the invisible minority
the homosexuals in our society

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Questions and Answers Concerning the Homosexual Way of Life.
Homosexuality as a Problem for Science and Society

This book arises out of two experiences on the part of the author. For the past several years (1965-68) I have been engaged in a scientific study of the male homosexual community in the San Francisco Bay Area, under a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. The more I have studied male homosexuality the more I have become impressed with its seriousness as a social problem; it is perhaps the most serious undiscussed problem in the United States today.

Granted that the public discussion of, e.g., the Negro prob-
Figure 163. Homosexual-homosexual rating scale

Based on both psychological measures and overt experience, individuals rated in the following categories:

6. Exclusively homosexual with no heterosexual
5. Predominantly homosexual, only occasionally heterosexual
4. Equally homosexual, but more than incidentally heterosexual
3. Predominantly heterosexual, but more than incidentally homosexual
2. Homosexually lean, but incidentally heterosexual
1. Predominantly heterosexual with no homosexual

Study can be made of such possible correlations between patterns of sexual behavior and other qualities in the individual, it is necessary to understand the incidence and frequency of the homosexual in the population, and the relation of the homosexual activity in each individual's behavior.
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR IN THE HUMAN MALE

much the same principles. While these scales have made it more apparent that there may be gradations between exclusively heterosexual and exclusively homosexual individuals, or between the extremes of masculinity and the extremes of femininity, the implication is always present that an individual's choice of a sexual partner is closely related to the masculinity or femininity of his personality.

It should be pointed out that scientific judgments on this point have been based on little more than the same sorts of impressions which the general public has had concerning homosexual persons. But before any sufficient

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**Figure 161. Heterosexual-homosexual rating scale**

Based on both psychologic reactions and overt experience, individuals rate as follows:

0. Exclusively heterosexual with no homosexual
1. Predominantly heterosexual, only incidentally homosexual
2. Predominantly heterosexual, but more than incidentally homosexual
3. Equally heterosexual and homosexual
4. Predominantly homosexual, but more than incidentally heterosexual
5. Predominantly homosexual, but incidentally heterosexual

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population whose histories are most their overt experience and it is true to individuals in the population whose, both in experience and in psychic sense there is a considerable portion of a combined, within their individual heterosexual experience and in psychic sense experiences predominance, there are some of both types of experience.

Some of the males who are involved in their lives, may have only the other. There may be considerable fluctuations; males may be involved in both he within the same period of time. For in both heterosexual and homosexual same month or week, or even in individuals who engage in group activities, contact with partners of both the males do not represent two a homosexual. The world is not to be divided into two: black and white, things are not so simple. The world is a continuum, and we must learn to understand the complexities of human nature. Some people engage in both heterosexual and homosexual activities, and they may experience varying degrees of identity throughout their lives. Such a continuum is illustrated in Figure 161. An individual may be
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A BRIEF OF INJUSTICES

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Pulver harassment and denial of civil rights in San Francisco to persons presumed to be homosexual have raised issues of concern to all citizens. To bring this situation to the attention of the public, the Board of Trustees of The Council on Religion and the Homosexual, Inc., has prepared this Brief of Injustices.

As a result of their involvement with the Council, many clergy members became aware of injustices which, until now, have been largely ignored by society. The clergy members of the Council's Board made their own investigation, and upon hearing their conclusions the Board of Trustees concurred. Consequently, this Brief is presented as the consensus of the Board.

The Council had its beginnings with a series of small group meetings which included homosexuals, members of the religious community, leaders of homophile organizations, and other interested persons. After considering pertinent scientific and professional literature, we began a series of discussions with lawyers, doctors, psychiatrists, social workers, and others knowledgeable in the field. With this background we held a consultation involving thirty people interested in the project. From this consultation there developed the idea of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual. Goals were established; the Council was formed, the later incorporated, and the major work began.

Up to this point the results of our investigations were neither conclusive nor consistent. Therefore in order to understand better the ramifications of homosexual behavior, we began direct observation of the homosexuals' relationships. The clergy started visiting so-called "gay bars," dances, discussion groups and other social functions. Many of us spent time examining the little-publicized problem area in the homosexual's existence: male prostitution, the aging

the police and perhaps even from the general community. Our answer: We know that we cannot accept quietly the unexpected pressures to which persons of homosexual orientation are being subjected.

During many discussions with lawyers, including those involved in the court cases which followed the dance, we have discovered that there is very little justice for the homosexual. The reasons for this are disturbing. For instance, we were surprised to discover that while it is not against the law to be homosexual, the law forbids specific acts which are illegal whether performed by homosexuals, heterosexuals, or presumably even by children. We question whether such laws are either just or reasonable. Sexual acts are among the most private areas of human expression. As private acts, they should not be the subject of law. We also believe that law should sustain the right of each individual to engage in private sexual activity. Most sex laws are unjust, vague, unenforceable or unrealistic. Such laws serve to open up avenues for blackmail, police brutality, and the violation of civil rights.

The fact that the adult homosexual bears the brunt of a sporadic and prejudicial enforcement of such laws seems to be the choice of the law enforcement agencies themselves. In recent years there has been an increase in arrests for violations of these laws, but the enforcement has been directed almost exclusively against male homosexuals. If capricious enforcement of unjust laws continues, the day will soon arrive when irritated or overzealous police officers may, at their own discretion, impose their own prejudices on some of the most intimate and private concerns of human life.

This, then, is the first great injustice: Homosexuals are being
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