

Don't Be Confused, Part 4

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Introduction

Review — Part 1: Confusion — Rebellion, Idolatry, Self-Devotion

Part 2: Scriptures — Accuracy, Reliability, Authority

Part 3: Abortion from Biblical, Spiritual, Scientific viewpoint - great response!

- **Homosexuality/Transgenderism** — Super sensitive, emotionally charged topic, with love/compassion
 - No hate - I have friends who are practicing homosexuals, friends SSA who are not practicing, I've loved and cared for, cried with and foot washed, counseled and prayed for people with all manner of sexual brokenness and confusion... one thing I've never done is hate anyone, ever, that's a fact, I've been complimented for approach.
 - Huge and complicated issue - Dr. David Foster - Masteringlife.org, Dr. Robert Gagnon - Robgagnon.net
- **Today** - Biblical, spiritual, scientific look at our two topics - God made man and woman, male and female, humanity is binary, 2 options, not 58 like FB suggests!
 - "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them... Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." - Genesis 1:27, 2:22-24 (NKJV)
 - "But from the beginning of the creation, God 'MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.' FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh." - Mark 10:6-8 (NKJV)

Fact — From the beginning God made man and woman to be joined together as one flesh through sexual union within the confines of monogamous marriage

Sadly - by Gen 19, after the fall of man, God's will became confused, broken and Sodom and Gomorrah practiced unrestrained homosexuality in young and old alike.

Tragically - where sexual brokenness goes unchallenged, its perpetuated to the youngest - today-elementary, HS, universities, instructing and encouraging acceptance.

- **OT law which is written after events of S&G**
 - "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination." - Leviticus 18:22 (NKJV)
 - "If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them." - Leviticus 20:13 (NKJV)
 - "A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God." - Deuteronomy 22:5 (NKJV)
 - "There shall be no ritual harlot of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted one of the sons of Israel." - Deuteronomy 23:17 (NKJV)

"These men thought themselves possessed by an androgynous deity. As self-perceived women in male bodies they attempted to erase their masculine identity with feminine dress, manners, occupations, and sometimes even castration. The biblical writers rejected any presumption that these birth-males were females."¹ - Dr. Robert Gagnon

Fact - homosexual, transgender, cross-dressing behavior is forbidden in the strongest of terms, 1Kings 14:24, 15:12, 22:46, 2Kings 23:7 perverted ones.

Important - OT law was Theocracy, civil penalty doesn't apply today, moral law does!

- Unlearned try to twist OT passages to make sound ridiculous - kill everybody, no shell fish either, cant where certain fabrics etc.
- Don't understand - OT civil, dietary, ceremonial, sacrificial laws have been replaced by NT - HOWEVER - the MORAL LAW remains and is emphasized in NT!

What does the New Testament say about homosexuality?

- "Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due."
- Romans 1:22-27 (NKJV) - **Notice - uncleanness, lusts, dishonor, truth for lie, exchanging natural use, shameful.**
- "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." - 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
 - **Fornicators** - " pornos", heterosexual sex outside marriage
 - **Homo** - "malakos", effeminate, soft-ones, men becoming effeminate to attract male partners - "The writers of Scripture viewed any attempts at overriding one's birth-sex as abhorrent, a sacrilege against the structures of maleness or femaleness created by God, and ultimately a rebellion against the Creator who made our bodies."² Dr. Robert Gagnon
 - **Sodomites** - "arsenokoytes", abusers of self with mankind, damage done.
 - **Fact:** 31,102 verses in the bible, not 1 condones, encourages or excuses homosexual or transgender behavior, rather it is forbidden in the strongest possible terms.
 - **Sobering:** "Satanism condones any type of sexual activity which properly satisfies your individual desires, be it heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, or even asexual, if you choose. Satanism also sanctions any fetish or deviation which will enhance your sex life, so long as it involves no one who does not wish to be involved."³ - Matt Barber

¹ <https://stream.org/memo-to-the-washington-post-the-bible-does-reject-transgender-behavior/>

² <http://www.christianpost.com/news/what-does-the-bible-say-about-trans-gender-identity-105311>

³ The Satanic Bible, Anton Szandor LaVey, Copyright 2014. This work is licensed under GNU

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Confusion today due to rebellion, idolatry and self-devotion

- In US, 6 in 1k identify as Trans, 1 in 10k males and 1 in 30k females clinically diagnosed, many of those identify as homo or bi as well.
- April 2017 - Harvard Office of BGLTQ printed pamphlet, “there are more than 2 genders, gender is fluid and changing even from day to day, fight transphobia, transphobic misinformation is a form of systemic violence,”... **guilty of systemic violence to disagree with their opinion, wow!**

Question: What do they do with Dr. Paul R. McHugh, Prof. of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins, the most important American psychiatrist in the last 50 years, studied trans last 40 years...

- “The idea that one’s sex is a feeling, not a fact, has permeated our culture and is leaving casualties in its wake. Gender dysphoria should be treated with psychotherapy, not surgery.”⁴
- “Transgender is a “mental illness” and to enable it is equal to “collaborating with madness.”⁵
- “As for the adults who came to us [at Johns Hopkins Hospital] claiming to have discovered their ‘true’ sexual identity and to have heard about sex-change operations, we psychiatrists have been distracted from studying the causes and natures of their mental misdirections by preparing them for surgery and for a life in the other sex.”⁶
- “We have wasted scientific and technical resources and damaged our professional credibility by collaborating with madness rather than trying to study, cure, and ultimately prevent it.”⁷
- “Transgendered men do not become women, nor do transgendered women become men. All such people become feminized men or masculinized women, counterfeits or impersonators of the sex with which they ‘identify.’⁸

McHugh/Mayer study- fall of 2016

- *“This conceptual basis for sex roles is binary and stable, and allows us to distinguish males from females on the grounds of their reproductive systems, even when these individuals exhibit behaviors that are not typical of males or females,” they explained. The doctors expressed doubt that one is born in the wrong body, that “there is no evidence that all children who express gender-atypical thoughts or behavior should be encouraged to become transgender.” Rather, they noted that the philosophy that gender is a “social construct” grew out of the feminist movement. This idea has been an important part of a feminist movement to reform or eliminate traditional gender roles,” Mayer and McHugh wrote, pointing to several feminist literary works.*

Bottom Line: no matter how “right” people try to make homosexuality and transgenderism, it just isn’t - damaging effects of lifestyle testify against it...

- Life expectancy 24 years shorter than heterosexual
- Likelihood of suicide up to 200 times higher than heterosexual
- HIV- 2% of population, 61% of HIV cases
- Depression, addiction, alcoholism, 50% higher than heterosexual
- Violence and abuse in relationships 200% higher in homosexual men than in heterosexual men, 40% of lesbians have been raped or abused by partner
- Length of relationships - 1.5-3 years, average number of sexual partners is 100-500, another 10-15% is 500-1000 and another 10-15% is 1000+, highly promiscuous...
- Only 4.5% of homosexuals are faithful to partners, hetero women 85%, hetero men 75%... very sad and sobering real-life statistics...

⁴ McHugh, P. (2015, February 6). Transgenderism: A Pathogenic Meme. <http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/06/15145/>
^{5,6,7,8} Ibid

Closing

- Homo/trans is approved by many in society and the church, to say what I've said today is to be labeled a hater, a bigot, and a phobic... I'm none of those, I'm your friend, I love you enough to tell you the truth.
- **HOPE** - After warning of the eternal dangers of living a homosexual/transgender lifestyle, Paul says...
 - *"And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." - 1 Corinthians 6:11 (NKJV)*
 - church in Corinth had those who were living that lifestyle
 - were washed - fully and completely
 - were sanctified - made holy in God's eyes
 - were justified- declared innocent of all guilt, free from all shame and punishment... in the Name of Jesus and by the Spirit of God!

Why?

- Because Jesus loves people and came to save, heal and deliver them, to give them an abundant life here and now and a glorious life in heaven later.

Discussion Questions

1. After hearing the Biblical, spiritual, and scientific argument against Homosexuality and Transgenderism, do you feel better equipped to have a discussion with someone who holds an opposite viewpoint? Why?
2. Respond to, "Transgendered men do not become women, nor do transgendered women become men. All such people become feminized men or masculinized women, counterfeits or impersonators of the sex with which they 'identify'."
3. Have you had the opportunity to love and care for someone who is a practicing homosexual? If not, how do you feel that you would respond if presented with the opportunity?