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Bible open to gays, scholar says

By Scott Andre
Emerald Reporter

A former Baptist minister said last Thursday that despite what members of the religious right contend, the Bible does not condemn gay men and lesbian women.

The Rev. Dr. Buddy Turluck, a biblical scholar who holds a doctorate in theology, brought this message to the University Thursday night.

Speaking before about 25 people in the Gerlinger Hall lounge, Turluck, who is gay, said religious extremists incorrectly translate and apply several biblical verses to condemn and reject gay men and lesbian women.

For example, Turluck said many people mistakenly assume the Bible condemns sexual intercourse between men and that God destroyed the city of Sodom because homosexual activities occurred there.

Turluck said this view comes from an inaccurate translation of Genesis 19:5. In Genesis 19:5, the people "me aware of." Turluck said the phrase, as used in Genesis, probably meant the people of Sodom were afraid of the strangers and wanted to persecute them.

However, Turluck said modern translations of Genesis, such as the *New American Standard Bible* and the *Good News Bible* say the phrase "to know" means "to have sexual intercourse."

Turluck said the biblical phrase "to know" comes from the Hebrew word "yada" and simply means "to become aware of." Turluck said the phrase, as used in Genesis, probably meant the people of Sodom were afraid of the strangers and wanted to persecute them.

Therefore, Turluck said God really punished the people of Sodom for persecuting a small group of isolated strangers. He compared the isolated and persecuted strangers in Genesis to today's homosexual community.

A leader of the religious right disagrees with Turluck's interpretation of the Bible.

"I don't think that the one true God would have destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities of the plains simply because they were inhospitable," said Lon Mabon, Oregon Citizens Alliance director, by telephone Saturday. "It is nowhere stated in the scripture that that is the reason."

Mabon said the word "know" is used literally dozens of times "to describe sexual relations, and Christianity clearly teaches homosexuality is a sin."

Speaking Thursday night, Turluck said opinions like those espoused by Mabon make gay men and women hate themselves and "reject church like (it's) the plague." Turluck said he hoped his teachings change those feelings and help gay people realize the Bible is their friend.

Near the end of Turluck's lecture, Bob Gray, a University student, thanked the reverend for bringing his message of religious acceptance to Eugene.

"I was on my knees for seven years, praying that I would change, but it never happened," Gray said.

Turluck acknowledged the thanks and finished his lecture.

"My first line of concern is to empower gays and lesbians to love themselves," he said.

Jackie Balzer, educational and support services coordinator with the dean of students office, said she invited Turluck to campus as part of a continuing effort to provide support to gay, lesbian and bisexual students at the University.

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University fixing waste problem

By Demian McLean
Emerald Reporter

After being cited for three violations of state guidelines on hazardous waste storage last January, the University has solved two-thirds of the problem.

At the behest of the Department of Environmental Quality, certain air filters at the University Physical Plant will now be disposed of as hazardous waste. The filters, used in the plant's paint room, were formerly bagged and thrown out for city trash pickup.

Also, three to four pounds of unlabeled hazardous waste were removed from University storage Feb. 12, as requested by the DEQ. The unlabeled waste caught the eye of state officials last January during a surprise inspection of the University's waste storage facilities.

Thomas Hicks, associate director of the University Office

of Public Safety, said departments throughout the University produce hazardous wastes every term — lab solvents from the chemistry department, chloroform from biology, and corrosive acids from fine arts jewelry classes are examples.

These wastes are then stored in the University's Environmental Health and Safety building, located beside Onyx Bridge. Ideally, hazardous wastes are later shipped off to disposal facilities around the state.

However, some hazardous wastes are harder to get rid of than others. The University currently is holding about 100 pounds of mercuric chloride and can't find anyone to take it away. Mercuric chloride is a heavy metallic compound sometimes used in organic chemistry labs. For almost five months, the waste has sat on campus, a period almost twice as long as allowable by state regulations.

Thanks to the 1991 federal

Clean Air Act, state waste incinerators can no longer accept mercuric chloride. Thus, the University has found itself in a catch-22 situation: The state says get rid of the waste, but federal law prohibits most disposal sites from taking it.

Thus, the University will continue to stand in violation of the DEQ until a solution is reached. David Livengood, an environmental health specialist with the University, said he sees no relief in sight.

"There's no evidence that contractors will begin taking mercuric chloride again," he said. "We're at a loss here. We'll have to give some time to coming up with a creative solution."

However, Livengood said continued storage of the mercuric chloride poses no threat. The DEQ time limits on storage are designed to keep waste from piling up to dangerous levels, and the storage building still has free space, he said.

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