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A new book co-authored by missionary Peter Hammond is being reviewed for banning by the South African government's Film and Publications Board (FPB). The FPB has received complaints from homosexual organisations against "*The Pink Agenda – Sexual Revolution and the Ruin of the Family*." If the book were banned, it would be the first non-porn book banned since the ANC took over in 1994. The militant homosexual activist organisation, The Gay and Lesbian Equality Project, has declared that the book "instils hatred and prejudice" that they believe it is unsuitable reading "*for young minds that are still being formed*" and that it is "*the worst homophobic hate speech ever published in South Africa*"!

A FPB official confirmed today that the Board will hold a hearing on the book this Friday morning, 25 January. The book publishers, Christian Liberty Books, are invited to put their case, in defence of the book, to the Board at 10 am. The complaints are that the book contravenes the "*prejudice*" and "*hate speech*" clauses in the Film and Publications Act.

Co-author Christine Mc Cafferty says that this attempt by The Equality Project to ban the book is typical of the intolerance of homosexual activism worldwide. "Our book shows how homosexual activists' constantly attempt to ban and censor anything that disagrees with their view on homosexuality or anyone who attempts to stop the promotion of homosexuality in society. When they call for "*freedom*", it is only "*freedom for their own agenda*."

Co-author Peter Hammond called on Christians to please pray that freedom of speech will be protected in South Africa. He said, "*It would be a scandalous irony if all types of obscenity are protected, but genuine research and academic endeavour is banned. Pray that we will be able to continue to distribute the book widely and to get the truth out about the radical homosexual agenda*"

Please find below an article published on the Mail and Guardian's Q-online in January this year, and replies from authors Peter Hammond and Christine Mc Cafferty. An official complaint about the article has been made by Africa Christian Action to South Africa's press ombudsman.

**PRAYER ACTION:** Please pray for the outcome of the Film and Publications Board hearing into The Pink Agenda and against attempts by homosexual activists to ban the book and so stifle open debate on the homosexual agenda and its far reaching implications.

Pray that the complaint ACA has made concerning the Mail and Guardian's poor and unethical journalism to the press ombudsman be effective.

For more information, please contact [admin@christianaction.org.za](mailto:admin@christianaction.org.za). To order your copy of the book (R58 per copy in South Africa; \$8 overseas) before there is any possibility of a ban on distribution, please contact Christian Liberty Books at [admin@christianlibertybooks.co.za](mailto:admin@christianlibertybooks.co.za)

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MAIL AND GUARDIAN Q-ONLINE ARTICLE (www.q.co.za)  
15 January 2002

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Religious right attacks gays in new book

Reverend Peter Hammond, accused by the Sudanese government of gun running in 1999, has launched an attack on gays who are, according to him, on "The Slippery Slope to Paedophilia".

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> Own correspondent  
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Johannesburg -- A new book regarded by many as the worst homophobic hate speech ever published in South Africa, has hit the shelves. Sexual Revolution in South Africa: The Pink Agenda The ruin of the Family warns

that gays and lesbians are on "the slippery slope to paedophilia." The book, co-authored by Christine McCafferty, attacks gay rights as a human right.

Some chapters sensationally contain hate speech language such as "The Slippery Slope to Paedophilia" and "Protecting Society from Homosexuality".

Evert Knoesen of the Lesbian and Gay Equality Project warns that this kind of language will be illegal under the Equality Act that was passed in 2000, but that has not come into effect yet.

"The book paints a picture of all gay men as paedophiles. It suggests that homosexuality is curable disease, and that lesbian and gay people are conspiring to destroy the church, the family and society," says Knoesen.

Lesbian and gay people are being portrayed as a pestilence and inevitable victims of pestilence," he says.

The book also claims that homosexuality is nothing other than "a moral choice" for immorality.

The Equality Project has responded saying that "The book is nothing but homophobic hate speech presented as scientific fact."

Christine McCafferty and Peter Hammond have links with the extreme religious right and McCafferty was the media spokesperson for the ACDP (African Christian Democratic Party) - the only party that opposed the Equality Clause in the South African Constitution.

Hammond himself has been accused by the Sudanese government of gun-running two years ago, being a vocal supporter of the pro-gun lobby in South Africa.

Knoesen points out that the Film and Publications Act also prohibits certain forms of hate speech and expects public complaints being filed with them because of the book.

"We are opposed to censorship in general. We do not believe, however, that this book makes suitable reading for young minds that are still being formed. We believe it instills hatred and prejudice," he says.

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### REPLY FROM PETER HAMMOND

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January 17th, 2002

Please allow me the opportunity to respond to the Mail & Guardian article "Religious Right Attacks gays in new book", as the article includes some slanderous accusations against Christine McCafferty and myself as the authors.

The M & G article doesn't deal with any of the issues raised in our book: "The Pink Agenda – Sexual Revolution in South Africa and the Ruin of the Family", but instead it proceeds to attack the persons writing the book.

The “shoot the messenger and ignore the facts” tactic is surely beneath any serious journalist. It is never acceptable to attack the person instead of dealing with the arguments raised by that person. Nor was there any attempt to obtain quotes from those being attacked – to get the other side and present a balanced and fair article.

Your correspondent describes our book as “the worst homophobic hate speech ever published in South Africa”, “hate speech”, which “instills hatred and prejudice” and should be “illegal” under the Equality Act!

All of these emotive comments seem quite excessive. Did the person who accused us of all these things even read the book? As we made clear in *The Pink Agenda*, we are not against the individuals involved in homosexuality, but are opposing the radical agenda of homosexual extremists, such as turning our schools into homosexual recruitment centres. The book actually promotes Christian love and concern for people involved in homosexuality. The book ends with a testimony of a homosexual who was converted to Christ. It has a positive message of hope and freedom for people involved in homosexuality.

It is also quite bizarre that the author of this article should have wanted to align itself with the Government of Sudan, by making use of its slanderous accusations of “gun-running” against myself. I’ve been a missionary to persecuted Christians in restricted access areas for the last 20 years. I have never been involved in any gun-running anywhere. When arrested by the socialist governments in Zambia and Mozambique in the 1980’s, these governments concerned were forced to release me after thorough investigation. If there had been any shred of evidence for these outrageous accusations of gun-running, I would probably still be locked up. I would not waste my time, disgrace my missionary calling or displace 1kg of Bibles or medicines to take weapons of war into these desperately needy countries. They have more than enough weapons in Sudan already. What Sudan needs is the Gospel of Christ and healing from medicines and the Word of God.

I have been responsible for smuggling in over 200 000 Bibles and Christian books in 21 languages into Sudan. However, the radical government of Sudan, which is involved in bombing schools, hospitals and churches in the South, could not accuse us of what we are really doing – smuggling Bibles and medicines to their own citizens who are being subjected to aerial bombardments by their own government. So, as one would expect from a government, which came to power through a violent, military coup, and stays in power by terror and atrocities, they have manufactured a slanderous accusation, which it would seem that your correspondent is

eager to believe. Does this mean, that the anonymous, "own correspondent" supports the National Islamic Front government in Sudan and its repressive policies towards, not only homosexuals, but all the other people unfortunate enough to be under their control?

Instead of recklessly accusing well-meaning people, (who are actually doing something positive to help the unfortunate) of "hate speech", it would be more constructive if your journalist actually read the book to see what it really says.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Peter Hammond

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REPLY FROM CHRISTINE MC CAFFERTY

19 January 2002

To the Editor

Read, before judging

I am disappointed by the unprofessional bit of emotive journalese attempting to pose as an article on the newly released book on homosexual activism, The Pink Agenda, in January's M&G Q-online. It was obvious that M&G's 'own correspondent' had not read the book or done any research himself. He did not even quote from any source other than the obviously partial Equality Project and even worse, he did not even contact the authors for comment although he felt free to make biased and unsubstantiated attacks on them and the book.

Own correspondent' incorrectly says that the book accuses gays and lesbians of being on "the slippery slope to paedophilia". What the authors did in fact say and document was that Western society has become extremely sexualised and that the Western world is itself on the start of a slippery slope to the acceptance of all kinds of sexual behaviour, which includes paedophilia. In many politically correct circles paedophilia is now referred to as "intergenerational intimacy" and by homosexual paedophile activist organisations as "man-boy love".

An Equality Project spokesman Evert Knoesen says that the book paints all gay men as paedophiles. This is a blatant lie. The Pink Agenda cites six studies, among the many that have been published, that show that one third of child molestations are homosexual, and that people involved in homosexuality are 10-20 times more like to engage in paedophilia, but it nowhere says that all people involved in homosexuality are paedophiles.

Knoesen also says The Pink Agenda suggests homosexuality is a "curable disease". A simple overview by the M&G's 'own correspondent' would have shown that the book goes to great lengths to show that homosexuality is not a disease and has no connection to any medical condition whatsoever. Although 'pro-gay' researchers have tried for over thirty years to show that homosexuality is caused by hormonal, genetic or biological problems, they have been unsuccessful. The fact is that homosexual behaviour, including sodomy, is exactly that - a behaviour. And yes it is curable, and for that there is scientific proof. World renowned psychiatrist Robert L. Spitzer said after his study of 200 men and women who left homosexuality, "... I thought that homosexual behaviour could only resisted and that no one could really change their sexual orientation. I now believe that to be false. Some people can and do change."

And that is the message of the book - there is a way out of the homosexual lifestyle. 81% of the people interviewed in Spitzer's study left homosexuality because they found that it was "not emotionally satisfying" referring to widespread promiscuity and stormy, painful relationships.

As a result of Spitzer's truthful, though "politically incorrect" stand, he has been attacked and has had to cancel appearances citing "concern for his family".

Homosexual activists typically attack anyone who dares disagree with their narrow and claustrophobic ideas on homosexuality and sodomy, and it is in this same spirit that Knoesen makes his threats about ensuring that The Pink Agenda is not read by the public and especially the youth - and that complaints will be filed with the Film and Publications Board. There are

many books similar to The Pink Agenda published across the world, including in the United States and Europe. It would be a sad day for SA if it becomes the only country to ban carefully researched books that seek to promote debate on this very important topic.

Before you judge the book, make sure that you read it, unlike the M&G reporter.

Christine Mc Cafferty

Co-author of The Pink Agenda

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#### ACA'S LETTER OF COMPLAINT TO THE PRESS OMBUDSMAN

The Press Ombudsman  
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21 January 2002

Dear Mr Edward Linington

M&G q-online article "Religious Right attacks gays in new book"

We hereby make an official complaint against the Mail and Guardian as regards their Q-online ([www.q.co.za](http://www.q.co.za)) article entitled "Religious Right attacks gays in new book" in January 2002 (see attached). The article is about Africa Christian Action's newly released book about homosexual



activism, *The Pink Agenda: Sexual Revolution in South Africa and the Ruin of the Family*. Our complaints are as follows:

1) The writer of the article, 'Own correspondent', did not quote nor cite the opinion of any source other than the obviously partial Gay and Lesbian Equality Project.

2) He did not contact the authors for comment although he felt free to attack both them personally and their book. This is a violation of journalistic ethics as the subject of accusations should be given an opportunity to respond.

3) There were a number of blatant falsehoods in the article, none of which the authors of *The Pink Agenda* were given opportunity to respond to. 'Own correspondent' falsely states that the book accuses gays and lesbians of being on "the slippery slope to paedophilia". What the authors did in fact say and document was that Western society has become extremely sexualised and that the Western world itself is on the start of a slippery slope to the acceptance of all kinds of sexual behaviour, which includes paedophilia. This was not an attack on people involved in homosexuality per se, but a comment on Western civilisation in general.

4) 'Own correspondent' writes that the book is "regarded by many as the worst homophobic hate speech ever published in South Africa..." He however never qualifies who the "many" are and never cites any other source in the article except The Gay and Lesbian Equality Project.

5) Christine Mc Cafferty did not "attack gay rights as a human right", but in the book questions whether rights should be granted on the basis of certain types of behaviour, whether sexual or non-sexual, as opposed to rights being based on innate inborn characteristics. This is not "hate speech" but is a standard legal argument and one that was accepted by the courts in the United States, for example, (*Bowers v. Chadwick*, 1986) when the sodomy laws were unsuccessfully challenged in the US Supreme Court.

6) 'Own correspondent' also did not seek comment on The Equality Project Evert Knoesen's statement that "this kind of language will be illegal under the Equality Act.." The statement is not challenged nor is further comment sought even though it is in blatant contradiction to Judge Albie Sachs's ruling in the Constitutional Court decision on sodomy that "those persons who for reasons of religious or other belief disagree with or condemn homosexual conduct are free to

hold and articulate such beliefs.”

7) Equality Project spokesman Knoesen then proceeds with at least two blatant lies: that the book “paints all gay men as paedophiles” and that homosexuality is a “disease”. The Pink Agenda cites six studies, among the many that have been published, that show that roughly one third of child molestations are homosexual, and that people involved in homosexuality are 10-20 times more likely to engage in paedophilia, but nowhere does it say that all homosexuals are paedophiles. Knoesen says The Pink Agenda suggests homosexuality is a “curable disease”. A simple overview by the Mail and Guardian’s ‘own correspondent’ would have shown that the book goes to great lengths to show that homosexuality is not a disease and has no connection to any medical condition whatsoever. Although ‘pro-gay’ researchers have tried for over thirty years to show that homosexuality is caused by hormonal, genetic or biological problems, they have been unsuccessful. The book states that homosexual behaviour, including sodomy, is exactly that - a behaviour and not a disease.

8) ‘Own correspondent’ cites accusations against co-author Peter Hammond involving gun-running to Sudan without seeking him personally for any comment. When the Government of Sudan made the unsubstantiated accusations in 1999, and the Mail and Guardian printed them, Peter Hammond’s refutation was published in full - without further comment - by Mail and Guardian the week after. The accusations were not printed again in Mail and Guardian until this article.

9) ‘Own correspondent’ quotes Knoesen saying that the book “instils hatred and prejudice”, and once again does not allow the authors to explain their intentions as regards the book, or the positive feedback and reactions they have had from readers of the book.

We are concerned that the Mail and Guardian reporter has not read the book and the inferior style of journalism does the institution of media in South Africa no justice. We are concerned about the violation of journalistic ethics that includes not allowing the subjects of the article’s criticism the right of reply. We look forward to your response to this official complaint.

Yours sincerely,

Charl van Wyk

Africa Christian Action Director

Other related articles:-

[The Pink Agenda](#)

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