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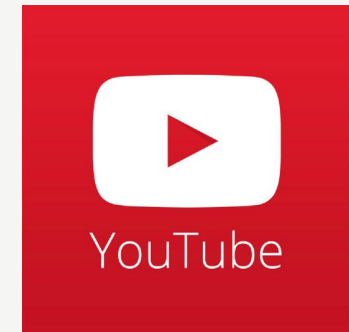
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Speaking Into Chaos

Engaging the Ancient Serpent
in the Secular Present
As Masculine Men



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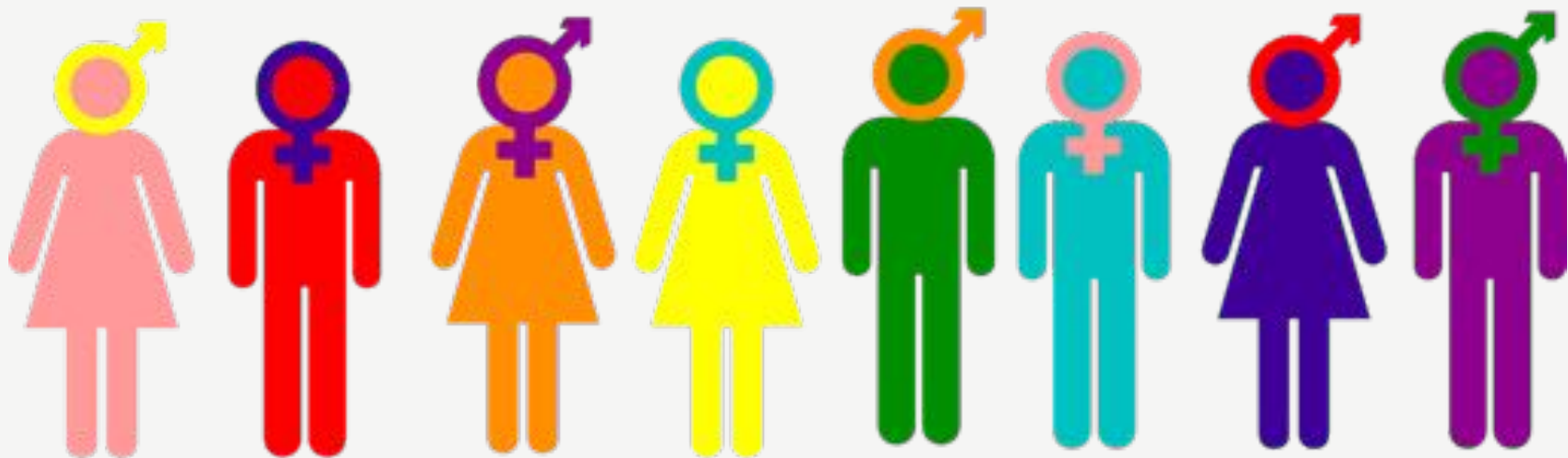




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Welcome!

Today: Part 2
Speaking into the Chaos
Assaulting Gender and Sexuality



Summary of Part 1



The Current Chaotic Cloud over America: GENDER REVOLUTION

Been Progressively Developing
Feminism—Gay Rights—LGBTQ

Pushing a Political Agenda
Make Radical Ideology Mainstream

Built Around Genuine Concern
Gender Identity Dysphoria

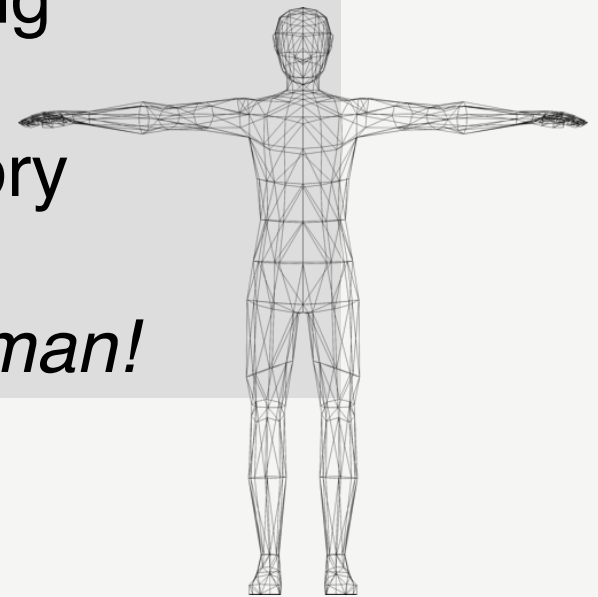
Actively Being Implemented
Entertainment, Education, Law

Centered in a Radical Ideology
*Human Identity is self-defined,
transcending all biological reality*

Serious to Change our Minds
*Embrace this New Orthodoxy
or else suffer the Consequence!*

Key Take Away from Part 1

The Gender Revolution
is aggressively pushing
a Secular Ideology
based on Critical Theory
with regards to
What it Means to be Human!



According to this Ideology

Human Beings are
Self-defined, Self-conscious Persons
*that only inhabit
a non-personal body*

The Real Person is
a Conscious Gender-Self
*progressively self-identified
through subjective feelings*

The Physical Body is
an all-but-meaningless tool
*that at best serves
the Conscious Gender-Self*

Male/Female are artificial categories
and oppressive social constructs
created by the privileged group
that are harmful to marginalized groups

Concluding Question of Part 1

What Are We to Think about
This Gender Revolution
and its Message about Human Identity?

Is it a **Legitimate
Message** that our
*Heteronormative,
Privileged Bias*
has blinded us to?

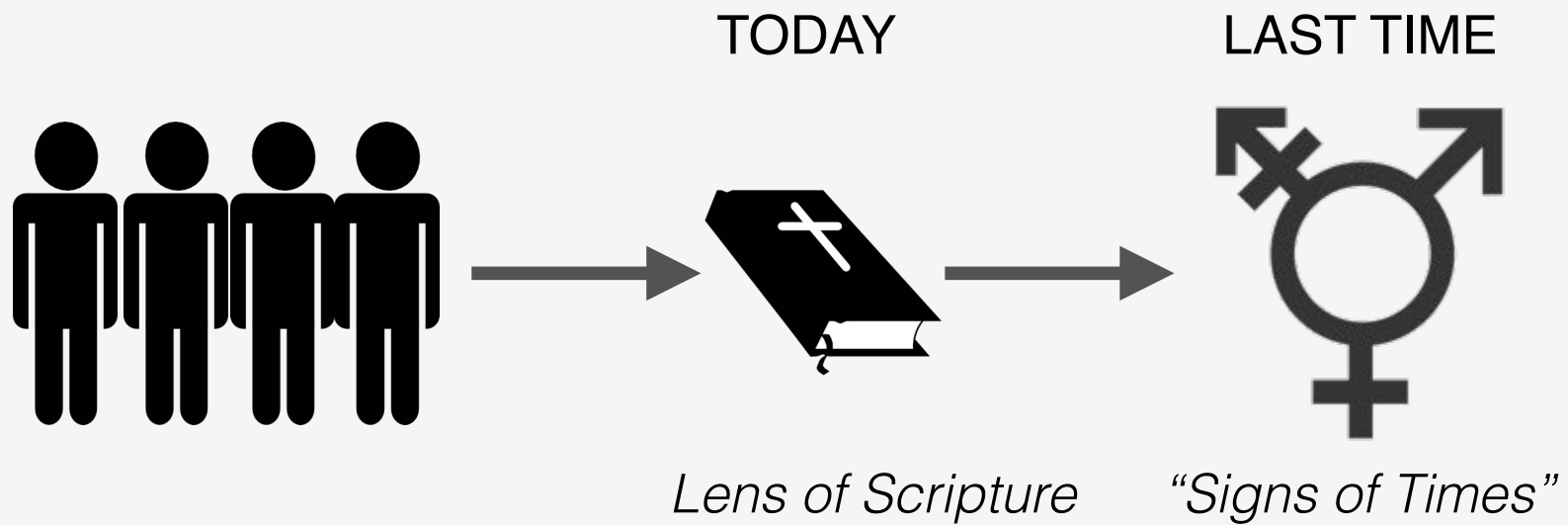
Is it a **Deceptive
Message** of
the Ancient Serpent
dressed up in
New Skin?



Suggested

Do what Jesus says
by interpreting
the “Signs of the Times”
through the Lens of Scripture
Matthew 16:21

Our Approach



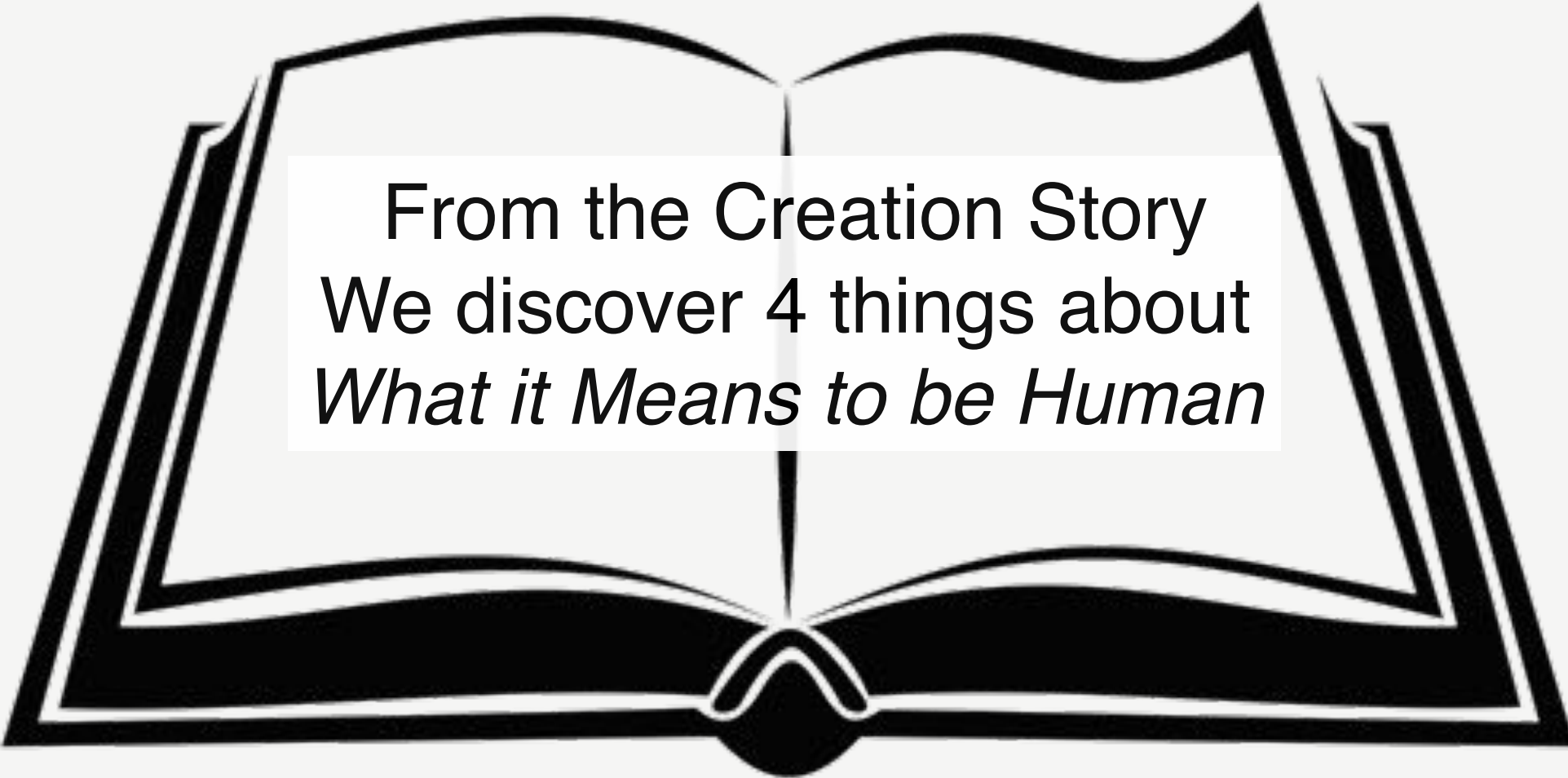
Today's Outline

I. God's "Good" Design for Human Beings

II. The Serpent's Assault on the "goodness" of Human Identity

III. The Masculine Choice Set Before Us

I. God's "Good" Design for Human Beings



From the Creation Story
We discover 4 things about
What it Means to be Human

A. To Be Human Means We Are *Created Beings*

Genesis 2:5-7

Now there was no man to work the ground...

*So the LORD God formed a man
from the dust of the ground*

*To be Human means our Existence
is not an Accident of Evolution
But an Intentional Act of God*

Human Beings Exist...

By the Will of God

According to the Design of God

For the Purposes of God

Note!

The Creation Story Makes 2 Things Clear:

God is the Creator
who is SOVERIGN
over the Creation
which He has Made

Human Beings are
are PART of the Creation
over which God is
Sovereign



This Means

Humans are not Sovereign over themselves
— *only God the Creator is*

Humans who reject God's Creational design/purpose for Human Identity *are rebelling against God*

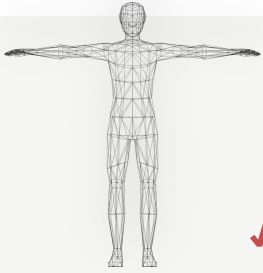
God has the authority to assign to Humans their identity/purpose
— *Humans don't*

Humans *experience pain* when they misalign themselves with God's Creational design/purpose

Humans lack authority to re-create themselves as they desire — *God's design/purpose is binding*

Humans cannot flourish as God intends when misaligned with their Creational design/purpose

So Then



- To be Human means we are Created Beings
- ✓ Fully dependent on the Creator-God
 - ✓ Under the binding authority of the Sovereign-God

Acts 17:28
*In Him we live and move
and have our existence*

Psalm 100:3
*Acknowledge that
The LORD is God. He made us
And we belong to Him*

Romans 9:20
*But who are you,
A mere human being
To challenge God?
Shall what is created say
to the One who created it,
Why did you make me
Like this?*

We can DENY this reality but can never ESCAPE it!

B. To Be Human Means We are Embodied-Souls

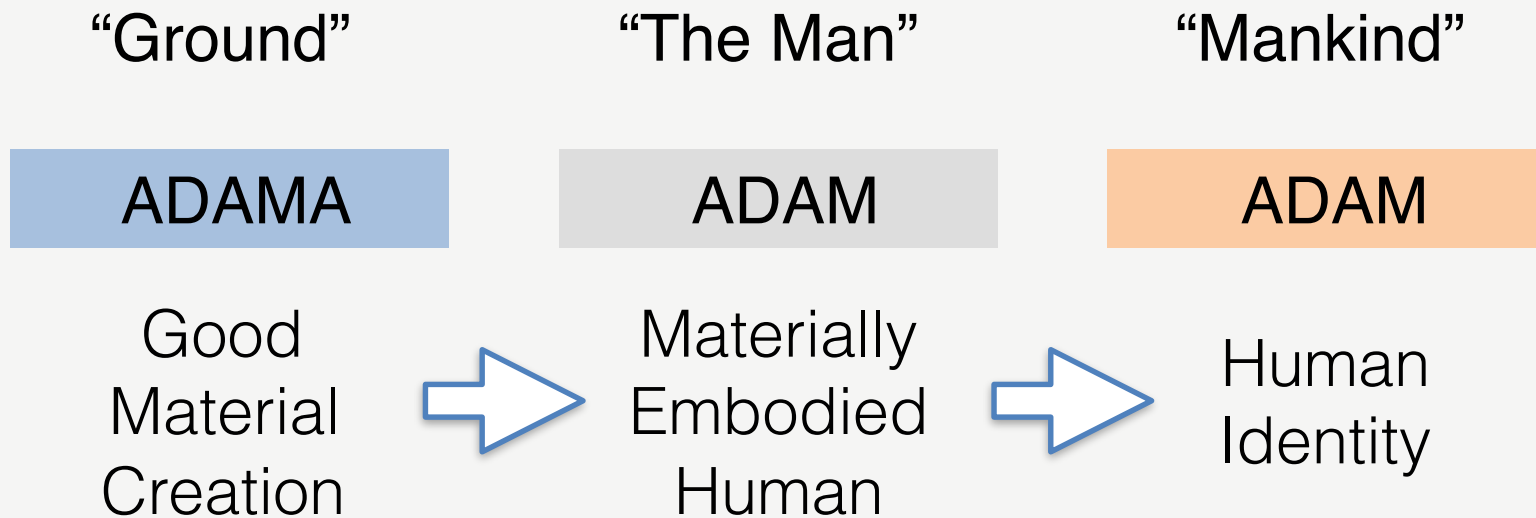
Genesis 2:7

*Then the LORD God formed a man
From the Dust of the Ground
And breathed into his nostrils
The Breath of Life,
And the man became a Living Soul*

To be Human is to be both
DUST and BREATH

1. God forms Humans from DUST

Human Beings have an *Embodied Identity* that is inseparably linked to the Ground



Note

Because Humans have an Embodied Identity

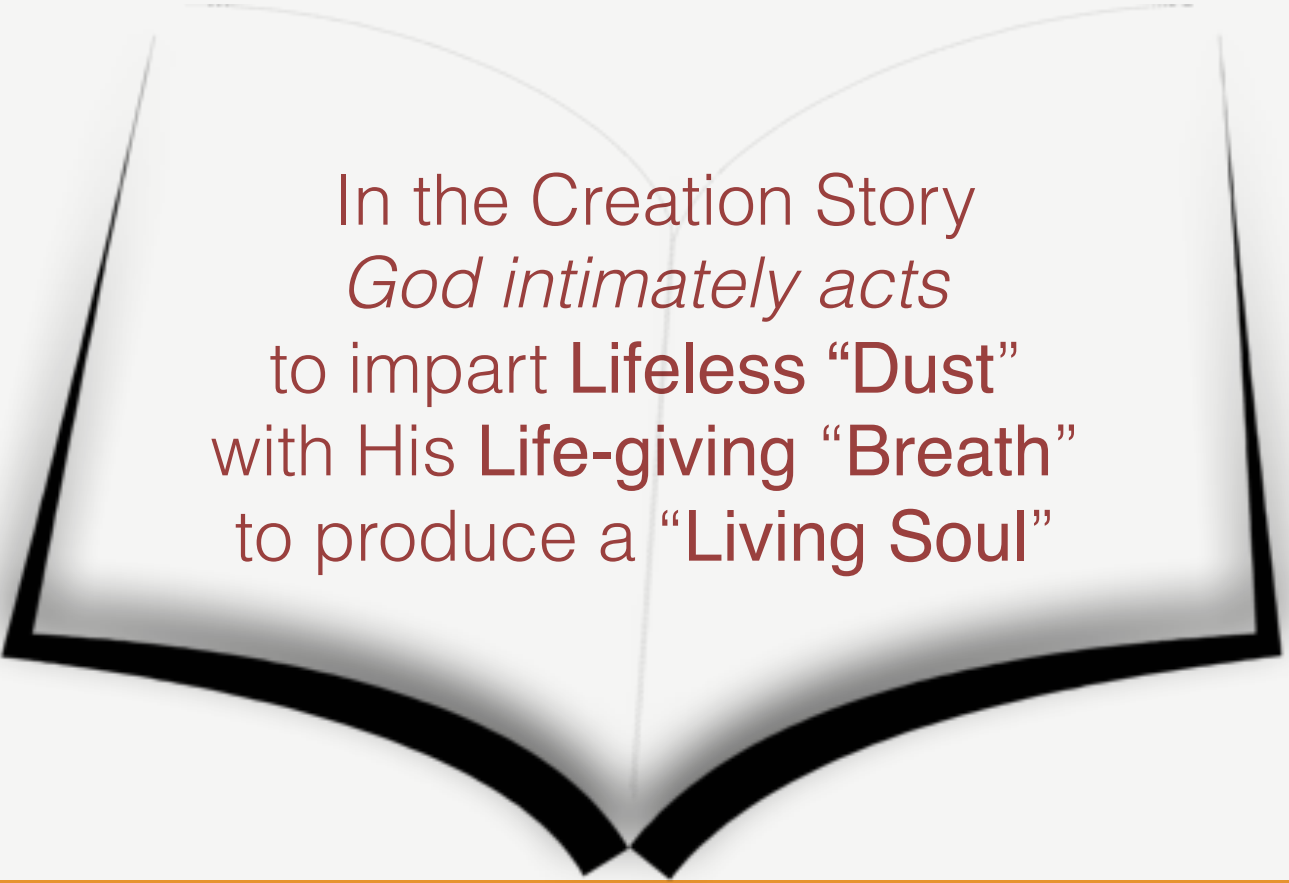
To be DISEMBODIED
in *Death*
is a *Sub-Human State*
caused by Sin
(James 2:26)

To be RE-EMBODIED
through *Resurrection*
is the Christian Hope for
being Fully Human again
(I Cor 15)

To restore Humanity
“Jesus shared in our Humanity”
by becoming EMBODIED
through His Incarnation
(Hebrews 2:14)

2. God fills Humans with BREATH

Human Beings have an *Ensouled Identity* that is uniquely linked to the Breath of God



In the Creation Story
God intimately acts
to impart **Lifeless “Dust”**
with His **Life-giving “Breath”**
to produce a **“Living Soul”**

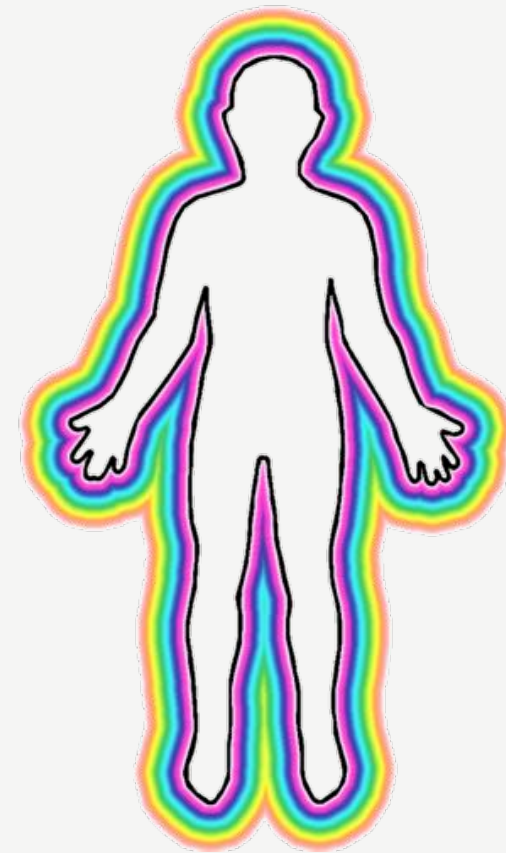
What is the “Soul?”

In the Bible the Soul is...

The Life Force
that *animates*
the Human Body
(Job 33:4; Ezk 37:5))

The Moral Capacity for
a *functioning Conscience*
necessary to *relate with God*
(Job 32:8; Prov. 20:27)

Umbrella Term for
Human *Desiring, Thinking,*
Choosing, Feeling
(Psm 42:1-5; Jer 13:17)



So Then

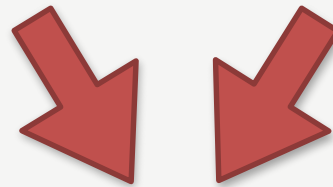
The Creation Story Tells Us
Human Beings are *Created Beings*

Formed from DUST
to be Embodied Beings

We don't possess a Body,
WE ARE A BODY

Animated with BREATH
to be Ensouled Beings

We don't possess a Soul,
WE ARE A SOUL



United Together as One Indivisible
EMBODIED-SOUL

Not a Body
that *possess* a Soul

Not a Soul
that *possess* a Body

Illustration

At old “Uncle Joe’s” Funeral
the Pastor says:

*“That’s not Uncle Joe
Laying there in the coffin,
He is in Heaven
with Jesus!”*

IS HE CORRECT?





5 Minutes

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What Do You Think?

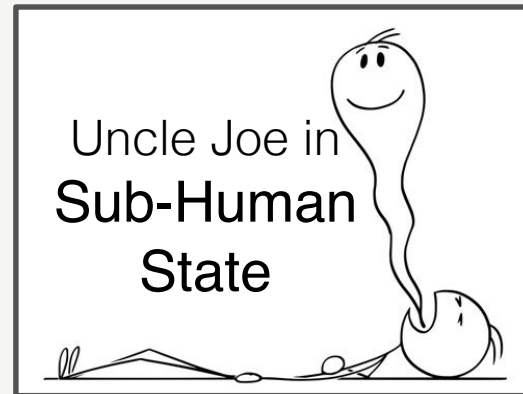
If to be Human is to be an
EMBODIED-SOUL

Then:

Part of
Uncle Joe
in *Heaven*

Part of
Uncle Joe
in *Coffin*

Which Means:



Thus:

Uncle Joe's
only hope of being
Fully Human
Again

RESURRECTION
Reuniting of Body/Soul
(1 These 4:14-16)

This Means

Human Identity cannot be separated from the Physical Body

Human Body is a *sacred creation* formed by God's Will for God's Purposes

Human Beings are *more than* a body, but not less than a body

To *dismiss* the Divine Design of the Body is to *diminish* Human Identity

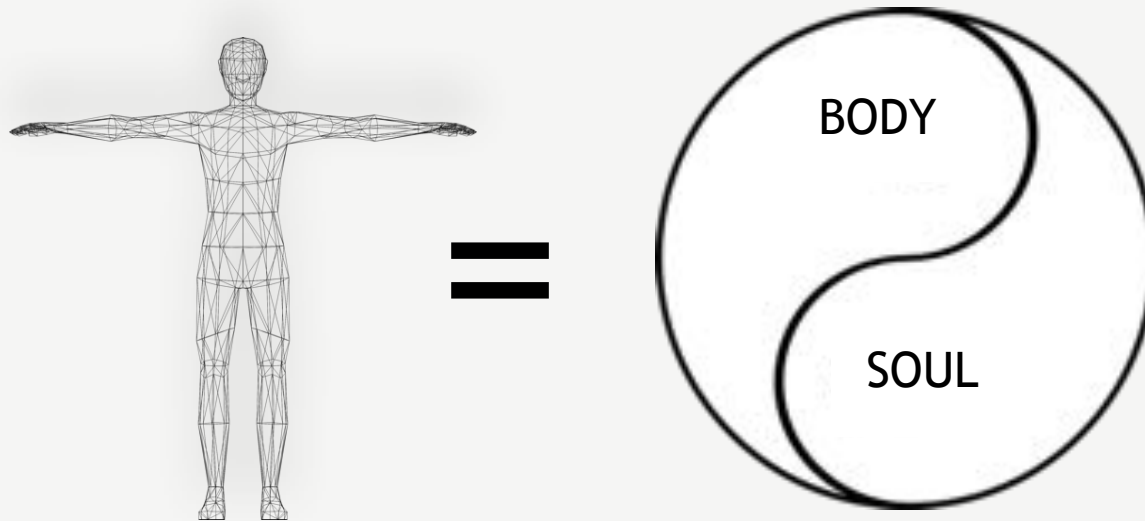
Human Body is *more than* "a non-personal tool" that serves an inner Identity

To separate the Body from Human Identity is a form of *Ancient Gnosticism*

So Then...

To Be Human Means:

1. We are *Created Beings*
2. We are *Embodied-Souls*



3. To Be Human Means We are *Sexually Binary*

The Creation Story Continues...

After God creates the Man
He assigns him the task of
*naming the already
existing animals*

After naming the Animals
God states unlike the animals
*there is no sexual complement
in Creation fitting for Adam*

For the first time
in the Creation Story
God declares something
“NOT GOOD!”



In God's Good Creation
A Male Human Being without a Female Human Being
is not Good!



Why “Not Good?”



Without a *Female* Human
the *Male* Human could not fulfill
God’s Mandate for the Human Race

“Fill and Subdue the Earth”
(Gen 1:27)

“FILL”
Populate the Earth
through *Human*
Procreation

“SUBDUE”
Rule over Earth by
Extending *Human*
Presence



God's Solution

Gen 2:21-22

So the LORD God caused the man
to fall into a deep sleep.
While the man slept,
the LORD God cut out one of the man's ribs
and closed up the opening.
Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib,
and he brought her to the man.

God's Solution for the "Not Good:"
Create a Female Human Being
for the Male Human Being

In Other Words

The Man is alone in a World of sexually organized counterparts

One Human Sex

MALE

“Not Good”
Cant fulfill Mandate



God “cuts out of” (sexes) the Man a Woman to form a fitting sexual counterpart

Out of the One Comes Two Sexes

MALE/FEMALE

God’s Solution to “Not Good”



Story explains God did this so Human Beings could fulfill their Mission to “fill/subdue” the Earth on God’s Behalf

The Two become “One Flesh” again

MARRIAGE/FAMILY

“Very Good”
Fully Functioning Creation

This Means

The Gender Revolution is **WRONG** about Human Sexuality!

Male/Female are neither artificial categories nor oppressive social constructs

Male/Female are neither identical nor interchangeable in nature

Humanity is divided into 2 fixed gender identities—
not a spectrum that is fluid

Male/Female differences are *essential* to God's plan for Human Flourishing

Gender Identity is determined by the Male/Female Body—
not subjective feelings

To blur/reject God's binary sexual design is to be at odds with Creational Reality

God's Warning!

Deuteronomy 22:5

*A woman must not wear men's clothing,
nor a man wear women's clothing.
Anyone who does this is detestable
in the sight of the LORD your God.*

What?

Warning against
blurring or confusing
Human
Gender/Sexuality

Why?

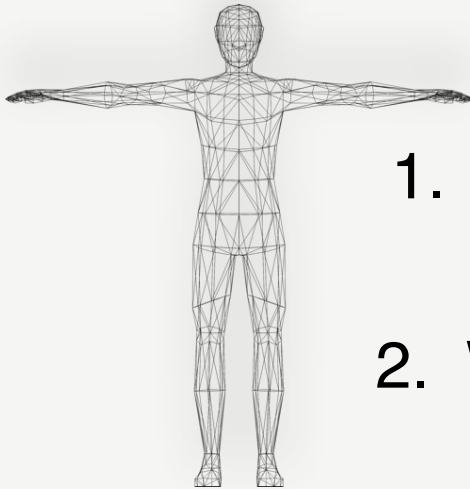
Human Gender/Sexuality
is a Sacred Trust
designed by God
for His Divine Purposes

1 Corinthians 6:13

*The body is not intended for sexual immorality,
but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body*

So Then...

To Be Human Means:



1. We are *Created Beings*
2. We are *Embodied-Souls*
3. We are *Sexually Binary*

4. To Be Human Means We are Stamped with God's Image

Genesis 1:27

*So God created human beings **in his own image.**
In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.*

WHAT?

Uniquely Reflect
God's Invisible
Identity on Earth

Uniquely Represent
God's Kingly
Rule over Earth

WHY?

For the
Care,
Protection,
Flourishing
of God's
Very Good
Creation

HOW?

By harmoniously
functioning together
in our *distinct*
sexually-embodied-soul
capacity
as Male/Female
Image Bearers

Observation!

To be stamped with God's Image Means
Human Beings Uniquely Possess:

Sacred Dignity
Gen 9:6, James 3:9

Highest Earthly Authority
Psm 8:6

Transcendent Purpose/Meaning
Isa 43:7

Diverse Male/Female Function
Eph 5:22-33

Responsible Stewardship/Accountability
Ecc 11:9; Rev 20:12

So Then



To be Human means
to be a Created Being;
Intentionally formed/filled by God
from Material Dust and Divine Breath
to be a Sexually-Embodied-Soul:

- ✓ Indivisible *in nature*,
- ✓ Distinctly male or female *in gender*
- ✓ Complementary *in function*
- ✓ Sacred *in character*



For the transcendent purpose of
serving God and His “good” purposes
for a “very good” World of human flourishing

II. The Serpent's Assault on the "Goodness" of Human Identity



IF Human Sexuality/Gender are a necessary part of the "goodness" of God's Creation Order

IF the Serpent seeks to destroy Creation's "goodness" by inserting Confusion/Chaos into it

IF *Gender Revolution* is part of the "New Skin" of the Ancient Serpent

THEN We can assume He will be working hard to destroy God's good creation of Human Gender/Sexuality

BY Blurring and Confusing its Design/Function

THEREBY corrupting Human Identity stamped in God's Image

Note Similarities With Past/Present

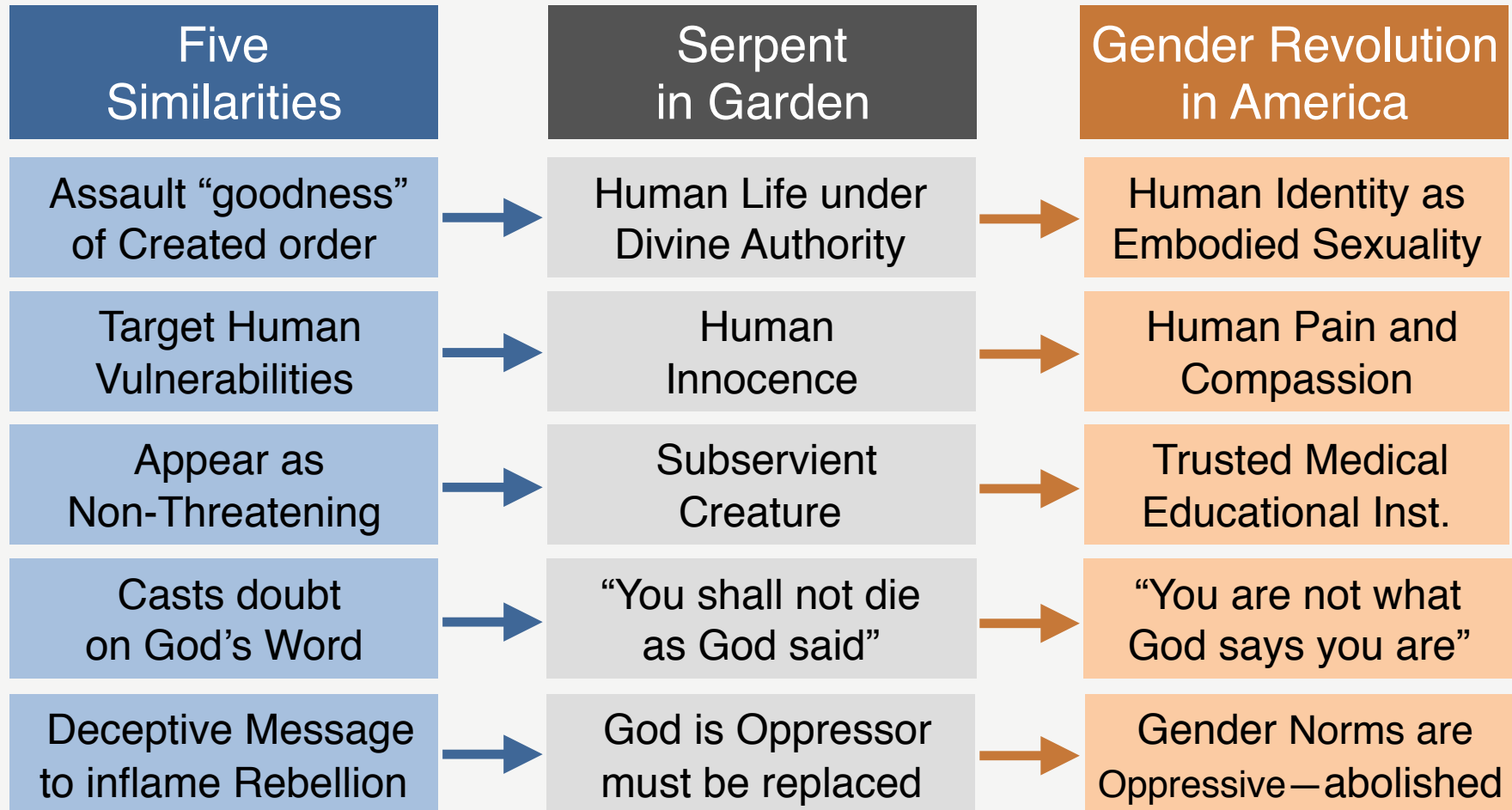


Illustration of Abolishing of Gender Norms



December 2020



Free yourself from God's Oppressive and Self-Limiting Creational Design!

Put Another Way

BE

Who You say you are,
Not who God says you are!

REFLECT

Your own Identity,
Not God's Image!

REPRESENT

Your own Interests
Not God's Purposes!

LIVE FOR

Your own Desires,
Not God's Glory!

“MAKE YOUR OWN RULES AND FORGET GOD’S”

You will Not Die
YOU WILL FLOURISH!

But The Serpent is a Deceiver!

His Character

He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44

His Track Record

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

Romans 5:12

His Continued Strategy

But I am afraid that just as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3

So Then

The Serpent's Assault on the "goodness" of God's Human Creation that began in the Garden Continues to this day

Assault in the Garden

Free yourself from
God's Authority
over **Human Existence**
through Self-Autonomy



*God is not Good:
He is Self-Serving
and Oppressive
and must be Replaced*

Assault in America

Free yourself from
God's Design
for **Human Identity**
through Self-Creation



*God's Creation is not Good:
It is Harmful
and Oppressive
and must be Replaced*

Question

What are we as Men
to do with all this Gender Chaos/Confusion
moving across America Today?



III. The Masculine Choice Set Before Us

WHAT KIND OF MEN WILL WE CHOOSE TO BE
IN THIS CHAOTIC STORM?

Masculine Men
that *speak, move*
engage the Chaos

Sub-Masculine Men
that are *silent, passive*
compliment with the Chaos



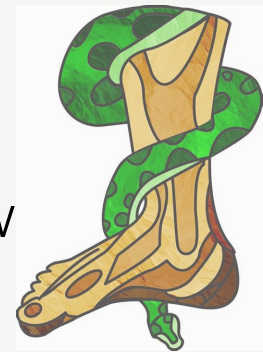
FOUR WAYS TO SPEAK INTO THIS CHAOS

A. Speak with Hope in “Christos Victor”

Genesis 3:14-15

*Then the LORD God said to the Serpent,
“Because you have done this...
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
He shall crush your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”*

The Serpent’s assault
on God’s Creation
will someday cease
with Jesus delivering him a crushing blow
after receiving a crippling blow



Note!

The Serpent's Head has been Crushed!

Christ publicly defeated all spiritual powers and evil forces by His victory over them on the Cross

Colossians 2:15

Don't be discouraged
in the present Chaos!

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

Romans 16:20



Speak into the Chaos
with HOPE in Christos Victor!

B. Speak with Boldness by Remembering God is Creator

Deut 10:4

The sky and stars above belong to the LORD your God, as does the earth and everything in it.

Psm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

Because God is the Creator/Owner of all things
He has both the Right/Authority
to speak into the Gender Revolution

HIS Voice
Must Be Clearly Heard

HIS Opinion
Carries Ultimate Weight

HIS Design
Determines Human Reality

C. Speak with Bold Clarity to the Revolution

Gender Revolution Says

Human Beings are Gender-Fluid Persons inhabiting a non-personal body which may or may not correspond to a binary sexuality

Gender Identity is linked to an Inner Gender-Self which is self-realized on a Gender Spectrum by subjective feelings

The Human Body is an all-but-meaningless tool *that at best serves the Inner Gender-Self*

The Creator Says

Human Beings are Sexually Embodied-Souls indivisible in nature male or female in gender and complementary in function

Gender Identity is linked to one's External Sexuality which is objectively recognized as Male or Female at Birth

The Human Body is sacred to Human Identity *as it exists as Male/Female to serve the Creator of All Things*

Note

To speak God's Truth with bold clarity means
We don't dance around the DELUSIONS of the Revolution:



August 20, 2018

'WE'RE A NORMAL FAMILY' World's first pregnant man says he'd do it **AGAIN**



ACLU calls for tampons in men's rooms in order to achieve 'menstrual equity' Dec 18, 2019

THE
SPECTATOR

**Some women have penises.
If you won't sleep with them
you're transphobic**

July 1, 2019

To Speak with Bold Clarity Means

We Say What is TRUE:

Transgendered Men
do not become Women,
Nor do Transgendered
Women become Men

Hormone Therapy cannot
remove or re-engineer
Male/Female Chromosomes
to produce a Man/Woman

Realignment Surgery only produces
✓ *Disfigured, feminized Men*
✓ *Disfigured, masculinized Women*
that only IMPERSONATE
the sex with which they identify

But Be Ready!

To Speak with Bold Clarity to the Revolution
Will Incur the Wrath of the Revolution

Matthew 5:11-12

*Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you, and falsely say
all kinds of evil against you because of Me.
Rejoice and be glad,
because great is your reward in heaven;
for in the same way they persecuted
the prophets before you.*

Will Require



- A. Hope in Christos Victor!
- B. Courage by Remembering God is Creator!

Also Remember

Truth/Love are *never* determined by what is Popular
But by what is Real!

If we believe
the Creation Story is Real
then to *affirm*
transgender people
in a path *incongruent* with
that Story
is *never* loving

If we *withhold* the Truth
of the Creation Story
because we value our own
reputation, friendships
or comfort over the good
of another made in God's Image
then we are *not* loving

*Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
but rejoices with the truth*

1 Cor 13:6

So Then...

To Speak into the Chaos will Mean:

- A. We speak with HOPE in Christos Victor
- B. We speak with COURAGE by remembering God is Creator
- C. We speak with BOLD CLARITY to the Revolution



D. Speak with Compassion to the Struggler

Colossians 3:12

*As God's chosen ones
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness and patience.*

To Speak with Compassion Will Mean...

We will not *shun*
or *scoff at*
those who believe
they are not the
gender/sex of
their Birth

We will *put aside*
our negative feelings
to *enter* the fear,
confusion and pain
of those with
Gender Dysphoria

We will *respect,*
honor and defend
the Dignity of
Transgender people
because they bear
God's Image

Note

Compassion does not mean Approval
But it does mean *Empathy*

*“I can’t imagine how hard this struggle must be for you
I may not agree with you, but I will never look down on you
I want to listen to your story to understand you
so I might walk with you on your difficult journey”*

While Compassion means Empathy
It does not mean *Silence*

*“Because I want the best for you
I must share with you (without judgment/pressure)
the Truth about God’s Design and Creational Reality”*

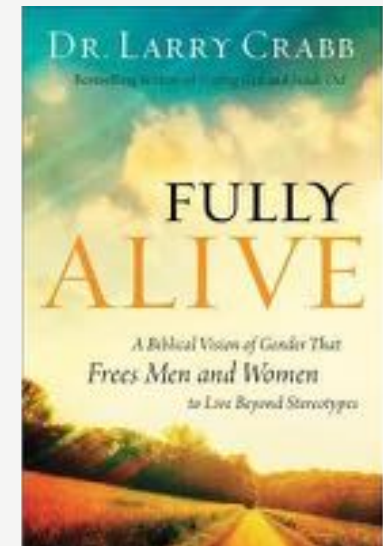
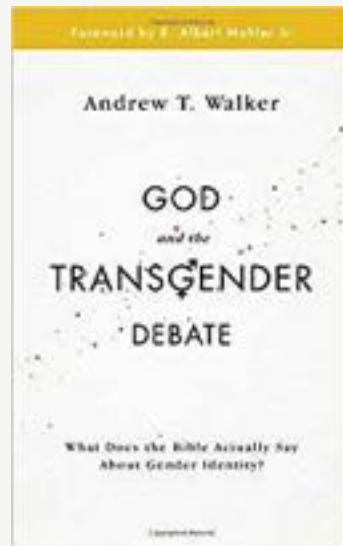
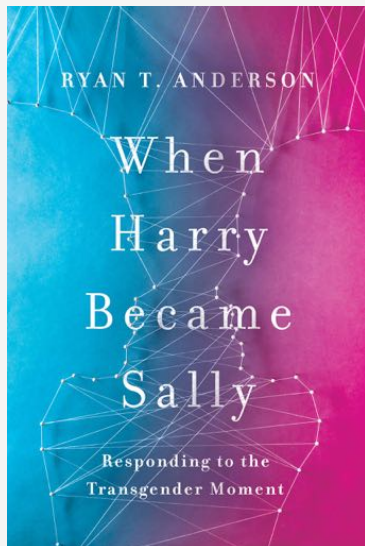
E. Speak with Understanding in the Different Platforms God has Given You

In Your Home

In Your Church Community

In Your Kid's Schools

To Your Gov. Legislators



Summery of Today

Viewing the Gender Revolution
through the Lens of Scripture we can conclude:

Behind the Gender Revolution is
the Ancient Serpent who hates God
And who from the Beginning
has been working
to incite rebellion against God

In the Gender Revolution
the Serpent is whispering:
*“What God says about being
Human is harmful/oppressive
and must be replaced”*

Through the Gender Revolution
the Serpent is assaulting
the “goodness” of God’s Creation
by using deception to sow chaos
into God’s set design and
fixed order for Human Identity

As Men we cannot be silent!
We must speak into this Chaos
with truth and love
to protect Creation’s “goodness”
thereby ensuring a “very good”
environment for Human Flouring

Next Time
Saturday
Feb 13, 2021

Speaking into the Chaos Assaulting Justice and Virtue



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