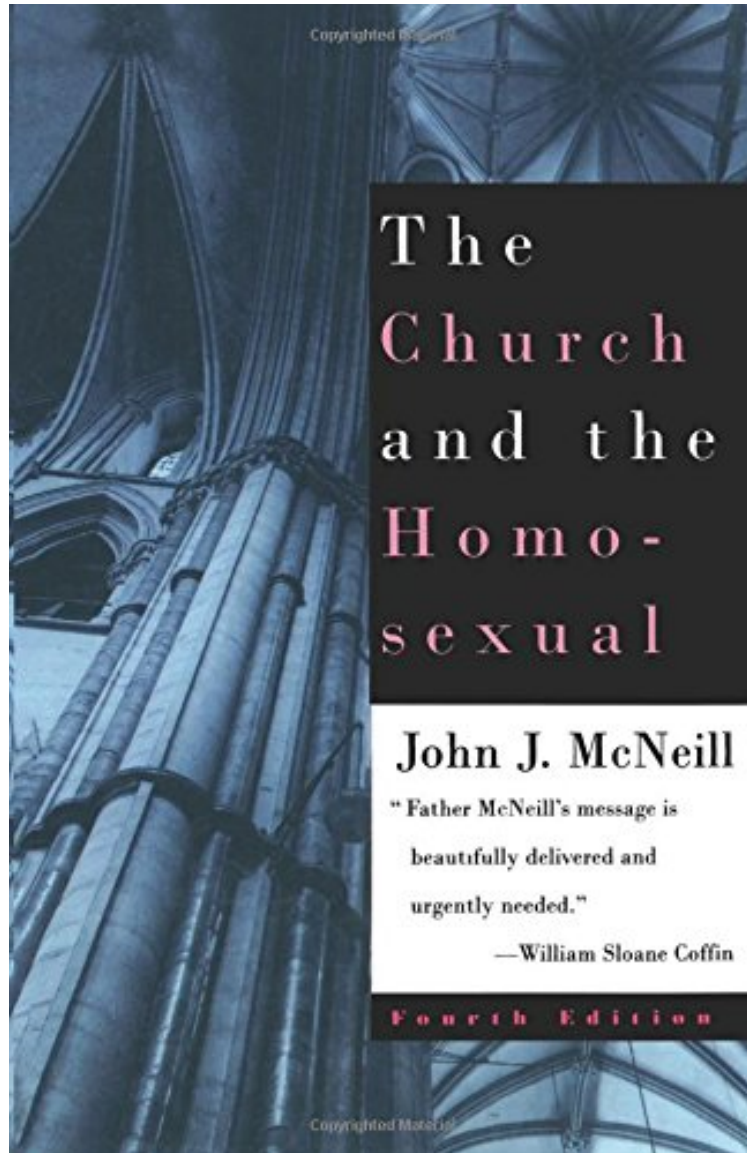


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Authored by Spiritual giant of Gay Lib By Petronius This book was revolutionary at its publication. First, it defends homosexuals, it provides a scholarly analysis of the Biblical passages on homosexuals, and demonstrates that as we understand homosexuality in the modern era, it is not Biblically condemned. Remarkably, the original 1976 edition was approved by Vatican. Years later, without warning, the

Vatican withdrew approval and later ordered the expulsion of the author from the Jesuits, where he had been a priest for more than 20 years. McNeil was a WWII vet, former POW, who realized he was gay at a young age. He felt a calling to minister to gays. He was supported by the Jesuits in this, until the Vatican turned on him under Cardinal Ratzinger, the arch-conservative later to become Pope Benedict XVI. McNeil then became a psychologist, and continued to serve the gay community as a spiritual adviser and psychologist. He was one of the founders of the Catholic gay group Dignity. He carried his ministry to gays throughout the world, and lived and spoke with love and modesty. He was a giant in gay liberation. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. *The Church and the Homosexual* By Eric This book was written by Pr. McNeill for an approved discussion within the Catholic Church in the United States. When the Cardinal Ratzinger (now the Pope) found out he shut down the whole study and promise of publishing this. In effect, McNeill was "silenced" by the Vatican. Thank God McNeill did not stay silent long, and this book was finished and published outside the Catholic Church. I found that John's use of Scripture and Tradition are the highlights of this book, with the latter being the most beneficial. If your faith takes Church tradition seriously, this is the book to study. I was surprised how the story of Sodom drastically changed over the time, and you don't have to take McNeill's word for it - he has plenty of early church writings to back him up. Another surprise is the Early Church Father's understanding of heterosexuality. They believed in a perfect world sex would be passionless and only done to produce offspring. Hence, it is not a big shock that when the few times homosexuality (between men) was mentioned it was seen as lust and condemned. But some of the Father's main assumptions - that God did not want us to enjoy sex and women are inferior to men - led to other beliefs and teachings that many Christians reject (even in the Catholic Church). 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Great read!! By Brenda S This book, although written in the 70s, is very relevant today with the surge of out and open homosexuals. For anyone having difficulty accepting who they are in light of their faith I'd strongly recommend this. The introduction really grabbed my attention and was the reason I read the book. The great thing about this book is the author is not jamming his opinion down anyone's throat. He provides logical arguments based on research for both sides and allows the reader to make their own determination. Love it and would love to read an updated version of such a work!

In this "brave and good book which shatters bad myths" (Commonweal), McNeill shows that the Bible does not condemn homosexuality, and argues that the Church must not continue its homophobic practices.

The Church and the Homosexual is a major weapon for those who are fighting to change the Church.--The Reverend Paul Moore, Jr. About the Author John J. McNeill, an ordained priest and practicing psychotherapist, was expelled from the Society of Jesus in 1987 for refusing to cease his ministry to gay men and lesbians. He received a doctorate in philosophy from Louvain University in Belgium and has taught philosophy and theology at Fordham University, Union Theological Seminary, and other institutions. McNeill is the author of *Taking a Chance on God and Freedom, Glorious Freedom*, also published by Beacon Press.