



Does challenging superstition or faith protect people?
 Is it mistaken to support organised religion in membership or donations?

If people do good because they are human, not because God prompts them,
 is it right to risk giving God any credit when they alone own their good?



Patrick H
Gormley

BIBLE GOD CALLS TRANSGENDERISM AN EVIL AND A SIN

The Bible says that God made them male and female in his own image and likeness. That is a poetic way of saying God planned only for male and only for female and made them need each other to be complete. God is harmony. The traditional doctrine is that you you are your body and the soul is embodied. Body and soul make a man. Body and soul make a woman. This is seen as harmony too so religion says there is no such thing as a male soul in a female body or a female soul in a male body.

The Bible says that man and woman are different from each other so that when they come together these differences make them complement each other. Gender roles are very pronounced in the Bible. Marriage which is upheld as sacred would have then described a rite where the man takes the girl. It is more his choice than hers if it is hers at all. It is superficial to worry ONLY about what texts say when the ethos and example given is a teacher as well.

Today that pattern has to go. We know better. Gender and sex are different. Gender is how you know who you are as a man or woman or neither and you just know and its not about what a God or doctor or a Jesus or a religion says. Gender expression is how you behave. A woman may prefer fixing cars to dressmaking. So its one way she lives her gender. It does not make her any less of female as in sex or gender.

These subjects are very toxic and controversial because women claim their rights are sex based and men claim their rights are sex based. One example is how a transwoman, especially one who is not going to have any medical intervention, may be excluded by women from changing rooms for women or women's sports. The Bible definitely does see rights as sex based.

Let us talk about cis and trans.

A cis person is one whose gender identity, their sense of being man/woman lines up with the male or female body they have. A trans person claims there is a mismatch. It is like a female mind in a male body. A male mind in a female body. The question is, does this imply that cisgender is the default and transgender is not? Both cannot be the default. This leads to transphobia. Maybe the answer is to forget about the body altogether and validate males as those who sense they are male and validate females as those who sense they are female?

The Bible knows of no category but male or female. The notion of trans male and cis male or trans female and cis female is out. Like the feminists, the notion of women being a subcategory of their own sex is ruled out. It is obvious that thou shalt not steal was very simple. A man claiming the words woman and she her or hers is accused of stealing from women. A woman claiming the words man and he him his is accused of stealing men's words. The affirmation that the man is not a man and the woman is not a woman is outlawed.

A Jesus who sees himself simply as a man, not a cis man, is erasing trans. It is obvious that Jesus presented himself as simply man. The Church says he was man but also God. Jesus had to have seen himself as man, no variation, just man. He affirmed this by calling himself Son of Man thus connecting himself to the male sex binary. I would take the doctrine of the incarnation, that God became a man on earth, as transphobic. The milder version that God's son took a human life and role on earth as a man is equally transphobic.

The Bible God says through Moses that a man must not wear something proper to a woman or a woman anything proper to a man (Deuteronomy 22:5). It seems to some that this is merely saying that people of one sex must not deceive the same gender by dressing up as the opposite sex. But that is a mere useless speculation. Why not just say, "A man must not pretend to be a woman"? Because that is not what is meant! Henri Daniel-Rops in Daily Life in the Time of Jesus wrote, "the same words, coat, cloak, and belt, are used indifferently for male and for female garments; and yet there must have been a difference, since the Law utterly forbade men to wear women's clothes and women to wear men's, and since it is clear from the Talmud that doing so gave rise to the suspicion of homosexuality." The text is clear that a man is a man and

must not try to look like a woman even though the clothes were virtually unisex.

The Bible simply condemns men and women who swap gender roles in certain ways. It never mentions gender dysphoria. But that silence in fact does not matter. If somebody says, "It is a sin to try and live as a gender that does not match the one that was decided you were at birth" that is simple. It is disingenuous to say, "This is not a condemnation of anybody taking that action over suffering crippling gender dysphoria." That is just trying to make the text look inapplicable at least when the subject is somebody with dysphoria. That is not exegesis - it is not interpretation.

In 1998, Israel won the Eurovision Song Contest. The Israeli entry was sung by transgender woman Dana International. Dana was condemned like something depraved by many Orthodox Jews. We have seen how the Bible forbids transvestitism. Before gender-reassignment was possible that was all people who were convinced that they were in the wrong bodies could do. They had to console themselves by dressing as the opposite sex. So the Bible must be against transsexuals too. No exceptions were made in it for people who believed their bodies were the wrong sex. There were plenty of unsavoury attitudes advocated in the Bible by its God about rapes and silly genealogies but not a word of love or compassion for people with this problem. There is real hatred in this.

Jesus' bigoted teaching that God made humanity male and female from the beginning and designed that a man must leave his parents and live with and be one body - a reference to body fitting body - with one woman, his wife, for life has a lot to answer for. Jesus the bigot said: Have you not read that He who created them from 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"? [Genesis 2:24] So they are no longer two, but one flesh. (Matt. 19:4-6)." The statement of Leviticus that a man must not lie with a man as with a woman says that men are men and women are women. A man cannot be a woman. It is a sort of parallel with Genesis. The two texts definitely are in the same vein. The teaching is best summarised as, "The argument that when it comes to love and sex that the kind of body you have does not matter is wrong. It matters that you are a biological man or woman."

The Bible speaking of before the fall and after says that God made man and woman in his image and male and female created he them in Genesis 1:27. Jesus alluded to that and affirmed it and stated that is why marriage is one man and one woman and so even divorce is a sin. Liberals tell all sorts of lies, "Jesus had to say that for women were being abused by the divorce system". It is not known if that mattered in the context Jesus was talking in. If it had why did he not tell women to get together and challenge? If he was fearing the abuse of divorce why did he not say so? He says in fact that divorce is the abuse! That is an entirely different argument based on how a man and woman are tied together in justice until death.

The Employment Tribunal Birmingham ruling, October 2019 refused to grant this anti-trans stance any protection. "Belief in Genesis 1:27, lack of belief in transgenderism and conscientious objection to transgenderism in our judgment are incompatible with human dignity and conflict with the fundamental rights of others, specifically here, transgender individuals." Dr David Mackereth v The Department for Work and Pensions & Anor. Secularism cannot remain secular if it accepts that transmen are not real men or transwomen are not real women and nonbinary identities need affirming too.

Deuteronomy 23:1 forbids any man with damaged testes from entering the assembly. Why? I think it means those who had their testes removed. Some of them thought they wanted to be eunuchs for they felt they were born in the wrong body.

Paul said that effeminates cannot inherit the kingdom of God in 1 Corinthians 6:9. In the original Greek, this verse has it that effeminates and homosexuals are rejected by God (New Testament notes for the Catholic Edition, RSV, Nelson, London, 1966, page 246).

Marriage as in between a man as a real biological being and a woman as a real biological being is a core Christian teaching. That man can never be woman or vice versa is also a core teaching. Religious rights cannot come before human rights. Christian and biblical doctrine should not be protected. Protect trans not religious social constructs.

To say homosexual sex is unnatural is to say it is not a property of human nature. It is against the essence of what it is to be human. Its against a human essential property. The text that says that lines up with and is in the line of the Leviticus text which says that a man must not lie with a woman as with a man for it is an abomination. This text claims to be directly inspired by God. The idea is that a man has the wrong body for sex with a man. Catholics and Christians see transgenderism as linked to that. The transgender person who thinks he is in the wrong body for sex with a man according to the Church is correct. The only thing the Church objects to is how the person responds to that knowledge - he gets the body surgically altered to have the right body. The Church will see transgenderism as the logical outcome of accepting gay sex as morally good or at least not morally bad.

Many transwomen report suffering for they are not cis women. Many transmen report agonising dysphoria for they are not cis men. They know they are born in the wrong existence. The trans who say their dysphoria is down to them not being cis need listening to. Their suffering is so severe it cannot be imagined. The triggering from society and religion and must be

horrendous. Trans rights activists seem to have little concern for these trans women who consider themselves cis women and need to be affirmed. Likewise there is little concern for trans men who consider themselves cis men and need to be affirmed. Some trans just need to be affirmed as the cisgender they identify as. They more than anybody else are attacked by Bible teaching.

They are accused of stealing cis people's roles and words and thus their rights. They are accused of dishonouring parents by not honouring the biology they got from them. Their need to reject their parents if their parents reject them must be affirmed. They are accused of bearing false witness and getting others to do that too by affirming them. They are accused of not respecting other by demanding that they treat them as cis and affirm them. The idea is that everybody must bend to their opinion of themselves. We reject that and affirm that regardless of the bad consequences for religious oppressive social constructs which deserve to collapse anyway, that a transman is a cis man if he says so and a transwoman is a cis woman if she says so. Or if they do not say it, treat them as cis if that is what they request.

Trans who feel that way include the growing number of children who insist they are only thought to be boys or girls but are actually girls or boys.

These trans cannot possibly respect a God if there is one who did that to them or who put them in the wrong existence. We cannot respect them by offering them that God or telling them he loves them. They feel their body and their existence is a lie. Who then is telling the lie if he exists? God. And those who preach God are delivering the lie. They are complicit.

In conclusion, the momentum to get the Bible treated as the dangerous quack hate speech that it is, is necessary to protect trans especially trans children.