

Spirit of Immorality Conquers Gay Superheroes

✖ DC Comics has outed The Green Lantern. Despite his womanizing maneuvers in last summer's *Green Lantern* movie, the alien ring-toting superhero has no interest in the opposite sex. It seems when he's not wearing his neon green garb and accomplishing superhuman feats, the chiseled Green Lantern enjoys kissing his new boyfriend. And an upcoming issue of the comic will show just that to innocent children everywhere.

Perhaps DC Comics is trying to compete with its rival Marvel Comics, which announced just days earlier that it would host the first gay wedding in the June 20 issue of *Astonishing X-Men #51*. Of course, Marvel Comics has long proved more progressive on the gay superhero front. Northstar, an X-Men character, became the first openly gay superhuman in American comic book history way back in 1992.

And holy cow! There's also speculation that Batman is about to come out of his caved closet, which would confirm decades-old rumors that Batman and Robin are much more than friends in tights. In the name of gender equality, the comic book industry isn't likely to leave the ladies out. Will we soon see superheroines like Wonder Woman, Catwoman and the Invisible Woman holding hands, kissing and planning lesbian weddings within the pages of children's comic books?

Some have said the recent same-sex moves in the comic book industry are about driving more revenue to the bottom line. Others claim it's political correctness. I can't judge the motives of man's heart. No matter the motive, I see the rise of gay superheroes as just another example of the **spirit of immorality** waging war on young souls. Although gay comic book heroes are far from the only example of how the spirit of

immorality is targeting kids, it's one of the most blatant I've seen in some time.

By printing comic book covers showing gay marriage and men kissing within the publication's pages, the industry is planting seeds in young minds that this is a cultural norm. Sadly, it may be a cultural norm—54 percent of American adults consider gay or lesbian relations morally acceptable, according to a recent Gallup poll. Nevertheless, gay marriage is not a biblical norm. People can twist Scriptures to show God smiling on the **spirit of immorality** in any form it takes—and homosexuality is merely one manifestation looking for the Christian nod in today's society. But that doesn't make it true.

The word the **Holy Spirit** brought to my mind is "insidious," which Merriam-Webster defines as "awaiting a chance to entrap (treacherous); harmful but enticing (seductive); having a gradual and cumulative effect (subtle); and of a disease—developing so gradually as to be well established before becoming apparent." *Insidious* is the absolute right word to describe the spirit of immorality's work in the earth. The injection of gay superheroes into our children's worldview is just one of the most shocking recent examples.

One Million Moms may have said it best: "Children desire to be just like superheroes. Children mimic superhero actions and even dress up in costumes to resemble these characters as much as possible. Can you imagine little boys saying, 'I want a boyfriend or husband like X-Men'? Why do adult gay men need comic superheroes as role models? They want to indoctrinate impressionable young minds by placing these gay characters on pedestals in a positive light."

We're in an all-out war for the next generation—a generation too young to understand the battle. The **spirit of immorality** is working overtime to seduce our children—and the spirit of immorality doesn't fight fair. We need to bind the spirit of

sexual immorality. But we also need to pray for the people behind the industries that are pumping out anti-Christ content laced with immorality and idolatry of all kinds. We need to pray because I believe people who are leading our children into sin will pay a price if they don't repent.

Jesus said, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!" (Matt. 18:6-7)

I'm not condemning gays, lesbians, bisexuals or transgenders. God loves all people—all people: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:16-17). I believe that. I'm talking to the **spirit of immorality** that's deceived many—and it's not just gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders. The spirit of immorality's influence is widespread and gaining ground in the pulpit and in the pews. You've read the headlines. And there are likely many more cases of the spirit of sexual immorality's handiwork that you'll never hear about.

Indeed, when we come against the so-called "gay agenda" and other agendas that don't line up with the Word of God, we have to remember that gays and lesbians—flesh and blood—are not the enemy. Our enemy, in this case, is the **spirit of immorality**. And we're witnessing more than a culture war with the same-sex marriage debate, with the revelation of sex-selective abortions in the U.S., with human trafficking and even with ungodly entertainment. We're witnessing the manifestation of a spirit that we're called to subdue in the name of Jesus.

At the same time, we can't merely sit around and whine about

how the spirit of immorality is working to capture the hearts and minds of our children. It's our responsibility as parents to raise our children with biblical values—and it's not impossible. The Bible says if we raise a child up in the way he should go, he won't depart from it (Prov. 22:6).

We can't blame the drug dealers and the porn pushers and the gay agenda for apathetic youth who don't want to go to church by the time they are old enough to drive somewhere else on Sundays. We need to teach them the gospel, keep them in prayer, confess the Word over them, equip them to walk in Christ—and take authority over every spirit that would turn their hearts away from the truth. Amen.

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