. Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund was established to help homosexuals face legal complications. One example of a court case involving homosexuality is a case that was tried in the Supreme Court in 1986. The case is about Bowers against Hardwick and involving a gay college student who was reported to the campus authorities by his room-mate. In view of the law outlined, the Supreme Court only carries out their obligations by discussing cases under the law. Up to now, this law still exists and is a law authorizing homosexuals in the military to be removed from the service.

ILGA (International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association) is an association of LGBT organizations in the world where it covers around 1322 organizations from 141 countries (ILGA, 2017). This organization assists LGBT groups around the world who have the same goals and demands (Kamal Azmi Abd Rahman et al., 2015). According to Yama et.al (2018), if their activities stopped, these people will resist and defend their human rights are not violated, as had happened in COMANGO issue in Malaysia which is one of their claims in Geneva is a recognized LGBT.

In December 1996 went down in history when the court of its own state of Hawaii has failed to show reasonable cause for the country to prevent gay marriages between same-sex couples on the grounds of equality rights. In addition, the playing field visit and hangout transvestite (mak nyah) in neighboring countries is in Changi Village Road. Homosexuals would hang out and try to get together with friends for the night in that place. Gays came to power in the government and is directly

involved in administrative matters. Some of them are quite influential and acclaimed as the US Congress Senator Joseph McCarthy and politician Harvey Milk. Some people often become public acclaim, especially the youth also is gay. These people are artists and popular personalities. Gay artists in the West such as Elton John and James Dean. Martina Navratilova also is a tennis player who is also leading the lesbian. The number of leading figures who are gay is a surprise. This is because they are made up of writers, artists, scholars, thinkers and group administrators. Their presence is so famous that can affect many people, especially teenagers. They become the idol of the people and ordinary individuals such as professionals, youths and students in the school. Thus, this negative symptom should open our eyes to the need for sexuality education to students exposed at a young age. By accurate information they can avoid getting caught up in unhealthy activities.

HOMOSEXUALITY IN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

The scholars argue that the act of homosexual or lesbian including major sins that are forbidden by Allah. As Allah says in Quran:

“ And to Luth We gave judgments and knowledge, and We saved him from the city that was committing wicked deeds. Indeed, they were a people of evil, defiantly disobedient.”(Surat al-Anbiya ': 74)

The Prophet said: The most I feared for you is the act of the Luth and cursed those who do acts of racial Luth three times, then the Prophet said: Allah cursed the luth (homosexual), God cursed people who did the Luth and God curses those who commit acts of racial luth. (Reported by Ibn Majah). The act of homosexuality is against human nature and also against the law. Allah has set mankind to channel his lust gives way out through marriage. People who commit homosexual or lesbian means she has committed a great sin that was cursed by Allah. Allah says:

“ So when Our command came, We made the highest part [of the city] its lowest and rained upon them stones of layered hard clay, They are marked by your Lord, and Allah 's punishment is not from the wrongdoers [very] far”. (Surah Hud: 82-83).

From the description of the verses in Quran and Hadith it can be understood that the symptoms act liwath and lesbian sex is a perversion of nature. Lesbian acts have a devastating impact on the dignity of a person, society and the State. From the above evidence, it shows that this homosexual act is illegal in Islam. This treatment is inversely rejected by all Thanawi religions.

ISSUES RELATING TO HOMOSEXUALITY

The issue of homosexuality is inversely against the current culture of religious, humanitarian and family as well as the hottest news right now in our country. They were stuck in reverse culture has been doing things that are not normal but do not respect the institution of family, religion and moral aspects. Culture retrograde is not born of the will of man, but cultivated through the normal way of life is inversely far away from the system of universal humanity. The negative impact of this impending destruction of the social system with conflicting values of our culture as the east. The

parents of these people have had to deal with the pressure that comes from various angles whether religious, community and social legislation the world based on good values.

The institution of family is the last bastion of the birth family and human integrity by building a happy family, increased integrity in terms of physical and spiritual health as well as the strengthening of moral values as the basis for the formation of identity. It should be noted that the damage done will be fixed upon us, if not now maybe in the future. Allah says in Surah Ar-Rum verse 41 which means:

"Mischief has appeared on land and sea because of (the meed) that the hands of men have earned, that ((Allah)) may give them a taste of some of their deeds: in order that they may turn back (from Evil)."

The era of globalization has shown mankind in various fields, so much so that the earth felt like a world without borders. The exchange of culture, lifestyle, and information technology skills that happen quickly gave very positive effect for the whole country. But without realizing every kind of goodness that comes from the West is equally disastrous to cause the collapse of the morality of mankind. Among Western depravity that also comes to Islamic State is a phenomenon of LGBT among Muslims. There are a bunch of them in a fight for their rights by using various means such as an annual event, themed Queer without Fear. This activity has also received strong support from the United Nations and Amnesty International. Furthermore, in 2012, Ambiega Sreevanasan fought for the rights of LGBT in Malaysia. Malaysia's transgender activist, Nisha Ayub also received recognition and support from the western countries and received the International Women of Courage award from the US government in 2016 on his fight in defending transgender people. This issue is not new in our society in Malaysia for almost every day of social media and will produce news that is beyond our expectations.

THE OCCURRENCE OF HOMOSEXUALITY

Based on HIV / STI Sector reports, Disease Control Division, Ministry Health Malaysia, a total of 3,347 new HIV cases were recorded in 2017 and from that, 1,697 cases involve the LGBT group. The transmission of the virus those with homosexuals and bisexuals increased with 63 cases in 2000 to 1,553 cases in 2016 and 1,697 cases in the last year (Mohd Izzat Amsyar et.al, 2018). There are several factors that cause a person more likely to become homosexual. These factors are based on three theories of psycho-analytic theory (experience), learning theory and the theory of genetic (biological). From the point of view of religion and morality, homosexuality is considered a deviant from the norms of society. In the meantime, there are homosexuals who would be a serious sympathetic and should be assisted in order to return to the right path. However, there are also many specific groups who do not realize what they are doing wrong and distorted. There are a handful of those who claim that homosexuality is normal and should be allowed and even encouraged. These people have negative implications on society generally.

One of the groups most vulnerable to the implications of homosexuality is the youth. This is because the teens began to enter the era of their sexual development. There are many things about themselves that had not previously known and unknown, now they began to tend to matters of sex oriented. The lack of information on sexual education is causing many teens engage in immoral and failed to curb the symptoms of adverse effects. Moreover, the cause of these symptoms are due to

youth shallow religious knowledge. Religious education, spiritual and affirmation of moral values in life is the core of the most important in making human life more purposeful direction. Furthermore, the influence of entertainment without limitation particularly involving the power of ICT to enable users are free to browse the world wide web that serves a variety of sexual stimuli in various forms of creative, innovative and interactive. Lack of control of parents, teachers and friends led to ICT facilities available either at home, laboratory and other abuse.

Children who are neglected care and lack of affection as a result of unstable family will find attentive and friendly fondling outdoors. They are more comfortable outside than stay at home and this will expose them to other factors that cause them to fall into the disease. This includes the effect of mixing with friends who are troubled, thinking the attack, and the influence of Western culture through extreme entertainment that eventually erodes self-esteem and destructive nature of humanity. A study by Hassan and Mohamed (2014) shows that the alternative return to the teachings of religion and psychological counseling approach to help treat these people not to engage in homosexual symptoms again and can open a space for the success of their sexual orientation normally.

CONCLUSION

According to the views of scholars, an approach that is needed is an appreciation of religious education, the role of parents and the personal integrity of the self. They also need to be aware of ways to change. These people must return to the right path. They should be given the opportunity to make up for all the mistakes ever made. They are aware that they are stuck in the mire of sin and acts done it is not normal and contrary to the teachings of Islam. In line with the teachings of Islam, every act must begin with faith, words and deeds. If such a determination, then this group can restore their thoughts to return to the normal. In addition, they should seek counseling or advice.

Nowadays there are many counseling services available to help homosexuals people. Even advisory services are also available at the offices of religion in the country. Among the government's efforts to establish shelters "*Ilaj Home*" for homosexuals is to seek treatment and counseling. Parents should play a role in monitoring young people from falling into the valley this evil. Parents should guide children regardless of age to always be under the influence of a healthy family culture. As mentioned oleh Yusuf al-Qhardawi among the most notable impact on today is the separation of morality that predispose humans to various crises and symptoms. Even advisory services are also available at the offices of religion in the country. Among the government's efforts to establish shelters' *Ilaj Home* "for homosexuals is to seek treatment and counseling.

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