



SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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"It is crucial to understand that if we do not resist Sodom, then in a few years it will devour us, just as it did with Europe." — Alexey Makarov

Opposing Sodom by Force

A couple years ago I discovered a website and email called "Russian Faith." Started by a publisher in Connecticut the English website focuses on the current situation with the Orthodox Church in Russia. The Editor is an American who recently immigrated to Russia with his large family. He is a Priest in the Russian Orthodox Church.

Father Joseph Gleason abandoned America because American culture abandoned him.

The forceful imposition of sodomy on his family by pop culture and the government here led him to the conclusion that America is a sinking ship. He abandoned a declining Christian nation (America) for a rising one. Here's a recent headline on the Russian Faith website, "Astonishing Church Growth in Russia Sees Record Number Training for Priesthood." And another, "Russia Wants More Babies: \$14,000 for Families of 3 or More, Award Ceremonies at Kremlin With Putin."

I came to a similar conclusion about America many years ago. While evidence continues to surface in my reading and experience that inspires interest in, admiration even, for Eastern Europe — I love my nation, America. It is my home. I don't want to leave. With rising anxiety, however, I wonder about the wisdom of that decision.

A friend reported from Oregon yesterday. He and some faithful Christians presented a gospel witness with signs at a "gay" pride parade in a small Oregon town. My friend, who has served on the front lines of the war with Big Sodomy for over a decade, reported he has never seen it so bad. He believes that physical violence against Christians, with the police in full support, is near.

Police in America have been complicit with all things "gay" for years. It is reasonable to conclude that they will soon use their authority — the gun — to enforce the ideology of Sodom.

And why not? All of the elites who create and review our laws have been either soft toward Sodom, or complicit, my whole lifetime. Intellectuals are the dumbest people I meet.

The Russian Faith article that inspired this column is headlined, "Opposing Sodom by Force — Orthodox Christian Missionary Alexey Makarov Explains." The missionary predicts that failure to resist the imposition of sodomy will devour Russia, "just as it did with Europe."

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The Liturgy Chief for the Vatican confirms Makarov's observation saying in a Paris interview last month that Western Civilization is in its final hour. Commenting on the fire in Notre Dame Cathedral the Cardinal compared the West to the famous spire that dramatically went up in smoke. "Notre Dame of Paris symbolized the whole West buckling and crumbling after turning away from God."

Makarov opens his article arguing that it is the job of state authorities, as well as laity, to "prevent people from promoting perversion." He then quotes from the Bible in Leviticus. "If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them." Then Paul the Apostle to the Roman Christians speaking about those who commit homosexual acts, "those who practice such things are deserving of death."

Makarov's most stunning evidence from history for the intervention of the State in this matter is from the time of one of history's greatest Christian holy emperors, St. Justinian.

"Having discovered a number of homosexuals, conducting an investigation and identifying them, St. Justinian had some of them castrated with spears. And for others, he ordered that sharp sticks be shoved into their shameful orifices, forcing them to walk in a public procession through the agora. There were also many officials and senators, as well as many bishops, who had their property confiscated, and who were driven along the agora until they died a miserable death. The remaining people began to fear, and thus they became chaste."

— St. Symeon Metaphrastes Logothete, Chronicle, Justinian, 9

He then writes, "The greatest Russian religious writer, St. Maxim the Greek, wrote that Christians are obliged not only to disdain this 'godless filth' but also to 'anathematize' those who do it and to 'burn them with fire'."

Makarov continues, "These decrees do not contradict the Christian commandments of love and forgiveness. If we were to believe that homosexuals do not need to be punished, then it would also be necessary to advocate the abolition of punishments for other sins, such as murder, theft, etc."

Societal consideration for things sexual should affirm sexual activity in the marriage bed. All else must be considered in light of punishment or ostracism. The Bible affirms this approach to human sexuality. Common sense confirms the Bible's instruction.

We've become confused because we're all Freudians now. We can't really help it. The perverted "scientist's" ideas permeate everything, especially our institutions of lower learning.

I commend Alexey's entire article to you. Here is the link to it.

<https://russian-faith.com/orthodox-missionary-alexey-makarov-opposition-sodom-force-n2251>

"I affirm that these [homosexuals] are worse than murderers, since it is better to die than to live after such a shame. The murderer separates the soul from the body, while this one destroys the soul along with the body."

— St. John Chrysostom, 4th homily on the book of Romans