

What we presently believe is always determined from the past. When does the past begin for each of us? A few of my same sex attraction (SSA) friends are convinced they had no choice. Being attracted to the same sex for them is just as natural as being drawn to the opposite gender for the rest of us. Some will try for a while to be something they are not and finally reconcile to conclude they were born gay.

First, here are my thoughts about those who might have struggled from unfortunate environmental incidents at a very young age. I do not believe God creates homosexuals, but I do believe an infant can experience traumatic emotional scars during the first three years and not be able to consciously recall them.

Now, more controversially, we are all born vulnerable to sin; original sin as some religions call it. Simply put, we are born with a propensity to fear. As I observe people, I see the possibility for fear to manifest in the womb as a result of external environmental signals that stimulate “insufficient self worth” prior to birth and cause a rejection of normal manifestations of love. Babies while in the womb respond to their mother’s environment and outside stimuli, both positive and negative. I believe the human fetus can be severely wounded psychologically during the early months of gestation but especially later while in the womb.

Then, as very young children we become great observers, but terribly lousy interpreters. Young children overhear conversations and immediately translate and process what they observe internally into self evaluations.

I was told a story of a toddler overhearing her mother discussing an institution dedicated to helping retarded children. The young child immediately started crying as she processed what she heard and said to her mother, “Mommy am I retarded?” What if she had not asked for an explanation? As we think in our subconscious, so we become.

Our wounded hearts, I believe, may become damaged at very early ages and, as stated above, prior to birth. Why do I think this? It’s because parents and environments are not perfect and Satan is after us from the time of conception. Someone once said, “If parents were perfect we would not need God to intercede.

Paul writes in Romans 6: 12-18 *“...do not let sin reign in our mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God... For sin shall NOT be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. ...Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey -- whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you USED to be slaves to sin.... You HAVE BEEN SET FREE from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.”*

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