**Mr. "Counter Arguments,"**

**After watching your video,**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MU8r6SbgIfI**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MU8r6SbgIfI)

**I have some questions for you:**

**(your statements appear in italics)**

***Because of all the hate, why don't they choose to be straight - it would make their lives easier.***

**Using your logic: Because Atheists are the most hated segment of the American population (even more so than Muslims or gay people) why wouldn't Atheists choose to be Christian? It would make their lives easier.**

**Well Mr. Counter Arguments, why don't you choose to be Christian?**

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***If it is a choice, why is it something we seem to discover as we enter puberty.***

**What does "seem to discover" mean? Is it discovered or not?**

**And seem to discover *what* exactly?**

**And what about those who claimed to have known they were gay, way before puberty? Are they lying?**

**And if, as some claim, they are born gay, why don't they "seem to discover" it until puberty?**

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***When did you choose to be straight?***

**If I (a boy) were sexually attracted to a girl, I didn't choose to be straight - I chose to like that girl. If the following year I found myself sexually attracted to a boy, that doesn't mean I chose to be homosexual, it means I was attracted to that boy.**

**At what point did I choose to be heterosexual? When I dated the girl? When did I choose to be homosexual? When I dated the boy? When did I choose to be bisexual? When I dated the girl - or the boy? What about all those whom I dated after that?**

**Trying to answer those questions, might help you see how illogical your question was.**

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***Always straight as long as you can remember?***

***Why is this different for gay people?***

**So then a gay person would say they were always gay?**

**How would you prove that before they entertained sexual thoughts?**

**Absent sexual thoughts and sexual activity, on what basis do you claim they were gay?**

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**Instinct:**

**An inborn pattern of activity or tendency to action common to a given biological species.**

**A natural or innate impulse, inclination, tendency, aptitude, or gift.**

**Free Will:**

**Free and independent choice; voluntary decision.**

**Philosophy: the doctrine that the conduct of human beings expresses personal choice and is not simply determined by physical or divine forces.**

**On what grounds do you deny free will to gays?**

**On the say-so of Determinists like Sam Harris?**

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***Our sexual preference: what we are attracted to, and how our body and brain react, is not a matter of conscious decision-making.***

**What scientific evidence do you offer to support that assertion?**

**What are you claiming our sexual preference is based on?**

**What makes you think free will is limited only to conscious decision-making?**

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***The American Psychological Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Medical Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics support the conclusion that sexuality is not a choice.***

**When asked for evidence, you provided this link:**

[**http://teachthefacts.org/resources-professionalorgs.html**](http://teachthefacts.org/resources-professionalorgs.html)

**Why did you provide a link that was more than 20 years old, and which does not agree with what those associations currently state?**

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***Arguer: Dr. Ben Carson***

***Argument: Being gay is a choice***

***(therefore, denying gay marriage is not discrimination.)***

**That was one of the most seriously flawed non sequiturs that I have ever seen.**

[**http://skepdic.com/nonsequitur.html**](http://skepdic.com/nonsequitur.html)

***Counter Argument #1: Sexuality is innate.***

**And your scientific justification for that claim is ... ?**

***Counter Argument #2: Stephen Hawking can still get an erection.***

**And I thought this argument was bad before, but I had no idea just how bad this was going to get. I'm almost afraid to go on.**

***Arguer's Fault: Attempting to rationalize anti-gay rhetoric.***

**Failing to yield to pseudoscientific Deterministic nonsense constitutes neither rationalization nor anti-gay rhetoric.**

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**Mr. "Counter Arguments,"**

**I can only request that you answer the questions that have been asked of you.**

**If you need help, you can try contacting someone on the CC list, as they were included because I am under the impression that they agree with you.**

**However, before you get your hopes up, you should know that some of them have already been challenged on this issue ("free will" & "gays are born that way") and have refused to defend their position.**

**Who knows - perhaps they might be more willing to engage, if they could help someone like you behind the scenes, without having to risk their reputations?**

**Or you can do what they did ... and hide till I go away.**

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