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## “Ignorance is a choice. Sexual orientation is not.”

— Eric Marcus

More than 50% of Americans believe homosexual relations between consenting adults should be legal, according to a recent Gallup poll. Yet a majority of Americans also believe that homosexual relations are immoral. The United States remains passionately divided on a range of gay issues, from equal rights for gay people and gay marriage to the proper role of openly gay and lesbian people in the military and the clergy. In the midst of such heated debate, knowledge reigns supreme, yet many people struggle to know which questions to ask.

For those who are looking for facts instead of fiction about a subject that remains at the top of the nation’s political and social agenda, Eric Marcus offers **IS IT A CHOICE? *Answers to the Most Frequently Asked Questions About Gay and Lesbian People*** (HarperSanFrancisco Publishers; Paperback; \$14.95; ISBN 0-06-083280-0; September 2005).

Did you ever wonder what Jesus really said about homosexuals? Or how about:

- How do you know you’re gay?
- Can gay people choose to be heterosexual if they really want to be?
- Should openly gay people be allowed to serve in the military?
- Are gay couples monogamous?
- Do gay parents raise gay children?
- Is homosexuality a sin?

**IS IT A CHOICE?** has sold more than 75,000 copies in English since its first publication in 1993. Already published in several languages around the world, including Hebrew, Thai, Spanish, and Japanese, this third edition is completely updated and revised to reflect the latest information and to provide the most current resources.

**ERIC MARCUS** is the author of a dozen books, including *Breaking the Surface*, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling autobiography of Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis. He’s also the author of *Making Gay History*; *What if Someone I Know Is Gay?*; *Together Forever*; *The Male Couple’s Guide*; and *Pessimisms: Famous (and not so famous) Observations, Quotations, Thoughts, and Ruminations on What to Expect When You’re Expecting the Worst*. He is a former associate producer for both “Good Morning America” and the CBS Morning News and holds master’s degrees in journalism and real estate development from Columbia University.

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**IS IT A CHOICE?** is being published to coincide with National Coming Out Day, which has been celebrated every October 11 since 1988 in honor of the 1987 gay and lesbian rights march on

Washington, DC. National Coming Out Day is a visibility campaign that encourages "lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans to come out of the closet with pride every day." For more information on National Coming Out Day, please go to the web site for the Human Rights Campaign — [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org).

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