

Fighting the Culture War with Truth – Part 3 Transgenderism

1. **Definition of Sin:** All sin foundationally consists of two ideas:
- a. The rejection of God.
 - b. The establishing of oneself in the place of God.

[Luke 19:14 ESVi] But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’

[Psalm 14:1 ESVi] The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.

[Proverbs 12:15 ESVi] The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,

[Proverbs 16:25 ESVi] There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

[Judges 21:25 ESVi] In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

[Deuteronomy 12:8 ESVi] “You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes,

[Ecclesiastes 11:9 ESV] Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

[Genesis 2:16–17 ESV] **2:16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, **2:17** but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

[Genesis 3:1–6 ESV] **3:1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” **3:2** And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3:3** but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” **3:4** But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **3:5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **3:6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,

and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Bruce Jenner won the gold medal in the Olympic decathlon in 1976, and on April 24, 2015, on the television program 20/20 with Diane Sawyer with Jenner, he announced that he was transgender and would now be known as, Caitlyn Jenner. On June 1, 2015, Jenner tweeted to the world, "I am so happy after such a long struggle to be living my true self."

2. The Philosophical Underpinnings of Transgenderism:

"The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles. Freeman and slave, patrician and plebeian, lord and serf, guild-master and journeyman, in a word, oppressor and oppressed, stood in constant opposition to one another, carried on an uninterrupted now hidden, now open fight, a fight that each time ended, either in a revolutionary re-constitution of society at large, or in the common ruin of the contending classes." (*Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, The Communist Manifesto, Robert C. Tucker, 2nd ed., London W. W. Norton, 1978, 473-74*)

Marxism propels the Sexual Revolution.

Six major Influencers:

a. Sigmund Freud: (1856-1939) The founder of psychoanalysis.

"Man's discovery that sexual (genital) love afforded him the strongest experiences of satisfaction and in fact provided him with the prototype of all happiness, must have suggested to him that he should continue to seek the satisfaction of happiness in his life along the path of sexual relations and that he should make genital erotism the central point of his life" (*Sigmund Freud, Civilization and Its Discontents, trans. James Strachey, New York: W. W. Norton 1989, 56.*)

All influences that negate the sexual person and sexual expression is repressive. **This repression was redefined as oppression to fit the Marxist category of oppression.**

b. Simone de Beauvoir: (1908-1986) A progenitor in feminist theory.

The idea of differentiating between biological sex and social, acquired gender became prominent. It is expressed in Simone de Beauvoir's emblematic remark:

“One is not born, but rather becomes, woman. No biological, psychical, or economic destiny defines the figure that the human female takes on in society; it is civilization as a whole that elaborates this intermediary product between the male and the eunuch that is called feminine. Only the mediation of another can constitute an individual as an Other.” (*Beauvoir, Simone de (1949/2011): The Second Sex. Vintage Books, New York.*)

Here is what she is saying:

- I. The “Woman” as such does not exist.
- II. She is only shaped and brought up by society to become a woman.
- III. Existence before Essence, which means existence before identity.
- IV. Ethics of ambiguity – Children should be allowed to grow into their gender authentically, and it should be affirmed.

Feminism is freedom from the oppression of being defined as a woman from culture.

(Interlocuters: Jean Paul Sartre – Existentialism)

c. Charles Taylor: (1931-?) A philosopher and progenitor of the Social Imaginaries

“Ordinary people should “imagine” their social surroundings, carried by images, stories, legends.” (*Taylor, Charles, A Secular Age, Cambridge Press, 2007, p. 171-72*) (*Modern Social Imaginaries. Durham, North Carolina: Duke University Press. 2004.*)

Imagine your social surroundings, how you would like it to be. What kind of story would you like to be in? Do you want to be a legend? Leave your influence and mark in this world. Then start living the social imaginary. In fact, the more you live in this world in the way you wish and desire, the world will start making sense and your behavior will make sense to others. Taylor suggests that what makes this legitimate is if this thinking is shared by a large group of people, even the whole society, then it makes this practice of living the imaginary, legitimate.

Here is the choice you have, you can live in a world which already has meaning, and thus conforming yourself to it. Or in contrast you can see the world as raw material out of which you can make their own make meaning out of this world. **It is freedom from the oppression of living in forced expectations in the real world.**

(**Interlocutors:** Michel Foucault who serve to weaken the connection between the divine and created, Rene Descartes who suggested that we have to question our own existence, since we doubt. Therefore, I may not be.)

d. Philip Rieff: (1922-2006) A psychological sociologist, and a progenitor of thinking about the nature of culture.

“A culture survives principally by the power of its institutions to bind and loose men in the conduct of their affairs with reasons which sink so deep that they become commonly understood” (*Rieff, Philip, The Triumph of the Therapeutic. Uses of Faith after Freud, Harper & Row, 1966.*)

Rieff taught that culture is defined by what culture forbids, therefore, if sexual taboos define civilization, then what was denounced must be announced and the institutions that enforce taboos must be renounced.

The individual within culture must find their “true self” and that must be expressed. What was one denounced, must be announced and must be expressed in the civic life of the culture.

Rieff argued for an inward psychological happiness that leads to expressive individualism, or the culture of authenticity. He coined the term, “know thyself.” One must begin to look for a “safe place” a place where ideas, and deepest commitments are not challenged.

(**Interlocutors:** Jean-Jacques Rousseau, who regarded community as a hindrance to the full expression of the authentic individual, self-love is all)

It is freedom from the oppression of external rules and the development of the inner psychological self as sovereign.

e. Alasdair McIntyre, (1929-?) A philosopher in virtue ethics:

“Emotivism is the doctrine that all evaluative judgments and more specifically all moral judgments are nothing but expressions of preference, expressions of attitude or feeling, only in so far as they morally evaluate in character” (*McIntyre, Alasdair, After Virtue: At Study in Moral Theory, 2nd ed., 11-12, London Duckworth, 1985*)

After the collapse of Marxism in the second half of the 20th C, he began searching for an alternate ground for morality/ethics.

Two main thoughts:

- i. Individuals can distinguish between what they are and what they should be, by asking the question, what will I be in the end? Future identity determines current life.
- ii. Any virtues, morality or righteousness are nothing but an expression of preference. (Emotivism)

His moral philosophy is embedded in sociology, in which the suggestion is whatever is appropriate within the ethics of a community, must be degraded, the conventional must be cast away, that which is deeply sacred must be dishonored, God is cast into the sewer. The Sacramental must be made into the Excremental.

Anyone who asserts their moral convictions as normative and reject and disagree, are prejudice and therefore the entrance of... words ending in, "Phobia." The person who is morally out of touch, and even a bigot.

It is freedom from the oppression of living by current ethics and creating your own ethics.

(Interlocutors: David Hume)

- f. **Friedrich Nietzsche: (1844-1900) A philosopher propagating the plausibility of creating the self.** Christianity infects morality and social ideas.

"Do we not feel the breath of empty space? Has it not become colder? Is not night continually closing in on us? Do we not need to light lanterns in the morning? Do we hear nothing as yet of the noise of the gravediggers who are burying God? Do we smell nothing as yet of the divine decomposition? Gods, too, decompose. God is dead. God remains dead. And we have killed him.

"How shall we comfort ourselves, the murderers of all murderers? What was holiest and mightiest of all that the world has yet owned has bled to death under our knives: who will wipe this blood off us? What water is there for us to clean ourselves? What festivals of atonement, what sacred games shall we have to invent? Is not the greatness of this

deed too great for us? Must we ourselves not become gods simply to appear worthy of it? There has never been a greater deed; and whoever is born after us -- for the sake of this deed he will belong to a higher history than all history hitherto." (*Friedrich Nietzsche, The Gay Science, trans, Walter Kaufman, New York: Vintage, 1974, 181-82.*)

God is implausible and unnecessary.

“Man has become educated by his errors. First, he always saw himself only incompletely; second, he endowed himself with fictitious attributes; third, he placed himself in a false order of rank in relation to animals and nature; fourth, he invented ever new tables of good and always accepted them for a time as eternal and unconditional: as a result of this, now one and now another human impulse and state held first place was ennobled because it was esteemed so highly. If we remove the effects of these four errors, we should also remove humanity, humaneness, and human dignity” (*Friedrich Nietzsche, The Gay Science, trans, Walter Kaufman, New York: Vintage, 1974, 174.*)

He proposed that we should not think of ourselves in terms of a transcended category. Otherwise, we will enslave ourselves to moral codes. Nietzsche’s freedom means essentially, self-creation.

It is freedom from the oppression of being created by God.

3. Defining the terms of Transgender ideology:

a. Biological Sex: Male or female according to chromosomes.

XX = male.

XY = female.

It includes the physiology (both internal and external, e.g., genitalia and reproductive organs). Biological sex is the primary indicator of identifying a person as male or female, based on his or her physiology. (this is also called, biological sex assignment)

b. Gender identification: The social and cultural manifestations of maleness and femaleness. It suggests that one’s core identity as a human person is defined in terms of one’s perceived gender. A male may perceive himself to be feminine, and therefore, identify their gender as female. And a female may display perceive herself to be more masculine, and so identify herself as a male.

Biological Sex and gender are no longer strictly synonyms. The anatomy of biological sex and the self-identity of a person's gender are now regarded as different. Regardless of what the body is like, gender is how one identifies themselves. Men and women identifying their gender is completely apart from their anatomy.

- c. **Cisgender:** A term used to describe a person whose gender identity is the same as their biological sex.
- d. **Gender dysphoria:** A term which means that person may feel conflict over the fact that their biological sex and what they feel inside, differs.
- e. **Binary:** Something composed of two categories. Male and female.
- f. **Transgender**—a broad umbrella term used to describe a person who experiences or expresses a gender identity other than his or her biological sex. A much more psychological, free-flowing notion of gender.

4. The Product of the Convergence of these Philosophies:

- a. Biological sex is meaningless.
- b. Marriage as a lifelong, and exclusive monogamous commitment between one man and one woman for the Glory of God is meaningless.
- c. God and the Word of God are meaningless.

Which leads to:

- a. Gender is fluid.
- b. Marriage is unnecessary, or acceptable between two fluid sexes.
- c. Man is the final judge of truth.

Which leads to anyone denying this progressive thinking, is an Oppressor.

- a. They have been oppressed by an identified birth biological sex. (Simone de Beauvoir)
- b. They have been oppressed by denying their inhibited sexual expression. (Sigmund Freud)
- c. They have been oppressed by conforming to the forced expectation of a physical world, and not being allowed to create their own world. (Charles Taylor)
- d. They have been oppressed by what should be renounced, denying knowing your true self, and being challenged. (Philip Rieff)
- e. They have been oppressed by religious ethics, denied dishonoring God, which develop phobias, that eventually lead to becoming a bigot. (Alasdair McIntyre)
- f. They have been oppressed by an oppressive and unnecessary God, who has denied you self-creation. (Friedrich Nietzsche)

5. Problems within Transgender Ideology:

- a. You cannot escape the Binary. XX, XY.

Consider: LGBTQ+

- i. **Feminism** – The foundational thinking of the LGBTQ+ community is derived from Feminism, which is all about the rights of women, who are affirming their binary, which means transgenderism resists feminism, because feminists are the oppressors.
- ii. **The L** - Lesbians inadvertently announce the binary, they are homosexual, exchanged the man for a woman. Therefore, lesbians are by default oppressors to the transgender person.
- iii. **The G** - Gay, homosexual men inadvertently announce the binary. Men exchanged the woman for a man. Therefore, gay men are by default oppressors to the transgender person.

iv. **The B - Bisexual:** A term used to describe sexual attraction to people of more than one biological sex. (multi-sexual, omnisexual, pansexual) They inadvertently announce the binary, and by them choosing one binary over the other are oppressors to the transgender person.

v. **The T - Transgender** people affirm the binary:

- Transgender people play the roles of a man or a woman in a relationship.
- The chosen pronoun, “they” affirms the binary.
- A Transgender man may feel like a woman, identify as a woman, but he is not a woman. He just a man dressing up as a woman, which is oppressive to his maleness and to his perceived femaleness.
- Bruce Jenner, who calls himself Caitlyn, on the cover of Vanity Fair magazine operated out of the aesthetic norms of a standard American cover girl.
- In an effort for a transgender person to transition, they affirm the binary.
- The surgeon with a scalpel removes the most prominent features, but the most critical components that constitute a woman or a man cannot be changed.
- When a transgender person is taken the ER, either they are XX, male, or XY, female. Dr. John Drexler, *“you cannot perform a hysterectomy on a dude.”* Therefore, Transgenderism affirms the binary, but in the most self-deceived, harmful way.
- In order to have children, a transgender person has to bow down to the way God created men and women.

God embedded binary sexual distinctions in humanity at creation and nothing has changed. Human language reflects that binary reality at every stage of life.

Just hear these pairs:

- Man and woman.
- Boy and girl.

- Son and daughter.
- Brother and sister.
- Bridegroom and bride.
- Father and mother.
- Grandfather and grandmother.
- Uncle and aunt.
- Prince and princess.
- King and queen.

6. God defines biological sex:

Genesis 1:26–27 ESVi] **1:26** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **1:27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

[Genesis 2:7 ESVi] then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

[Genesis 2:21 ESVi] So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. [Genesis 2:22 ESVi] And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

[Genesis 2:23–25 ESVi] **2:23** Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” **2:24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. **2:25** And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

[Genesis 5:1–2 ESVi] **5:1** This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. **5:2** Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.

[Genesis 6:19 ESVi] And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female.

[Psalm 139:13–16 ESVi] **139:13** For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.

139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

139:15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

7. Transgenderism is on a collision course with God:

[Romans 1:18–32 ESVi] **1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. **1:19** For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. **1:20** For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. **1:21** For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **1:22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools, **1:23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

1:24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, **1:25** because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

1:26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; **1:27** and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

1:28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. **1:29** They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, **1:30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, **1:31** foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. **1:32** Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

8. God saves sinners:

[1 Corinthians 6:9–12 ESV] **6:9** Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, **6:10** nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. **6:11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.