THE TRANSGENDER CULT

Genesis 1:26-28

INTRODUCTION

- George Orwell in his dystopian novel, Nineteen Eighty-Four, depicted a world in which there are no constants or absolutes, but only what "the state" declares to be true, so that if the state says that "two plus two equals five" then that is the "truth"
- Today, through the influence of postmodernism, our society is increasingly becoming a place where there is no such thing as truth, or else truth is whatever people wish it to be
- Though the dictionary definition of "woman" is "adult human female", such a notion is regarded as "hate speech" by those who think that a man can become a woman by simply "identifying" as one
- Transgenderism a modern craze that has taken over the world
- It is part of the wider antichrist spirit of this age that seeks to overthrow Biblical morality
- These activists are not content to simply have the right to "change gender", but they intend to force the rest of us to accept, approve and celebrate their choices, and to use their "preferred pronouns", upon pain of prosecution
- Sadly, there are some professing Christians who have capitulated to the godless spirit of the age and support transgenderism

- The president of the Southern Baptist Convention recently exhorted Christians to support "gender justice", and that using "preferred pronouns" for transgender people is "pronoun hospitality"
- But Biblical Christianity is not subject to the prevailing winds of this ungodly world, but is steadfastly founded upon the unchanging absolute truth of the word of God
- Transgenderism is said to be the result of "gender dysphoria", which is the distress a person feels when they believe there is a discord between their gender identity and their biological sex
- It was formerly called "gender identity disorder", but the American Psychiatric Association decided that the word "disorder" was stigmatic
- This is a genuine mental sickness that individuals have, and should not be ignored, but the solution is not to transition to the preferred sex
- Studies have shown that 80 to 95 percent of gender dysphoric pre-pubertal children will accept their biological sex by the end of adolescence
- There is a very small percentage of babies born with chromosomal or genetic defects which render them as intersex, but it is only about 0.02% or 1 in 5000 (cf. Matthew 19:12)
- "Gender dysphoria is a serious mental health issue with an enormous rate of desistance. But transgenderism is a belief system that increasingly looks like a cultish religion—a modern day Gnosticism denying physical reality for deceived perceptions—being forced on the public by the state in

violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment. Children are being railroaded into treatment protocols lacking proven long-term track records of safety and efficacy. Transgender ideology is an intolerant creed, and its dogmas demand the sacrifice not only of conscience rights but also of desperately needed care for dysphoric children and adults." (André Van Mol, MD)

I. THE ROOTS OF TRANSGENDERISM

- A. God clearly defined his design for mankind, gender and sexuality in the creation account (Genesis 1:26-28)
 - 1. Note that God made clear distinctions in the creation
 - a. A distinction between man and God
 - b. A distinction between man and beast
 - c. A distinction between man and woman
 - 2. The ungodly seek to blur all of these distinctions
 - 3. We are specifically told that God in the beginning made two, and only two, genders male and female (Genesis 5:2; Matthew 19:4)
 - 4. Along with the rest of the original creation, these two genders are described as "very good" (Genesis 1:31)
- B. God requires a clear distinction between the genders
 - 1. In clothing (Deuteronomy 22:5)
 - a. The garments of men, and the garments of women should be different and easily distinguished

- b. Until the 20th century, gender distinctive clothing was an integral part of almost every culture
- The antichrist movements of feminism and the sexual revolution brought about a widespread acceptance of androgynous and unisex clothing
- 2. In hair length (1 Corinthians 11:14-15)
- 3. In behaviour (1 Corinthians 6:9)
 - a. "Effeminate" means "soft" a man taking the female role in a sodomite relationship

4. In roles

- a. The woman was created for the man (1 Corinthians 11:8-9) to be "an help meet" (a suitable helper) to him (Genesis 2:18)
- b. Within marriage, the husband is to be the head, while the wife is to submit to him (Colossians 3:18)
- c. Within the church, the men are to lead, while the women are to keep silence (1 Timothy 2:11-12)
- Transgenderism derives from the sinful, corrupt heart of man
 - It originates from the same source as every other evil and perversion in the world
 - 2. It is open rebellion against God Almighty, defying his design for men and women

- 3. The transgender shakes his fist at God, saying, "Why hast thou made me thus?" (Romans 9:20)
- Transgenderism is the fruit of Satan's relentless attack on the home
 - 1. Dysfunctional homes are more likely to produce sodomites and transgenders
 - 2. The absence of a father in the home increases the risk of many behavioural problems, including drug and alcohol abuse, poor educational performance, teen pregnancy, depression, suicide, and gender confusion

II. THE RESULTS OF TRANSGENDERISM

- A. It permanently and irreversibly mutilates the body
 - God has entrusted us with bodies which we must care for and preserve
 - 2. Self-mutilation is ungodly, performed by idolaters (1 Kings 18:28) and the demon-possessed (Mark 5:5)
- B. It makes men and women infertile
 - God says, "Be fruitful and multiply"; Satan says, "Remove your reproductive organs so you can never have children"
 - Satan's agents are constantly scheming to reduce the world's population, and transgenderism is another means to do it
- C. It alters the brain development

- 1. Puberty hormone blocking drugs affect the development of the child's brain
- These facts are often not revealed to children and their parents who are pushed into transitioning by the gender affirming zealots

D. It compounds the mental problems of its victims

- Many claim that transgender treatments and surgery improves the mental health of those with gender dysphoria, but this has been disproven
- 2. Dr Paul McHugh had to shut down the gender identity clinic at Johns Hopkins University when multiple studies showed no benefits from its services
- 3. 10-15 years after surgical reassignment, the suicide rate of those who had undergo sex-reassignment surgery rises to 20 times that of comparable peers
- 4. The website <u>sexchangeregret.com</u> contains many heartbreaking testimonies of people whose lives were destroyed by attempting to change their sex

E. It destroys families

- 1. Children in schools are being encouraged to transition without or against their parents' knowledge
- When transgenders reach adulthood and realise their bodies have been permanently mutilated and they cannot have children, they can resent their parents for allowing/encouraging it

F. It puts women at risk

- Men identifying as women using women's toilets to molest women and girls
- 2. Male rapists identifying as women being sent to women's prisons to rape women
- 3. Male sportsmen identifying as women competing with women and injuring them

III. THE REDEMPTION FROM TRANSGENDERISM

- A. Transgenders have real and significant problems, but the world's solutions do not heal them
 - 1. The Gospels record the account of the woman with an issue of blood who "had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse" (Mark 5:26)
 - In the same way, there are thousands of confused, mentally ill people who are seeking for help from those who cannot help them
- B. The root of the problem must be dealt with
 - As with other issues that people face in life, transgenderism is a result of the sin that is inherent in all of us
 - Until a person is ready to deal with the cause of their problem rather than the symptom, they will remain miserable and lost
- C. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can bring true and lasting deliverance

- 1. "Jesus Christ maketh thee whole" (Acts 9:34)
- 2. It is by Christ's stripes we are healed, in spirit, soul and body (1 Peter 2:24)
- 3. The Corinthian church shows that even "effeminates", if they will repent, can be washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

CONCLUSION

- 1. An entire generation is currently being brainwashed by the cult of transgenderism
- 2. Deviant predators in the media and education system are preying on young children, convincing them that it is possible, and even desirable to change their gender
- 3. In a world that increasingly rejects truth and reality, it is critical for Christians to be voices of reason to show these deceived people God's perfect design for men and women
- As recipients of God's grace, we must show grace to transgenders, many of whom are victims of wicked counsellors
- 5. They do not need our judgment and rejection, but our love and compassion, to show them the source of true healing, which is in Jesus Christ
- By our words may we speak the truth in love to them; and by our lives may we show that the most blessed and fulfilled condition a human may experience is in a life yielded to the Lord Jesus Christ