

# Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity

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- I. Why are we having this lecture? What can we hope to learn?
  - A. How was sexuality defined in the ancient world?
  - B. How did notions of sexuality differ from defined sex roles?
  - C. What was the notion of family?
  - D. What were condemnations / taboos regarding sex?
  
- II. Dangers from extrapolating ancient sexuality / gender roles into modern terms
  
- III. Geography, Myth, and Sexuality
  - A. Mesopotamia
  - B. Egypt
  - C. Ancient Israel
    1. Why were Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed?
    2. Deuteronomy 23: 17-18; Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13
    3. Sin of Onan
  
- IV. China
  - A. The yin and yang of Daoist Sex
  - B. Confucianism
    1. Notions of family
    2. Chinese Pillow Books
  
- V. India
  - A. *Kama Sutra*
  - B. The third sex
  - C. Tantric Sex
  
- VI. Greece
  - A. Reign of the Phallus
    1. Greek Male Love
      - (a) Pederasty as a social institution
      - (b) *Erastes* and *Eromenos*
    2. Symposiums and the Gymnasia
    3. Wives and *Hetaerae*
  - B. Amazons, Athena, and Lesbians
  
- VII. Ancient Rome to Early Christianity
  - A. Hyper-masculinity and effeminacy
  - B. Virginal, virtuous women
  - C. What did Paul really say about homosexuality?
    1. Romans 1:26-27
    2. 1 Corinthians 6:9
    3. 1 Timothy 1:10