

Dear Amazon:

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As the publisher and authors of two books recently pulled from Amazon.com, we want to express our great disappointment with Amazon's decision and are asking that the books be made available again:

- *Desires in Conflict*—Joe Dallas (published 1991, total sales of 61,700 copies)
- *Restoring Sexual Identity*—Anne Paulk (published 2003, total sales of 22,800 copies)

Both books have been on Amazon 15+ years, received generally positive reviews, and been favorably endorsed by numerous high-profile Christian leaders and organizations. They were written with great care and compassion, and do *not* promote intolerance or hatred, nor are they coercive. They are intended for those who seek to understand same-sex desires in the context of a biblical, Christian worldview—a worldview found in many other psychological and theological resources readily available.

In fact, by removing our books, Amazon is contradicting its policies, as evidenced by quotes from its own website:

1. Amazon's Offensive Products policies "**apply to all products except books,**" music, video and DVD (see at <https://sellercentral.amazon.com/gp/help/external/200164670>).
2. "As a bookseller, **we provide our customers with access to a variety of viewpoints, including books that some customers may find objectionable**" (see at https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=15015801&language=en_US&ref=efph_home_cont_200164670).

Amazon states their offensive products policies apply to "all products *except* books." On this basis alone, our books should not be removed.

Amazon states "we provide our customers with access to a variety of viewpoints." Our two books appropriately fit that definition—they provide a widely recognized religious viewpoint and do so in a gracious, thoughtful manner, and thus merit a place in the exchange of ideas on the topic. Amazon's selection of books has historically represented a broad and diverse view of sexual morality, mores, and behaviors. Surely, Amazon has not decided to censor orthodox biblical views of sexual morality from that broad view.

While some may disagree with our books, there are also many who do agree with them. Their long-term existence, acceptance, and sales numbers show they comprise a significant, legitimate part of the marketplace of viewpoints—even if some "may find [them] objectionable," per Amazon's website.

Those who object to our books can freely decide to disagree with them, but they cannot claim the books promote intolerance. Rather, they provide loving, compassionate help for people who, of their own choice, genuinely seek to apply the biblical, Christian worldview to issues relating to same-sex desires. To deny such assistance to those who freely choose to pursue it is a form of intolerance.

In light of the compassionate nature of these books and to enable consistent application of Amazon's policies, we ask that you reconsider your decision and resume carrying these two resources that—*as confirmed by the positive testimonies on Amazon itself*—have helped and encouraged many readers.

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Joe Dallas and Anne Paulk, authors