6285 - Refutation of those who excuse homosexuals on the grounds that this is the way they were created

the question

Salaam. I'm not gay but I'm just wondering from a moral standpoint that since homosexuality is forbidden under Islam, what would happen to gay or lesbian individuals? A lot of gay and lesbians say that their sexual orientation is natural and they are born gay. Assuming that they are correct since straight people don't know, if homosexuality is outlawed in Islam then why would Allah make them that way so that their existence is a tortured and sexually frustrated way?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

We do not agree with their claim that their sexual orientation is natural; rather it is a distortion of nature. Allah counted their deed as wrongdoing and immoral, and He sent upon the people of Lut a punishment the like of which no other nation had seen. He also tells us that this punishment is not ever far from the wrongdoers.

Their claim that their orientation is natural serves only to propagate and spread immorality, and it is just an excuse for them. Many of them change their appearance so as to look odd, so how can we say that this is how they were created?

Allah does not create anyone just to punish or torture them. He created mankind to worship Him, but He may try His slaves with hardship as a test of their faith, to expiate for their sins and to raise their status. Allah is too Just to force a person to commit sin and then punish him. On the contrary, people commit sins by their own free choice like these perverted people and it is for this that they deserve to be punished. Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

and your Lord treats no one with injustice [al-Kahf 18:49]

And Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

Nay, Allah never commands Fahshaa (evil deeds, unlawful sexual intercourse). Do you say of Allah what you know not? [al-Araaf 7:28]

And Allah knows best.