

DT002 - Is homosexuality unnatural?

The letter on homosexuality from Mr R O Johnson, director of the Nationwide Festival of Light (22 December 1978) makes me want to start a Worldwide Festival of Delight. As a happily married heterosexual, I feel the same distaste at the director's talk of 'perverts' as (being a white Englishman) I feel at talk of 'wogs' or 'niggers'. Language like that affronts large numbers of inoffensive people. It should not be used in a civilised society. The director, while accepting that some people naturally possess a homosexual emotional orientation, says that they must not engage in homosexual practices, 'which are unnatural and represent a serious distortion of human sexuality'. Surely this argument is misconceived. It is natural to human beings to engage in sexual acts. If the nature of any human beings is homosexual how can it be unnatural for their sexual acts to be with their own sex? Surely the reverse is true. The director's views are based on traditional Christian doctrine, which holds that the flesh lusteth against the spirit and should be denied. But many people now believe this doctrine to be wrong, and even harmful.¹

¹ *Daily Telegraph*, 29 December 1978.DT2