

The Role of Christian Family Education in Anticipating Sexual Deviations in Society

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research was to provide an explanation of the first things to discover and explain the issue of sexual deviation as part of a Bible study. Second, to find and explain the factors that cause sexual deviation in society even though Allah only created men and women. This research is motivated by the author's concern with a phenomenon that exists in society, namely LGBT issues as something that is trending. Using qualitative methods in the form of interviews and literature studies, it was found that the family is the main person responsible for anticipating deviant sexual behavior in children. Parents are role models in spirituality who must instill the fear of God in their children, so that children find the correct self-image as God's creation, namely boys and girls. Families also need to provide proper education and encourage children to become future generations who make achievements and are proud of being children. The Bible must be the basic reference for spiritual education in the family.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The background to which this research was carried out was: first, studying issues that are prevalent in society when it comes to studying the Bible. Second, find out what factors cause sexual deviation in society? Third, find out about education in the family as an effective way to anticipate sexual deviation in a person.

In an interview with the family of a young man whose tendencies were gay, it was discovered that this started from the child's habit of hanging out with his peers who incidentally were also gay (lovers of

men). Then the boy felt comfortable, because his physical needs were met, regarding eating, drinking, clothing and the style he wanted could also be met. However, what is unfortunate is that in the end this boy experienced sexual deviation, where he became attracted to other men and this disturbed the family. Indeed, the family has tried to give advice, but due to limitations, where he is an orphan, and his mother is also seriously ill, it is difficult to communicate well so this child ends up falling deeper, and other families don't want to care. They gave this boy complete

freedom to do whatever his heart desires. And this is really worrying.

The formulation of this research question includes: first, what are the current issues that are currently occurring in Indonesian society regarding sexual deviation? Second, what are the factors that cause sexual deviations in society such as waria or beccong? Third, how can family education play a role in anticipating sexual deviation in society?

In this study the author's aims include: firstly finding and explaining the issue of sexual deviation as part of a Bible study. Second, to find and explain the factors that cause sexual deviation in society, for example the existence of waria or bencong even though Allah only created men and women and never created waria. Third, provide an explanation of the importance of family education, including the environment, which plays a role in anticipating sexual deviation in a person.

In research conducted by Lestari, it was stated that families are often not present in equipping children to receive correct education about sex. Lack of parenting knowledge is also another problem so that children are neglected. Lestari quoted that in a survey conducted by the AusAID survey institute in 2016, as many as 700 male teenagers aged between 16 and 20 years

were identified as having sex with each other.¹

The gap between needs and reality is a serious problem. And the current situation is something that is very worrying where children in families are in danger if they do not receive the right education from their respective families from an early age. As written by Anggun Mustika Yanti, parents should be the first people to provide educational services regarding the importance of understanding sexuality properly and correctly.²

Various deviant behaviors can be found in children's daily lives in the family. Starting from addiction to drugs, gadgets, and sexual orientation deviations are also often found today. The existence of bencong or transvestites in society and the presence of gays are disturbing things for parents who pay attention to the lives of their children. As Yuly Yanti Horman views, the family has an absolute responsibility to protect children from deviations in their behavior in the future.³

The phenomenon of deviant sexual behavior can also be found in detention centers. According to research conducted by Febrya and Elmirawati, one of the factors

¹ Rahayu Lestari, "Peran Keluarga Dalam Pendidikan Seksual Sebagai Pencegahan Penyimpangan Seksual LGBT Pada Remaja Di Kota Batam," *AS-SAID* Vol 3 No 1 (2023): 87-92.

² Anggun Mustika Yanti, "Peran Orang Tua Dalam Mencegah Penyimpangan Orientasi Seksual Pada Anak Di Kota Padang," *Jurnal Perspektif: Jurnal Kajian Sosiologi Dan Pendidikan Universitas Negeri Padang* Vol 3 No 1 (2020), <https://doi.org/10.24036/perspektif.v3i1.169>.

³ Yuly Yanti Horman, "Peran Keluarga Dalam Mencegah Perilaku Menyimpang," *E-Journal.Unsrat.Ac.Id*, 2018, 1-10.

causing deviant sexual orientation in prisoners at the Class IIA Pekan Baru prison is that it starts at home.⁴

The author highlights from the perspective of Christian theology that God created men and women. He did not make transvestites or gays. In the discussion, it is explained what role parents should play in the family as a precautionary measure so that children do not experience deviant sexual behavior.

II. METHODS

In this research, the research method used by the author is a qualitative method, namely through interviews and a library research approach. As stated by Cresswell, this method is appropriate to use even though it is more complex and requires more in-depth data analysis. Apart from using supporting literature, the author also conducted interviews with certain people to find initial assumptions regarding this topic. Through the chosen research approach, it is hoped that the research objectives can be achieved.

III. DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

The Importance of Family Education

Education is a basic need for everyone. This need is no less than the need for food and drink. Because with the development of civilization, someone

needs adequate education. It's not just about level but also about the quality of education obtained. In this case, family education has a significant role, because a child is first raised in the midst of a family, and the first education they receive is also in their respective families.

Both educators and students (students) have certain background experiences and potential. Students have the potential to imitate their teachers, and are educated towards maturity which is marked by characteristics including imitating the norms of the educator's behavior, participating in what the educator plays, in this case learning to search, discover and formulate for themselves, and learning directly solve problems faced by themselves, and accept the values developed by educators. The values that have been received from educators will later be passed on to the next generation.⁵

Education is also everyone's right to obtain it. Children have the right to receive education from their parents, and parents are responsible for providing education for their children. The education referred to in this case is how parents provide teaching, guidance, advice, discipline and instill values within the family, namely towards their children. As explained by Binsen S. Sidjaga, God has

⁴ Ingrid Weddy Viva Febrya, "Analisis Faktor Penyebab Orientasi Seksual Menyimpang Pada Narapidana Perempuan Kelas IIA Pekan Baru," *Jurnal.Uir.Ac.Id*, 2021, 13–30.

⁵ Burhanuddin Salam, *Pengantar Pedagogik* (Jakarta: Rineka Cipta, 2011).

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Family education is an urgent matter for each parent to carry out. If we ignore this, we will see negative and

detrimental impacts in this society. And indeed education in the family is something worth fighting for in order to create a prosperous family and a family that is pleasing to God and a blessing to the environment.

The family is an agent appointed by God to form the next generation of the church, the nation's successors who are healthy, qualified and have faith in God. The family is an institution chosen by God as a forum for providing Christian education and care. Indeed, there are other parties who also contribute, such as churches, schools and society at large. But family is a priority, considering that children spend the most time with their families.

Sexual Deviance as a Phenomenon in Modern Society

In today's modern society, it is not unusual to find transgender people who work as make-up artists (salon artists), artists, gym instructors and various other professions. There are even waria who become prostitutes in urban areas. It's sad to see them, who tend to experience sexual deviations where transvestites like those of their own kind (men). It is not surprising that currently the term LGBT is so popular.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender are sexually deviant practices in society. Indeed, this is contrary to the

⁶ B. Samuel Sidjabat, *Strategi Pendidikan Kristen* (Yogyakarta: ANDI Offset, 2016).

Bible, but in reality this practice is widespread and has become a common phenomenon today. There are even countries that have legalized same-sex marriage in the name of human rights. Christianity should reject this practice and maintain purity.

In research conducted by Saidah, it was found that concerns about the rise of LGBT should be taken seriously. Are parents willing in the name of human rights to have their children experience deviations in their sexual orientation? The legalized LGBT phenomenon is a threat in the future.⁷

We do not attack them personally, indeed they need to be accepted in society and it is hoped that they can recover from this LGBT problem. However, this is also not something that is easy, because when someone becomes a waria, becomes a lesbian or gay, they seem to be in a strong bond and are not easily healed or restored. It takes the love of Jesus to restore them, like Avi, a former artist who became a transvestite, and became a gay man who underwent transgender surgery. Before the end of his life he repented and asked for prayer and forgiveness from God, and in the end accepted his existence that he was a man. It's just that because you have had transgender surgery, it is no longer

possible to have a second operation. And in the end he died as a man.

Boyke Dian Nugraha, an Indonesian sexologist, stated that theoretically, there are three factors that can influence changes in the nature and attitude of becoming a waria, namely first, biological factors, where female sexual hormones are dominant in a person. This hormone makes a man's behavior pattern feminine and behaves like a woman. Second, psychogenic, there are men who become transgender because of psychological problems. A disharmonious family climate greatly affects children's psychology. For example, parents want to have a girl, but in reality it is a boy. The third factor is sociogenic, namely the social environment. A less conducive environment can also encourage deviant sexual behavior. Someone who has had a traumatic experience related to sexual deviance also has the opportunity to do the same thing, for example a case of sodomy experienced in childhood or adolescence, can cause someone to do the same thing.

Family Education as a Fort for the Child's Personality

The family can be a strong shield to protect children from various disturbing sexual deviations today. A healthy family certainly provides education and assistance to the children that God has given to every family. Psychology and education experts

⁷ Elbina Mamla Saidah, "Penyimpangan Perilaku Seksual (Menelaah Maraknya Fenomena LGBT Di Indonesia)," *Al-Islah: Jurnal Pendidikan* Vol 8 No 1 (2016), <https://doi.org/10.35445/alishlah.v8i1.32>.

generally state that the environment and agent that most influences the formation of character, faith and values is the family of origin. Before children receive influence from peers and teachers at school, they have already been shaped by their mother and father, and influenced by their siblings and caregivers.⁸

As written by Singgih D. Gunarsa, all behavior is the result of learning or the result of a learning process, so by directing certain learning processes, bad behavior that is not accepted by the environment can be replaced with other desired behavior. A person's personality traits or description are often influenced by their cultural background or surrounding environment.⁹

As quoted from Setiawan's article, communication within the family determines whether the family is harmonious or not? The family is the party who has the most interest in playing a role in overcoming deviant sexual behavior in children.¹⁰

Parents have their own difficulties nowadays to protect their children from bad influences. This is due to changes in lifestyle, and the more advanced human civilization, the more sophisticated technology becomes. All of this has

another impact on educators including parents. As mentioned by Ferry Yang, in the Toronto (America) curriculum, 3rd grade elementary school children are taught that LGBT is an okay lifestyle, which is normal and good. Homosexual life (gayness) is seen only as a preference or choice according to taste. In this case, the understanding that LGBT is a sin is removed. Imagine if this came to Indonesia and our children were faced with conditions like this.¹¹

The difficult situation experienced by parents in educating their children is indeed normal, and must be responded to by strengthening determination and efforts to continue creating a generation that is faithful, knowledgeable and lives in God's beautiful design. Parents really need to equip themselves to be able to provide supervision and care for their children so that they are not exposed to bad influences, including in terms of sexual deviation or LGBT. As early as possible, children are taught that they are boys or girls. And Allah never created transgender people. If someone becomes a waria, it is not because of God but because of deviations, namely things that should not happen.

Parents as Spiritual Role Models

In a child's life, parents have an important role in forming the child's

⁸ B. Samuel Sidjabat, *Membesarkan Anak Dengan Kreatif* (Yogyakarta: ANDI Offset, 2015).

⁹ Singgih D Gunarsa, *Dasar Dan Teori Perkembangan Anak* (Jakarta: Libri, 2016).

¹⁰ Rizki Fazar Setiawan, "Peran Keluarga Dalam Mengatasi Perilaku Seksual Menyimpang Pada Anak," *antaranews.com*, 2021.

¹¹ Ferry Yang, *Pendidikan Kristen* (Surabaya: Momentum, 2018).

identity. How can children be helped to accept themselves as God accepts a child. Parents need to be role models in spirituality. The truth of God's word is taught not only through words but also through daily actions, where children can find that they are valuable in the eyes of God, and valuable in the eyes of their parents. The example of parents in spiritual matters also boosts other aspects, for example knowledge, attitudes, obedience to norms and social relations in society.

The tendency of children to become problematic children when they do not find an example in their parents, so that sometimes they have to seek compensation or do even extreme things to get their parents' attention or as an attempt to escape the child's dissatisfaction. As Santrock writes, children need a positive environment to produce quality learning. For the author, a positive environment for learning includes parental example.¹²

The spirituality of parents has a correlation with other things in parents, for example a parent's sense of responsibility, love and care for their children, parents who are spiritual and love God will strive to be good parents and responsible. Striving to teach the children he was given in respect for God. Parents with this type are needed to be able to provide

anticipatory prevention for children who experience sexual deviation. Children can accept their existence as a boy or a girl naturally or normally.

Children Find the Correct Self-Image

A child's self-image or self-image can be damaged due to various things. Bad experiences in a broken home can damage a child's self-image. Personal bad experiences can also damage a child's self-image or self-image, for example a child has experienced sexual abuse, has experienced rape or sodomy and has experienced other bad things, this can have long-term impacts. A child needs healing from God for these things.

Parents need to instill in their children the truth of God's word so that children discover that they are a special image of God. They are valuable to God and valuable to parents. Children also find their self-image through various valuable experiences in life, with various achievements, with recognition from parents, and unconditional acceptance from parents helps children to find a good self-image that is in accordance with God's word.

Children who succeed in finding their proper self-image will not want to be transgender, gay or lesbian when they are teenagers or adults. A child's self-acceptance of himself is influenced by the environment in which he lives and is

¹² John W. Santrock, *Psikologi Pendidikan* (Jakarta: Prenada Kencana Group, 2011).

raised. As written by Lawrence O. Richards, the family is an important component in the system of raising children patterned in the Old Testament, where God gave explicit commands. What does one generation know about God and how does that need to be communicated to new generations who have not had that experience? Faith must be communicated. This new generation must know, love and obey the God of their parents, and of course their God.¹³

Children's introduction to God will help them to find the correct image of themselves in accordance with God's will. In fact, in many ways, children will be helped when they have the right relationships. Gets along well in the family and in the environment. The family can be a strong support for children to resist various bad influences from the environment, from various media and from various phenomena in modern society.

Becoming a Generation of Achievers

There are many problems that threaten today's young generation, including drug cases, the rise of various criminal acts among teenagers, cases of radicalism and what is no less trending are cases of sexual deviation (LGBT). These cases are problems that color the lives of today's young people. In fact, the Bible has

explained the sin of sexual perversion. Just look at the incident of Sodom and Gomorrah which were destroyed by fire because of the sin of sexual perversion. Likewise in the New Testament texts. Effeminate and philanderers have no share in the kingdom of God (1 Cor 6:9).

There are many real hopes on the shoulders of today's young generation, to create a strong and successful nation. What will happen when Indonesia is 100 years old? This is often said. And of course the future of this country depends on how this young generation lives and lives their lives. In various walks of life, people who deliberately harm this country are those who have a good educational background, have studied at advanced universities, and quite a few are also children from well-established families. However, these people do less than commendable things and cause state losses, for example through acts of corruption and abuse of office. And on the other hand there are those who become rioters with the radicalism movement by carrying out acts of terror in various places, and propagating hate speech through religious pulpits, and on the other hand there are those who destroy other people's lives by becoming drug dealers, and also destroying themselves. himself by becoming a drug user. This is indeed something of concern.

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Those who are LGBT also damage this country, by giving a bad example to young people, which can destroy people's lives, because they end up living in a state of impropriety. LGBT should be addressed wisely, and for Christians the reference is the Bible. LGBT cannot be legalized simply under the pretext of humanity or human rights, because in the life of faith, the Bible is the highest authority for Christians.

IV. CONCLUSION

From the description above, the author concludes several things, including: *First*, that there are many factors that cause someone to experience sexual deviation. and families have a significant role in providing education to children so that they can anticipate sexual deviations in children. Education in this family should be given from an early age, so that children truly realize that they are male or female, and with the assistance of parents, children will be ready to face their future.

Second, in family education children are also led to discover that they are the image of God. A correct self-image will help a child grow well and become an effective person. Children who succeed in finding their self-image according to the will of God's word will certainly be able to live their lives correctly. Allah created men and women, and Allah never created “*waria*” or “*bencong*” or lesbians and gays. Those who experience sexual deviation can occur due to various factors and they need to be helped to rediscover their self-image in accordance with God's word.

Third, Family education can also help a child prepare for a brilliant future. The Christian values taught to children will become the patrons that guide them on how they should live in society. The values they hold will also help them to become the next generation of a nation that can be proud of

in the future. There are many things that these young people must prepare for in the future so that they become individuals who have an impact wherever they are. A generation of achievers will result from families who give full concentration to educating their children ready to achieve a future full of hope in God.

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