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## DUP's Downward Path

It is strange how that a turning of the back upon God brings about a reversing of a person's moral values!

News reports claimed that the DUP leader, Mrs Arlene Foster, had recently stated in a BBC report on 28th October 2016 that "Gays are welcome in DUP" - (Read the report [here](#)).

Sadly, as far as I know, there was no protest by members of the DUP to that announcement. There may well have been and I sincerely hope there was but I never saw any reports of any objections from within the ranks of the DUP where there are many who profess to be Christians.

### 1982: DUP furious at gay law reforms



Scan of the Belfast Newsletter dating back to the DUP's anti-sodomy campaign

In 1977, Dr Ian Paisley, the founder of the party, launched a campaign aimed at stopping the decriminalising of sodomy in Ulster. It was called: "Save Ulster from Sodomy."

That campaign highlighted the DUP's view of the wickedness of sodomy for it took its lead from the Word of God. As part of the campaign, advertisements were placed in newspapers claiming that any change in the law "can only bring God's curse down upon our people".

Sadly, that has changed and I believe there are evidences that a curse has come down upon our land.

#### The god of public opinion

Political expediency prompted Mrs Foster's recent statement since, if I am not mistaken, I would believe that Mrs Foster personally would find the sodomite lifestyle repulsive. However, the modern political party seems ever to put the multiplying of votes for the party above personally-avowed moral values.

Subtle as it may be, Mrs Foster's declaration entails the adopting of a new moral position. Mrs Foster is reported in the article referred to above as affirming: "The DUP's support for the traditional definition of marriage was a manifesto commitment," said Mrs Foster, "adding that she would continue to use a petition of concern to veto any attempts to change the law on marriage at Stormont."

Now that definition of marriage is derived from the teaching of the Bible. However, when we say that we welcome those who reject the teaching of the Bible on sodomy and marriage, then we have also altered our moral position. The Bible believer holds to the Bible ALONE as the only authority on all matters of morality and spirituality. Therefore to relax your stand on that subject is to change your moral position. To say we 'welcome gays' is to say that 'we don't mind the presence of Bible deniers and rejectors in our party.' That destroys the former allegiance of the DUP to the Bible as its authority on all matters of morality.

The Christian is governed by the Bible in all his relationships, personal and social. We cannot share in an organisation that honours the moral views of the sodomite. That is made very clear in the Word of God.

Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians: "I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world," 1 Corinthians 5:9-10. What Paul says in verse 10 is by way of enlargement upon his directive in verse 9. He is saying 'in my direction not "to company" with them, I did not mean that you should refuse all kinds of contact with them; that you should not treat them with civility, or be engaged with them in any of the transactions of life, or in the ordinary contact of society between man and man, for this would be impossible - but that you should not so associate with them as to be esteemed to belong to them, or so as to be corrupted by their example. You are not to make them companions and friends.'



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This surely would forbid us associating with them within a political association and calling them colleagues!

This new position adopted by the DUP places a very serious choice before Christians within that party. What is that governs their conscience - party policy or the Word of God?

## **Not for the first time**

Of course, it is not the first time such a dilemma has faced the members of the DUP. When the DUP went into partnership with Sinn Fein/IRA the question of forming a political alliance with a party which had long publicly sided with and apologised for the IRA's campaign of terrorism and murder had to be faced. At that time many felt it was an alliance that was incompatible with the Word of God and resigned from the DUP.

They were right to do so.

It soon became clear that one of the compromises required to make this shameful alliance work was the dreadful fact that the new power-sharing regime at Stormont would be required to take on the funding of sodomite organisations which had begun under the last Secretary of State before the setting up of the power-sharing government, Mr Peter Hain MP.

The Office of the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister became responsible for the continued funding of this vile life-style.

This was at first denied by the DUP but eventually it had to be admitted that they were engaged in this process. The last example of this was reported in the press on January 2nd, 2015.

At that time it was reported in "The Belfast Newsletter" that the TUV leader, Mr Jim Allister had asked a series of questions in Stormont regarding funding by the Department of Social Development, which at that time was headed by Free Presbyterian, Mr Mervyn Storey. One question asked of the DSD minister by Mr Allister was: "How much funding has been supplied by his department to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) groups since May 2011?"

The answer he received revealed that £231,681.00 was spent on LGBT projects, including £170,000 to support the Strabane & Lifford LGBT group alone, and annual subventions to Belfast Pride.

Thus, the DUP has been involved not just in sharing power with terrorists and murderers but helping to fund sodomy.

There have been Christians within the DUP who have been able to live with this while professing allegiance to God and His Word, as hard as it may be for some of us to understand how such could be accomplished in good conscience!

It would seem to follow on from that that those who have been able to embrace such activities will be able on the same basis to tolerate the company of sodomites within the ranks of their party. After all, if you can cooperate in government with terrorists and murderers and agree to the funding of sodomite organisations and events it seems a logical step to welcome sodomites into the society of your party.

It will be interesting which branch will accept the first application, for applications there will be, given the aggressive persona of the sodomite.

You cannot take just one step on the path of disobedience. It is a slippery slope that makes standing still impossible. More steps will have to be taken or else you must forsake that reprehensible path altogether. Of course, that is what the professing Christian within the DUP should do if they are to honour and obey the Saviour.

"For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: but this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice,



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and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward," Jeremiah 7:22-24.