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NARTH Members Working Around The World To Help Individuals With Unwanted SSA

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the last several months, NARTH has received an increasing number of requests for information from individuals overseas with unwanted same-sex attractions (SSAs) as well as from NARTH professionals in various parts of the world who are seeking to more closely associate with NARTH's work or to develop affiliates.

We have had requests for information and referrals from Russia, Mexico, Spain, Italy, and other countries. This is good news. This means that our resources will be made available to more individuals than ever, and we can offer support to the therapists around the world who are struggling to defend treatment rights against a tide of gay activism.

The NARTH professionals in these nations are taking a courageous stand--quite often at odds with the prevailing winds of political correctness and intimidation that have swept through the psychiatric and psychological communities in recent decades. These individuals deserve much credit for their willingness to resist this intimidation and to offer their services to men and women who do not wish to live with same-sex attractions. The price can be high, as many of us know.

Dr. Chris Kempling in Canada, for example, fully understands the power of gay lobbyists who are making it nearly impossible to even propose that homosexuality is not a fixed identity. Kempling has been suspended from his counseling position at a high school for publishing articles in a newspaper that challenge the prevailing political correctness in that nation. He tells his story in this latest issue of the *NARTH Bulletin*.

In addition to Dr. Kempling's article in this issue, you'll find Dr. A. Dean Byrd's book review of *Destructive Trends In Mental Health* to be one of

the most useful articles you will ever read.

Destructive Trends is written by two self-admitted liberal leaders of the American Psychological Association (APA) who are very concerned

about the imposition of political correctness within their profession. These leaders, Rogers H. Wright and Nicholas A. Cummings, describe in detail how gay activists within the APA have misdirected the organization into an oppressive political correctness that forbids even the discussion of opposing viewpoints on the origins and treatment of SSA. The authors write: "Psychology, psychiatry, and social work have been captured by an ultra-liberal agenda." This, coming from professionals who are liberals themselves, is an amazing admission.

As Dr. Byrd observes in his concluding statement: "*Destructive Trends in Mental Health* deserves the distinction of being the most important book of the decade, perhaps of the last several decades, in mental health." When you read Dr. Byrd's book review, I think you will understand why. We are offering this book through our online bookstore.

Was Abraham Lincoln Gay?

While we're on the topic of fascinating books, I think you'll thoroughly enjoy reading Dr. Louis A. Berman's detailed critique of C.A. Tripp's recently published book, *The Intimate World of*



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Abraham Lincoln. In his review, Dr. Berman does a masterful job of revealing the biased advocacy of Tripp, whose work is presented to the public as a history book.

In fact, as Dr. Berman notes, Tripp's former co-author on the book, Philip Nobile, revealed these errors in a lengthy critique in *The Weekly Standard* (Jan. 17, 2005).

In addition, a Lincoln scholar who looked over Tripp's manuscript before it was published by Free Press, wrote the following to Tripp: "Throughout, you seem to be neglecting the fundamental rule--the historian has to rely on the facts. I don't mean to discourage you from doing further work--but I do think it ought to be more systematic and more empirical."

Dr. Berman observes that C.A. Tripp's book is filled with unwarranted conclusions based upon his own desire to "prove" that Lincoln was a homosexual. One of the most glaring errors, says Berman, is that Tripp is guilty of "presentism." Presentism is the fallacy that would-be historians make when they judge persons in another time by the standards of their own time. For example, Tripp makes much of the fact that Lincoln and another man shared a bed. In those days, however, with unheated rooms, it was not considered abnormal for individuals to share beds just to keep warm.

As Dr. Berman says, "During the Civil War, it was not uncommon for soldiers to sleep in pairs to keep each other warm. Times have changed, but in young Lincoln's day, it was probably not uncommon for two men, friends or strangers, to share the same bed."

Confused Teenagers

Dr. Ned Stringham's article, "A Typology of Male Adolescents and Young Adults Seeking Therapy for Same-Sex Attractions," discusses and categorizes the different types of clients he sees for SSA. He notes that those coming for help today are different than those who came to him several years ago. Dr. Stringham observes that many young men exhibit attitudinal shifts that reflect the success of the media, teachers, and even parents, in convincing youngsters with SSA that homosexual attractions are not problematic. He provides insights into how he interacts with them, while responding sensitively to their own value systems. The categories of clients he sees include: the naive, the deceived, the hypocritical, the traumatized, the family-centered, and the reparative.

I am certain you'll find this issue of the *NARTH Bulletin* to be of great help to you as you work with SSA clients. Thanks for your commitment to this effort!

Joseph Nicolosi, NARTH President

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR NARTH CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER, 2005

The National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality is issuing a call for papers for the November, 2005 conference to be held in the Los Angeles area. The conference is scheduled for November 11-13 in Marina Del Rey. This year's theme is: "NARTH in the Mainstream: Science, Research, and Therapy."

NARTH professionals are encouraged to submit papers for this conference. An application form is available on the NARTH web site. Cut and paste the form into a WORD document and submit it to: nationalarth@yahoo.com.

We will review each proposal and respond as quickly as possible.

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