DESCENDING INTO THE VALLEY OF SODOM —

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— SURELY, WE ARE NEARING THE END OF THE WORLD !

Oh, how a single decision can affect a person's entire life!

> "And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other."—*Genesis 13:10-11.*

Unfortunately, Lot forgot something.

> "But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly."—*Genesis 13:13.*

Tragically, our world has not learned much from the catastrophe which followed, for region after region throughout the world is now descending to the same valley.

How close are we to the end of time? You need not look at the dramatically increasing financial crisis that is threatening like an approaching tsunami to overwhelm us.

Instead, turn your gaze to the evidences of almost total moral collapse that is enveloping the world.

In this present report, I will provide you with an open window into what is happening to just one locality: the State of Massachusetts. *What you are about to read will soon come to all America.*

Same-sex marriage in the U.S. state of Massachusetts began on November 18, 2003, as a result of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts ruling in *Goodridge vs. Department of Public Health,* that it was unconstitutional under the Massachusetts constitution to allow only heterosexual couples to marry.

Massachusetts became the sixth jurisdiction in the world (after the Netherlands, Belgium, Ontario, British Columbia, and Quebec) to legalize same-sex marriage. It was the first U.S. state to make same-sex marriages legal.

Here is where you can find additional information on developments in that state:

Burge, Kathleen (2003-11-18). "SJC: Gay marriage legal in Mass." *The Boston Globe.*

Ring, Dan (2006-05-17). "8,100 gay, lesbian couples marry after 2004 decision." Springfield Republican.

"Cambridge plays host to a giant celebration." *The Boston Globe* (2004-05-17).

"Same-sex couples exchange vows in Massachusetts." CNN (2004-05-17).

Johnson, Glen. "Mass. House votes to let out-of-state gays marry." boston.com.

"Out-Of-State Gay Couples Now Can Wed In Mass." 365gay.com.

Levenson, Michael. "Governor signs law allowing out-of-state gays to wed." boston.com.

The decision overturning Connecticut's ban on same-sex marriage had not yet taken effect when the trial court issued a ruling overturning the ban after the Connecticut Supreme Court opinion took effect on October 28, 2008.

Here now is a special report by Brian Camenker. Read and get ready. Remember that all that follows has taken place since November 18, 2003:

What same-sex "marriage" has done to Massachusetts: It's far worse than most people realize. *October 20, 2008, by Brian Camenker.*

Anyone who thinks that same-sex "marriage" is a benign eccentricity which won't affect the average person should consider what it has done in Massachusetts. **It's become a hammer to force the acceptance and normalization of homosexuality on everyone. And this train is moving fast.** What has happened so far is only the beginning.

On November 18, 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court announced its *Goodridge opinion,* ruling that it was unconstitutional not to allow same-sex "marriage." Six months later, homosexual marriages began to be performed.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The homosexual "marriage" onslaught in public schools across the state started soon after the Novem-

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 ber 2003 court decision.

At my own children's high school there was a school-wide assembly to celebrate same-sex "marriage" in early December 2003. It featured an array of speakers, including teachers at the school who announced that they would be "marrying" their same-sex partners and starting families either through adoption or artificial insemination. Literature on same-sex marriage—how it is now a normal part of society—was handed out to the students.

Within months it was brought into the middle schools. In September 2004, **an 8th-grade teacher in Brookline, MA, told National Public Radio that the marriage ruling had opened up the floodgates for teaching homosexuality.** "In my mind, I know that, 'OK, this is legal now.' If somebody wants to challenge me, I'll say, 'Give me a break. It's legal now,' " she told NPR. She added that she now discusses gay sex with her students as explicitly as she desires. **For example**, she said she tells the kids that lesbians can have vaginal intercourse using sex toys.

By the following year it was in elementary school curricula. Kindergartners were given picture books telling them that same-sex couples are just another kind of family, like their own parents. In 2005, when David Parker of Lexington, MA (a parent of a kindergartner) strongly insisted on being notified when teachers were discussing homosexuality or transgenderism with his son, **the school had him arrested and put in jail overnight**.

Second graders at the same school were read a book, *King and King*, about two men who have a romance and marry each other, with a picture of them kissing. When parents Rob and Robin Wirthlin complained, they were told that the school had no obligation to notify them or allow them to opt-out their child.

In 2006 the Parkers and Wirthlins filed a federal Civil Rights lawsuit, to force the schools to notify parents and allow them to opt-out their elementary-school children when homosexual-related subjects were taught. **The federal judges dismissed the case.** The judges ruled that because same-sex marriage is legal in Massachusetts, **the school actually had a duty to normalize homosexual relationships to children**, and that schools have no obligation to notify parents or let them opt-out their children! Acceptance of homosexuality had become a matter of good citizenship!

Think about that! Because same-sex marriage is "legal," a federal judge has ruled that the schools now have a *duty* to portray homosexual relationships as normal to children, despite what parents think or believe!

In 2006, in the elementary school where my daughter went to Kindergarten, the **parents of a third-grader were forced to take their child out of school because a man undergoing a sex-change operation and cross-dressing was being brought into class** to teach the children that there are now "different kinds of families." School officials told the mother that her complaints to the principal were considered "inappropriate behavior."

Libraries have also radically changed. School libraries across the state, from elementary school to high school, **now have shelves of books to normalize homosexual behavior and the lifestyle in the minds of kids, some of them quite explicit and even pornographic.** Parents' complaints are ignored or met with hostility.

Over the past year, homosexual groups have been using taxpayers' money to distribute **a large, slick hardcover book celebrating homosexual marriage,** titled *Courting Equality,* into every school library in the state.

It's become commonplace in Massachusetts schools for teachers to prominently display photos of their same-sex "spouses" and occasionally bring them to school functions. Both high schools in my own town now have principals who are "married" to their same-sex partners, whom they bring to school and introduce to the students.

"Gay days" in schools are considered necessary to fight "intolerance" which may exist against same-sex relationships. Hundreds of high schools and even middle schools across the state now hold "gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender appreciation days." They "celebrate" homosexual marriage and move forward to other behaviors, such as cross-dressing and transsexuality. In my own town, a school committee member recently announced that combating "homophobia" is now a top priority.

Once homosexuality has been normalized, all boundaries will come down. The schools are already moving on to normalizing transgenderism (including cross-dressing and sex changes). The state-funded *Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth* includes leaders who are transsexuals.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health **is "married" to another man. In 2007 he told a crowd of kids, at a state-sponsored youth event, that it's "wonderful being gay"; and he wants to make sure there's enough HIV testing available for all of them.**

Since homosexual marriage became "legal," the rates of HIV/AIDS have gone up considerably in Massachusetts. This year public funding to deal with HIV/AIDS has risen by $500,000.

Citing "the right to marry" as one of the "important challenges" in a place where "it's a great time to be gay," **the Massachusetts Department of Public Health helped produce *The Little Black Book, Queer in the 21st Century***, a hideous work of obscene pornography which was given to kids at Brookline High School on April 30, 2005. Among other things, it gives "tips" to boys on how to perform oral sex on other males, masturbate other males, and how to "safely" have someone urinate on you for sexual pleasure. It also included a directory of bars in Boston where young men meet for anonymous sex.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Given the extreme dysfunctional nature of homosexual relationships, the Massachusetts Legislature has felt the need to spend more money every year to deal with **skyrocketing homosexual domestic violence. This year**

$350,000 was budgeted, up $100,000 from last year.

BUSINESS

All insurance in Massachusetts **must now recognize same-sex "married" couples in their coverage. This includes auto insurance, health insurance, life insurance, etc.**

Businesses must recognize same-sex "married" couples in all their benefits, activities, etc., **regarding both employees and customers.**

The wedding industry is required to serve the homosexual community if requested. **Wedding photographers, halls, caterers, etc., must do same-sex marriages or be arrested for discrimination.**

Businesses are often "tested" for tolerance by homosexual activists. **Groups of homosexual activists often go into restaurants or bars and publicly kiss and fondle each other, to test whether the establishment demonstrates sufficient "equality"—now that homosexual marriage is "legal." In fact, more and more overt displays of homosexual affection are seen in public places across the state, to reinforce "marriage equality."**

LEGAL PROFESSION

The Massachusetts Bar Exam now tests lawyers on their knowledge of same-sex "marriage" issues. In 2007, a Boston man, Stephen Dunne, failed the Massachusetts bar exam because he refused to answer the questions in it about homosexual marriage.

Issues regarding homosexual "families" are now firmly entrenched in the Massachusetts legal system. In many firms, lawyers in Massachusetts practicing family law **must now attend seminars on homosexual "marriage."** There are also now several homosexual judges overseeing the Massachusetts family courts.

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN TO HOMOSEXUAL "MARRIED" COUPLES

Homosexual "married" couples can now demand to be able to adopt children **the same as normal couples. *Catholic Charities* decided to abandon handling adoptions rather than submit to regulations requiring them to allow homosexuals to adopt the children in their care.**

In 2006 the Massachusetts Department of Social Services (DSS) honored two men "married" to each other as their "Parents of the Year." **The men already adopted a baby through DSS (against the wishes of the baby's birth parents). According to news reports, the day after that adoption was final DSS approached the men about adopting a second child. Homosexuals now appear to be put in line for adopting children ahead of heterosexual parents by state agencies in Massachusetts.**

GOVERNMENT MANDATES

In 2004, Governor Mitt Romney ordered Justices of the Peace to perform homosexual marriages when requested or be fired. **At least one Justice of the Peace decided to resign.**

Also thanks to Governor Romney, marriage licenses in Massachusetts now have "Party A and Party B" instead of "husband and wife." **Romney did not have a legal requirement to do this; he did it on his own. (See more on this below.)**

Since homosexual relationships are now officially "normal," **the Legislature now gives enormous tax money to homosexual activist groups.** In particular, the Massachusetts *Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth* is made up of the most radical and militant homosexual groups which target children in the schools. This year they are getting $700,000 of taxpayers' money to go into the public schools.

In 2008, Massachusetts changed the state Medicare laws to include homosexual "married" couples in the coverage.

THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Since gay "marriage," **annual gay pride parades have become more prominent. There are more politicians and corporations participating; and even police organizations take part.** And the envelope gets pushed further and further. **There is now a profane *"Dyke March"* through downtown Boston and recently a "transgender" parade in Northampton that included bare-chested women who have had their breasts surgically removed, so they could "become" men. Governor Patrick even marched with his "out lesbian" 17-year old daughter in the 2008 *Boston Pride* event, right behind a "leather" group brandishing a black and blue flag, whips, and chains!**

THE MEDIA

Boston media, particularly the *Boston Globe* newspaper, regularly does feature stories and news stories portraying homosexual "married" couples where regular married couples would normally be used. **It's "equal," they insist; so there must be no difference in the coverage. Also, the newspaper advice columns now deal with homosexual "marriage" issues and how to properly accept it.**

A growing number of news reporters and TV anchors **are openly "married" homosexuals who march in the "gay pride" parades.**

IS GAY MARRIAGE ACTUALLY LEGAL IN MASSACHUSETTS?

Like everywhere else in America, the imposition of same-sex marriage on the people of Massachusetts was a combination of radical, arrogant judges and pitifully cowardly politicians.

The *Goodridge* ruling resulted in a complete cave-in by politicians of both parties on this issue. **Same-sex "marriage" is still illegal in Massachusetts. On November 18, 2003, the court merely ruled that it was unconstitutional not to allow it**; and it gave the Legislature six months to "take such action as it may deem appropriate." Note that the *Massachusetts Constitution* strongly denies courts the power to make or change laws, or from ordering the other branches to take any action. The constitution effectively bans "judicial review"—that is, a court changing or nullify-

As we go to press—Carrol Grady, one of the authors of the new homosexual book (see *Adventist Homosexual Book [WM–1454]*) will try to indoctrinate the students at Pacific Union College on November 20. Her message, as in the book, is first, how her son tried to get out of homosexuality and "was irreparably harmed" as a result. Second, *it is the Adventist Church, and not her son, which needs to change!* Also remember *Proposition 8* in California, which would ban homosexual marriages.

ing a law. Thus, the court did not order anything to happen; it simply rendered an opinion on that specific case. **And the Legislature did nothing.** The marriage statutes were never changed. **However, against the advice of many, Governor Mitt Romney took it upon himself to alter the state's marriage licenses** to say "Party A and Party B" and order officials to perform same-sex "weddings" if asked, though he had no legal obligation to do so. Technically, same-sex marriages are still illegal in Massachusetts.

Nevertheless, we are having to live with it. And furthermore, this abdication of their proper constitutional roles by the Legislature and Governor **has caused a domino effect as "copycat" rulings have been issued in California and Connecticut, with other states fearful it will happen there.**

IN CONCLUSION

Homosexual "marriage" hangs over society like a hammer with the force of law. And it's only just begun.

It's pretty clear that the homosexual movement's obsession with marriage is not because large numbers of them actually want to marry each other. **Research shows that homosexual relationships are fundamentally dysfunctional on many levels; and "marriage" as we know it isn't something they can achieve, or even desire.** (In fact, over the last three months, the *Sunday Boston Globe's* marriage section hasn't had any photos of homosexual marriages. In the beginning it was full of them.) **This is about putting the legal stamp of approval on homosexuality and imposing it with force throughout the various social and political institutions of a society that would never accept it otherwise.** To the rest of America: You've been forewarned.

That concludes Brian Camenker's remarkable article, about how rapidly the changes can be made. Similar articles could be written about what is happening in certain other states in America—and overseas.

The warning has been given. Here is additional information on how rapidly it is taking place:

The U.S. federal government does not currently recognize same-sex marriage, under the *Defense of Marriage Act*. But **same-sex marriage is currently legal or quasi-legal in six states, including Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut, and California. —*And it has all happened since April 2000!***

VERMONT

In April 2000, Vermont approved landmark legislation to recognize civil unions between same-sex couples, granting them virtually all the benefits, protections and responsibilities that married couples have under Vermont law. **The Vermont Legislature was a result of the state Supreme Court ruling** in *Baker vs. Vermont* that said same-sex couples are entitled, under the state constitution's "Common Benefits Clause," to the same benefits and protections as married opposite-sex couples. The court ruled that the Vermont Legislature must decide how to provide these benefits and protections, either by legalizing marriage for same-sex couples or by establishing an alternative system.

In April 2005, the Vermont Legislature chose to preserve marriage as the "legally recognized union of one man and one woman," but at the same time create a parallel system of civil unions for same-sex couples that goes beyond existing "domestic partnership" and "reciprocal beneficiaries" laws that exist in California, Hawaii, and in many localities in the U.S. today.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut State enacted a civil union law, which took effect October 1, 2005, that provides same-sex couples with all of the same rights and responsibilities under state law as marriage. Connecticut became the second state in the United States (following Vermont) to adopt civil unions, and the first to do so without judicial intervention. **Connecticut became the first state to legalize civil unions without prompting from the courts.**

The decision to provide for civil unions and not same-sex marriage was controversial and was challenged in the state's courts. A bill to legalize same-sex marriage is also before the state Legislature. **On October 10, 2008, the Supreme Court of Connecticut ruled that failing to give same-sex couples the full rights, responsibilities, and name of marriage was against the equal protection clause** of the state's constitution. And it ordered same-sex marriage legalized.

NEW JERSEY

In October 2006, the New Jersey Supreme Court ordered the Legislature to redefine marriage to include same-sex couples or to establish a separate legal structure, such as civil unions, to give same-sex couples the same rights as heterosexual marriage couples. In late 2006, the New Jersey Legislature passed a statute allowing civil unions, beginning February 19, 2007.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire passed Legislation authorizing civil unions, which took effect on January 1, 2008.

CALIFORNIA

On May 15, 2008, the California Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples should have the right to marry. The ruling took effect in mid-June, but could be stayed by the courts for six months, which would allow California residents to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment defining marriage between a man and a woman. **If the amendment passes in November, same-sex marriage would again be banned in California.**

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