

Human Sexuality | A Biblical Discussion

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Introduction

Matthew 19:1–6

Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there. The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?” And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘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. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

- There’s a design from the very beginning—something careful in how God created us and knitted us together.
 - To be fruitful and multiply
 - Man was made for woman, and woman was made for man—spiritually, emotionally, socially, biologically, in every way.

When we deviate from His plan, everything gets messed up.

- **Example**—Place five homosexual couples and five lesbian couples on an island that has everything needed to live. These couples love each other and are committed to each other. **But come back in 100 years, and there will be nothing left on the island.**
 - Now place 10 heterosexual couples on the same island. **Come back in 100 years, and you will find a thriving population.**

We can’t avoid talking about this topic.

We live in this world.

People in our midst are struggling with these things.

We have a pastoral and social obligation to those around us.

We are called to be salt and light.

No one gets to sit this one out.

“The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority.”

—Martin Luther King, Jr., *A Knock at Midnight* sermon (1967)

My own calling in 2004: “Reach out and resist.”

Resist the agenda with courage
Reach out to the people with compassion

Resist the agenda with courage

I wrote this in 2011:

- First, gay activists came out of the closet.
- Second, they demanded their “rights.”
- Third, they demanded that everyone recognize those “rights.”
- Fourth, they want to strip away the rights of those who oppose them.
- Fifth, they want to put those who oppose their “rights” into the closet.
- From here on, embracing diversity refers to embracing all kinds of sexual orientation, (homo)sexual expression, and gender identification but rejects every kind of religious or moral conviction that does not embrace these orientations, expressions, and identifications.
- From here on, tolerance refers to the complete acceptance of GLBT lifestyles and ideology—in the family, in the work place, in education, in media, in religion—while at the same time refusing to tolerate any view that is contrary.
- From here on, inclusion refers to working with, supporting, sponsoring, and encouraging gay events, gay goals while at the same time systematically refusing to work with and excluding anyone who is not in harmony with these events and goals.
- From here on, hate refers to any attitude, thought, or word that differs with the gay agenda, while gays are virtually exempt from the charge of hate speech—no matter how vile and incendiary the rhetoric—since they are always the (perceived) victims and never the victimizers.
- Children in elementary schools will be exposed to the rightness and complete normality of homosexuality, bisexuality, and transgender expression—witness highly-praised academic books such as *The Queering of Elementary Education*—and opposing views will be branded as dangerous and homophobic, to be silenced and excluded from the classroom.
- Middle schools, high schools, and colleges will go out of their way to encourage both the celebration of homosexuality and deep solidarity with gay activism.
- The federal and state governments will legalize same-sex marriages, meaning that all heterosexuals must accept the legality of these marriages and that anyone refusing to do so could be prosecuted for discriminatory behavior.
- Corporate America will embrace every aspect of non-heterosexuality (including bisexuality, transgender, and beyond)—calling for the dismissal of those who refuse to follow suit—and religious groups will no longer be allowed to view homosexual practice as immoral, branding such opposition as “hate speech.”

If the Equality Act becomes law, it will:

- Force churches, mosques, and synagogues either to promote LGBTQ activities or face devastating court fees and bankruptcy.
- Destroy gender privacy in every bathroom, locker room, and shower outside of your private home.
- Force all Christian organizations, businesses, and schools to hire “transgenders.”
- Silence those wanting to be freed from same-sex attractions or behavior; this could even lead to banning portions of the Bible because it offers the power to free people desiring to change or overcome unwanted LGBTQ attractions or behavior.
- Enact many other bigoted directives that would effectively criminalize Christianity in America.
- ...and there are ZERO RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS in this bill.

How do we not speak up?

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- We live in this holy tension of showing grace *and* truth.

In middle schools in Virginia, the urinals are coming down (Dave Kubal, Intercessors for America, August 21, 2021)¹

- The urinals are coming down.
- I can't believe I just typed those words as the first five words of an article I am writing! In our local middle school (in the small Virginia town where Intercessors for America is located), contractors are removing all the urinals from the men's bathrooms. Why? Because, supposedly, there are too many men without male genitalia who are offended by urinals.
- And to make matters even worse, the signs on the bathroom doors denoting "male" or "female" will be taken down.

Love always tells the truth.

This is where we stand today: <https://youtu.be/W3YKpnrzmqc?t=108>

Here at School the Slant Is Gay (poem by Michael Brown)

Little Johnny went to school
There to learn a brand new rule;
No longer could the boys be boys
Or have their special trucks and toys;

Only six, so young and tender
It's time for him to unlearn gender
And break the binding two-sex mold
That hurtful thinking that's so old.

Parents at home can have their say
But here at school, the slant is gay.
In other words, to make this clear
There's nothing wrong with being queer

Having two moms is mighty fine;
To disagree is out of line.
We'll deconstruct the family
And smash religious bigotry

And keep the church out of the state
By saying faith is really hate.
Free speech can only go one way,
Since here at school, the slant is gay.

So little ones, it's time to learn
'bout famous queers, each one in turn;

¹ <https://ifapray.org/blog/?single=69839>

Lesbian greets long neglected
Well-known gays just now detected

Some, perhaps, were man-boy lovers;
We'll keep that stuff under the covers.
GLSEN will fill in for Granny
And help kids find their inner-trannie.

Those born in a body that's wrong
Will hear of sex-change before long.
And through the years as Johnny grows
He will learn that anything goes.

With Bill, who's trans and Joe, who's bi-,
And Sue, who thinks that she's a guy.
United in the Day of Silence,
Joining the Gay Straight Alliance –

A queer new system rules the day,
Since here at school, the slant is gay.

Listen to the words of this preschool teacher:

<https://twitter.com/libsoftiktok/status/1427337084591874055>

And of this mom and son reading a book: <https://www.facebook.com/Gayety/videos/adorable-kid-reads-his-gaybcs-/484163476324273/>

In 2001, Richard John Neuhaus wrote²:

“The Transgender Revolution” is the latest political cause being promoted by those of heightened consciousness. Columnist John Leo notes that San Francisco now pays for city employees who want sex-change operations, and a number of television shows are in the works portraying the joys of transgendered liberation. The *Los Angeles Times* had a sympathetic story on a husband and wife who are both having the operation. They will stay married, but the husband will become the wife and vice versa.

When we deviate from the plan: The tragic flight path of KAL 007 initially veered just 5.9 miles off course, but that 5.9 miles soon became 50 miles, then 100, then 200, then more, until the plane crossed into Soviet airspace instead of Seoul, South Korea, and was shot down by the Soviets, taking the lives of 269 passengers and crew

How far have we already deviated from the plan? Where will this current trajectory take us? If our college kids can describe themselves as “genderqueer dykes” and “transgender gay males,” what is coming next? How about the “trans child”? How about “queer in the crib?”

The 1970 Gay Revolution Party Manifesto³:

Gay revolution will not produce a world in which women will receive “equal pay” for work traditionally assigned to their gender, nor in which they will become “equal partners” in the nuclear

² <https://www.firstthings.com/article/2001/08/will-all-be-saved>

³ Unknown, “Gay Revolution Party Manifesto,” *Stonewall: Riot, Rebellion, Activism and Identity*, accessed August 22, 2021, <https://stonewallhistory.omeka.net/items/show/19>.

family. Rather, it will mean that biological sex will have nothing to do with occupation, and that there will be no families. Gay revolution will not lead to freedom of association for gay people in a predominately straight world, nor will it lead to straight-defined homosexuality with marriages and exclusive monogamy. Gay revolution will produce a world in which all social and sensual relationships will be gay and in which homo- and heterosexuality will be incomprehensible terms

From “male and female” to this:

These are the primary categories of people who believe they have multiple gender identities: ambigender; bigender; blurgender; collgender; conflictgender; cosmicgender; crystagender; deliciagender; duragender; demiflux; domgender; fissgender; gemelgender; gendercluster; genderfluid; gendersea; genderfuzz; genderfractal; genderspiral; genderswirl; gendervex; gyaragender; libragender; ologender; pangender; polygender; and trigender

From “he and she” to this:

- They/them/their/themself
- tey/tem/ter/temself
- ey/em/eir/emself
- e/em/eir/emself
- thon/thon/thons/thonself
- fae/faer/faers/faerself
- vae/vaer/vaers/vaerself
- ae/aer/aers/aerself
- ne/nym/nis/nymself
- ne/nem/nir/nemself
- xe/xem/xyr/xemself
- sie/sier/siers/sierself
- zed/zed/zeds/zedself
- zed/zed/zeir/zedself
- ce/cir/cirs/cirself
- co/cos/cos/coself
- xe/xim/xis/ximself
- xie/xem/xyr/xemself
- ze(or zie)/zir/zirs/zirself
- zhe/zhir/zhirs/zhirself
- ze/hir/hirs/hirself
- ve/vis/vir/verself
- jee/jem/jeir/jemself
- lee/lim/lis/limself
- kye/kyr/kyne/kyrself
- per/per/pers/perself
- hu/hum/hus/humself
- bun/bun/buns/bunself
- it/it/its/itself

So where does this leave us?

- We must get involved in our schools and our workplaces.
- We must stand in truth.

- We must pray for our government leaders.
- We must elect people who share our principles.
- We must resist the agenda.
- We must have our hearts broken for people who struggle with sexual sin.
- We must bring people to God, because His ways are best.

**He will give you grace.
He will be more than enough.**

Reach out to the People with Compassion

Romans 1:20–32

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 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. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

- The Greek doesn't say "men" and "women"—it says "males" and "females." This is deliberate by Paul to bring us back to Genesis 1 and God's original design. Paul is referring to the function and nature of God's design.

Romans 13:10

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

- This is a verse gay activists have used very powerfully. They say the Bible is not against homosexuality per se, but is only against promiscuity and non-monogamous homosexual relationships.

A warning from a male to female posted on *Newsweek*⁴:

- Decreased life expectancy
- Increased risk of premature death from heart attacks and pulmonary embolisms
- Bone damage
- Possible liver damage
- Increased mental health complications
- Increased chances of mood-symptoms
- Higher suicide rates than non-trans population
- 12 percent higher chance than non-trans population to develop symptoms of psychosis

⁴ <https://www.newsweek.com/we-need-balance-when-it-comes-gender-dysphoric-kids-i-would-know-opinion-1567277>

- Chance of stunted brain development
- Much reduced chance for lifelong sexual pleasure
- Higher chance of sterility and infertility
- No improved mental health outcomes
- Not completely reversible

A first-hand account from a young woman in England:

<https://www.persuasion.community/p/keira-bell-my-story>

- “As I look back, I see how everything led me to conclude it would be best if I stopped becoming a woman. My thinking was that, if I took hormones, I’d grow taller and wouldn’t look much different from biological men.”
- “I began seeing a psychologist through the National Health Service, or NHS. When I was 15—because I kept insisting that I wanted to be a boy—I was referred to the Gender Identity Development Service, at the Tavistock and Portman clinic in London. There, I was diagnosed with gender dysphoria, which is psychological distress because of a mismatch between your biological sex and your perceived gender identity.”
- “By the time I got to the Tavistock, I was adamant that I needed to transition. It was the kind of brash assertion that’s typical of teenagers. What was really going on was that I was a girl insecure in my body who had experienced parental abandonment, felt alienated from my peers, suffered from anxiety and depression, and struggled with my sexual orientation.”
- “After a series of superficial conversations with social workers, I was put on puberty blockers at age 16. A year later, I was receiving testosterone shots. When 20, I had a double mastectomy. By then, I appeared to have a more masculine build, as well as a man’s voice, a man’s beard, and a man’s name: Quincy, after Quincy Jones.”
- “But the further my transition went, the more I realized that I wasn’t a man, and never would be. We are told these days that when someone presents with gender dysphoria, this reflects a person’s ‘real’ or ‘true’ self, that the desire to change genders is set. But this was not the case for me. As I matured, I recognized that gender dysphoria was a symptom of my overall misery, not its cause.”
- “Five years after beginning my medical transition to becoming male, I began the process of de-transitioning. A lot of trans men talk about how you can’t cry with a high dose of testosterone in your body, and this affected me too: I couldn’t release my emotions. One of the first signs that I was becoming Keira again was that—thankfully, at last—I was able to cry. And I had a lot to cry about.”
- “The consequences of what happened to me have been profound: possible infertility, loss of my breasts and inability to breastfeed, atrophied genitals, a permanently changed voice, facial hair. When I was seen at the Tavistock clinic, I had so many issues that it was comforting to think I really had only one that needed solving: I was a male in a female body. But it was the job of the professionals to consider all my co-morbidities, not just to affirm my naïve hope that everything could be solved with hormones and surgery.”

From concerned parents: <https://www.parentsofrogdkids.com/>

- We are a group of parents whose children have suddenly—seemingly out of the blue—decided they identify strongly with the opposite sex and are at various stages in transitioning. This is a new phenomenon that has only recently been identified. Researchers are calling it Rapid-Onset Gender Dysphoria (ROGD), and it is epidemic among our most vulnerable youth.
- Our children are young, naïve and impressionable, many of them are experiencing emotional or social difficulties. They are strongly influenced by their peers and by the media, who are promoting the transgender lifestyle as popular, desirable and the solution to all of their problems. And they are

being misled by authority figures, such as teachers, doctors and counselors, who rush to "affirm" their chosen gender without ever questioning why.

- We are skeptical of the current Standard of Care, the "Affirmative Approach," which only seems to confirm and solidify our children's misguided, externally-influenced sense of self.
- And we are horrified at the growing number of young people whose bodies have been disfigured, their physical and mental health destroyed by transitioning, only to discover—too late—that it did little to relieve their dysphoria.
- Please read our stories. See the devastating impact ROGD has had on our children and our families.

Walt Heyer, the founder of SexChangeRegret.com:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9lpkrPLHHHY&t=21s>

The story of Nathaniel, age 19⁵:

- Less than a year after having gender surgery, Nathaniel now says, "This whole thing was a bad idea. I am 19 years old, and I feel as though I have ruined my life."
- A month after his 18th birthday, Nathaniel had what's euphemistically called "bottom surgery." For a male like Nathaniel, that means refashioning the male genitalia into a pseudo-vagina. He suffered some complications that required a second surgery a few months later, and he had facial surgery to further feminize his appearance.
- In his own words: "Now that I'm all healed from the surgeries, I regret them. The result of the bottom surgery looks like a Frankenstein hack job at best, and that got me thinking critically about myself. I had turned myself into a plastic-surgery facsimile of a woman, but I knew I still wasn't one. I became (and to an extent, still feel) deeply depressed."

Conclusion

**If we really love people, we must offer them grace *and* truth.
We must help people meet God and experience real change—
to see that there is a better way—God's way.**

Pastor Roger Wilson, Senior Chaplain of Cedar Park Police Department, wrote:

I wonder if we really understand how we each one came to be. Let me share with you a stunning perspective. We all began in the same way, one cell from your mom found one cell from your dad. The cell from your mom carried half of your DNA and the cell from your dad carried the other half. They merged into one single cell. Out of this one cell the DNA began a brand new DNA code. This cell began to write out what we now know is the 3 billion character description of who you are, written in the language of God. This DNA, 3 billion characters, describes who God ordained you to be. In that one little simple cell. Scientists say that if you took the DNA of out of that one little simple cell, and stretched it out, it would be 6 feet long, 3 billion characters. So amazing that if I would read your DNA, reading one character every second, night and day, it would take 96 years just to read the description of you.⁶

In His Image movie:

- InHisImage.movie
- On YT: In His Image Movie

⁵ <https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/11/17/1-year-after-sex-change-this-teen-regrets-his-frankenstein-hack-job/>

⁶ <https://interfaithtexas.org/we-are-fearfully-and-wonderfully-made/>

Books by Dr. Michael Brown:

A Queer Thing Happened to America

Can You Be Gay and Christian? Responding with Love and Truth to Questions about Homosexuality

Has God Failed You? Finding Faith When You're Not Even Sure God Is Real

Social Media:

Facebook—AskDrBrown

YouTube—AskDrBrown

Twitter—@DrMichaelLBrown

Discussion Questions

1. What is God's original design? What happens when we deviate from that design?
2. Discuss in the context of human sexuality: "The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority" (Martin Luther King Jr.).
3. How do you live within the holy tension of grace and truth (John 1:17)? Do you find this an easy balance to strike, or a difficult one? Why?
4. Discuss: "Love always tells the truth." Do you agree or disagree?
5. How can you resist the agenda with courage?
6. Discuss Romans 1:20–32 and Romans 13:10. What is Paul teaching us about love, particularly love for God and for each other?
7. How can you reach out to the people with compassion?

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