

sounding evangelical himself. "It's pure sexuality. It's almost like pure heroin. It's such a rush. They are committed in almost a religious way. And they'll take enormous risks, do anything." He says that for married men and women, gay sex would be irresistible. "Martial sex tends toward the boring end," he points out. "Generally, it doesn't deliver the kind of sheer sexual pleasure that homosexual sex does" So, Cameron believes, within a few generations homosexuality would become the dominant form of sexual behavior.

So we are overwhelmingly attractive and irresistible. If we are allowed to flourish, heterosexuality will disappear.

This is like the Madrasses of Islamic fundamentalism, where boys cannot even see their mothers or sisters because contamination by the female might take away their resolve as warriors. Because you have to suppress feeling to be a soldier and kill your fellow human beings.

All militaries have used misogyny in the training of soldiers as well as rape in the practice of war. The forbidding of homosexuals in the military or at least the recognition that there are queers in the military is partly because a twisted suppressed form of homosocial bonding has been useful to the military.

The American Taliban would like to crucify us.

Yet what they fear most is their attraction to us.

This doesn't mean we are not in danger. But we can recognize their perversion of desire into hate, attraction to fear.

And we can continue to be queerer than ever.

We ought to know, as Audre Lorde told us, that our silence will not protect us. And also with Lorde to know that "When I use my strength in the service of my vision it makes no difference whether or not I am afraid."

Our adversaries' biggest weapon has always been our fear.

We must remember how much we have achieved in the relatively short span of our liberation movement.

And we must proceed in spite of fear. Queerer than ever! ▼

Those of us who pay attention to history know that in times of upheaval, scapegoats are created to take the brunt of the population's fear and hatred. In this country, the religious right wing wants to make us that scapegoat. They raise great amounts of money by demonizing us and blaming us for the ills of this country, ills which are in reality the product of unfettered and unethical capitalism and a patriarchy that is always concerned with displays of dominance.
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