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### The deceptions of Anglican cleric, Sam Allberry and the dupes who believe his lie

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A certain Anglican 'cleric', named Sam Allberry, introduced himself to the 2017 Anglican Church's Synod as one who is "same-sex attracted" and further stated that he had been so all his life. He then declared just what that meant. "I have sexual, romantic and deep emotional attractions to people of the same sex"!!

Please note that he uses the plural, 'people' rather than 'a person', singular. Sodomy is the essence of base promiscuity and debauchery!!!

He betrays his heart and unveils his sinfulness in his words of introduction.

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he," Proverbs 23:7. "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies," Matthew 15:19.

Of course, nothing that comes out of the Church of England surprises me. It has been a hotbed of apostasy and wickedness for many, many decades now.

This cleric, after such an abominable disclosure of himself, was given a lengthy round of applause at the end of his presentation and his devilish attempt to whitewash that which God calls an abomination.

Astonishing as it may be, his view is considered by some fundamentalists as the epitome of orthodox Christianity and they would promote his views as something worthy of acceptance!

**The notion of Sam Allberry is nothing short of sodomy semantically disguised with a coat of what sounds like Biblical terminology.**

Remember, if the devil is frequently "transformed into an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14), then it ought not to surprise us or cause us to marvel that "his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works," 2 Corinthians 11:15!

What should, however, cause the deepest dismay and grief is that this end-time lie is embraced by some who would claim to be separatists and Bible believers.

Is it possible for someone who freely confesses themselves to have "sexual, romantic and deep emotional attractions to people of the same sex" to have had a real and true experience of the saving, regenerating and sanctifying grace of God within their soul?

I say, without hesitation, NO, NOT AT ALL!

I say that, not out of mere prejudice against sodomy, which I freely acknowledge that I most certainly do have, but because the Bible makes clear that none of those who speak of themselves and identify themselves as does Sam Allberry, can truly know the grace of God and the God of grace.

#### **The Bible introduces us to some who were sodomites.**

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God," 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

Here is a breakdown of the moral degeneracy out of which the early converts in the Corinthian Church were delivered.

"Fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of themselves with mankind, thieves, covetous,



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drunkards, revilers, extortioners." I do not believe that any form of wickedness is omitted from this list!

Amongst these depravities is to be found "effeminate" and "abusers of themselves with mankind." The former term is a word that is applied in the classical writers to the Cinaedi, the Pathics, or Catamites, those who are given up to wantonness and sensual pleasures, or who are kept to be prostituted to others. The latter term refers to those who practised sodomy. These abominations were commonly practised among the Corinthians.

But it is to be noted that God in His mercy plucked some from such wickedness and it is stated that a change was wrought in them by His grace. "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God," verse 11.

A three-fold description is given of the work God wrought in them.

**1. Washed.** The other two operations which they experienced were spiritual and inward and I believe that to be so of this first experience of these converts. It refers to their being washed from their sins by the blood of Christ, through the application of it to them for the remission of their sins which so polluted them. Thus they were cleansed internally, in heart, mind, thought and conscience.

That is important to note, given the confessed thoughts and intents of Sam Allberry's mind and heart. He is NOT washed from sodomite lustings but freely acknowledges that they are active within him!

**2. Sanctified.** The word means "to be separated, consecrated unto God." It is a word used by the Saviour to describe Himself. "Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?" John 10:36.

It is defined as a state in which the believer is "dead" to sin and the world. "God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" Romans 6:2. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me," Galatians 2:20. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God," Colossians 3:3.

It refers to a principle of spiritual life infused into the soul, a spiritual light in the understanding, in a 'bending' of the will to the will of God, a settlement of the affections on divine objects, and an implantation of every grace for a gradual work, as yet not perfect, but which will be fulfilled in all in whom it is begun.

The mind that harbours such thoughts and evil desires as those confessed by Sam Allberry is not "sanctified." He has not experienced that which these Corinthians had! There has not been a 'bending' of his will to the will of God and a settlement of the affections on God and all that is His alone!

**3. Justified.** The word appears in that wonderful verse in Romans 5:1. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." It refers our being declared righteous in the eyes of God through the righteousness of Christ. We have peace with Him because we have been reconciled to Him by the blood of Christ. Our Shorter Catechism puts it like this:

"Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone."

There can be no enjoying of the peace of God in the heart and soul which accommodate the evil passion as Allberry publicly acknowledged lodged in his heart.

There is a great and important difference in being tempted to sin and having "sexual, romantic and deep emotional attractions to people of the same sex"

The truly converted sodomite, drunkard, thief etc., may be tempted to sin but that is not what Sam Allberry is speaking of.



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Temptation is the exercising of a power or influence upon the believer by the devil and the world whereby it is sought to arouse the Christian to do wrong. "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed," James 1:14. It is not sourced in the new nature but is a combination of the devil and the world seeking to reignite the fires of evil desires innate in the old nature which grace has extinguished and quenched in the believer.

The Christian recognises that temptation is an alien entity whose appeals and allurements are to be rejected. There is no place in the former drunkard's heart and mind for "attractions to indulge in drinking" again. Nor does the converted sodomite give place to those temptations to enter upon that awful lifestyle the Lord has delivered him from. He does not "have (present possession) sexual, romantic and deep emotional attractions to people of the same sex." These things may be pressed upon him by the devil the world and the flesh BUT the true Christian does not "give place to the devil," (Ephesians 4:27) but rather seeks to "resist the devil," James 4:7.

The soul of the redeemed is a castle under siege by the enemy who is ever seeking to gain entrance in order to gain control of it. The duty of the Christian is keep the enemy without. He dons armour to do so. He maintains a spirit of watchfulness (Ephesians 6:10-18). He seeks the wisdom of God revealed in the Bible for an understanding of the tactics of the enemy (2 Corinthians 2:11) in order to maintain victory over him.

Thus we "stand against the wiles of the devil," Ephesians 6:11.

If a man says that there is within him "sexual, romantic and deep emotional attractions to people of the same sex," then he is under the control of the devil. The walls have been breached. The citadel of his heart is under Satan's dominion.

### **HE IS NOT A SAVED MAN!**

Allberry's organisation has a statement on its website site which states: "We believe it is essential to help people accept themselves as they are, just as God accepts us as we are." (**See here**)

It must be stated that God does not 'accept' us as we are if by the word accept we mean 'to receive us as adequate and with favour.' We are in God's eyes totally depraved and wicked. The whole purpose of Christ's coming into this world was to die for His elect and thereby atone for their sin that they may be accepted as righteous. "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved," Ephesians 1:6. If we are in Christ through faith in Him and His atoning work then we are accepted with God. Our sins are covered. "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered (concealed and hidden)," Psalm 32:1. How gloriously successful was the Saviour's atonement! "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee," Isaiah 44:22. There can be no "acceptance" on any other basis!

Another folly that Allberry embraces and which his defenders likewise promote is an unscriptural distinction between having immoral thoughts and acting upon them. Allberry freely admits he has evil thoughts, likings, longings - nothing short of what the Bible calls 'lusts'! I have already quoted his own words. Let me do so again to his condemnation. "I have sexual, romantic and deep emotional attractions to people of the same sex"!!

These evil thoughts are constantly with him. Now it is said by him and his defenders that because he does not act upon these he is not guilty of sin.

Is that so?

Not according to the Lord Jesus Christ.

"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart," Matthew 5:28. Can anything be more clear? Lustful thoughts, whether they are



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acted upon or not, are sinful, just as sinful as the act desired by the lusting heart. He that has the thoughts of an adulterer IS an adulterer as far as God is concerned and likewise, he that has perverted lustings is a sodomite in God's eyes, irrespective of who it is seeks to excuse him!

Alberry and all his defenders cannot gainsay this truth! It is upon this ROCK of Scripture that their evil vessel founders!

Such must be our view of Sam Allberry. He is not one to be admired. He is not a "converted sodomite" earnestly resisting temptation. Rather, by the words of his own lips, we are told that there is within him constantly "sexual, romantic and deep emotional attractions to people of the same sex."

The Lord Jesus says of this scenario: "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart," Matthew 5:28.

Allberry acknowledges that he looks with lust upon "people of the same sex" as himself.

That is the evil corruption which the Saviour condemns in Matthew 5:28.

Allberry is not a model Christian to be admired, honoured and emulated but a poor deluded soul controlled by sin and on his way to an everlasting hell.

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