

Marred in His Hands: Uncovering the Truth of Gender Dysphoria

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Genesis 1:27

Psalm 139:7-26

- 1. God's Word**
- 2. What is Gender Dysphoria = state of unease/dissatisfaction with life**
- 3. Jessie's Story**
- 4. How Does the Church help**

Fearfully and wonderfully knit together in our mother's womb....

*All of us are **created by Almighty God...***

in His image ... created male and female...

all of us affected by the fall in one way or another

I want to focus today on this ***complex and controversial subject*** –

Gender Dysphoria – one which to do justice to would take a workshop setting to explain.

Reality, to a large degree, is constructed subjectively (personally/individually) through the processes of the mind.

This does this ***diminish the fact that objective, absolute truth exists,***

but it is important to recognize that

this process of perception, interpretation, and conclusions we come to

has a significant impact on the way we experience life.

Understanding this will have a **profound impact**

on helping people walk through difficult seasons of suffering.

God gives to each of us **a will** of our own.

If we want a world where **love is real,**

we must allow each person the **freedom to choose.**

Before I speak about GD **I want to clarify the difference** between GD

and a **medical** condition now called Disorders of Sex Development –
previously **Intersex**.

This is a *chromosomal sex disorder, where the fertilized egg does* not have two sex chromosomes – only 1. There are several different results of this disorder, but suffice to say the infant is born with neither fully formed male or female genitals.

Biological anomaly

This rare disorder occurs in about *0.002% of live births*. **Dr. Mary** told me that in 30 years of practice she has never encountered an intersex individual
Nevertheless, this is a *medical disorder*; unlike the psychological disorder of GD

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What youth in North America are pressured to believe
You can be any ‘gender’ you want to be.

Gender dysphoria has *gained public prominence through sensationalism* in popular media.

Wading into the discussion on gender dysphoria
and transgendered individuals is a *virtual minefield* –
it doesn't matter *where you step*, you're likely to get wounded.

We need to be filled with compassion and have a backbone of steel!

Gender dysphoria is indeed *a complex topic*. The stories are *heartbreaking*, both
at *the onset* of these thoughts and feelings,
but also for those who have chosen *hormone therapies*
or followed through with *gender reassignment surgery*.

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Gender Dysphoria

*The condition of feeling that one's emotional and psychological identity
as male or female is opposite to one's biological sex.*

It is a **subjective (personal)** experience, somewhat like
an *anorexic who feels they are obese*
and has an overwhelming need to **rid** themselves
of all those (*imagined*) unnecessary pounds.

if left untreated; they will force themselves to the point of death

GD refers to the *unhappiness* these people feel with their *physical sex* and/or *gender role*

For those who suffer with gender dysphoria (and suffer they do),
the compelling need within... is to *become what they are not*.

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The DSM -5 estimates between
0.005 and 0.014% of adult males
And 0.002 and 0.003 % of adult females
have a **diagnosis** of Gender Dysphoria

the **facts are** that to *this point* in history GD has been *rare!*
Those who identify as transgender are approximately .03%

Studies have shown that *gender identity is “malleable”* in young children,
and that the majority (**over 80%**) will *outgrow* their cross-gender identity.

But with *the aggressive, media* representation,
and *pro-trans websites like Tumblr*
teaching that gender is a *‘social construct’* and *sexuality is non-biological*

Canada is now experiencing *what I believe will be an unprecedented upsurge* in
the number of children claiming to be ‘in *the wrong* body’
and the number of **parents agreeing** with these children
and pressuring the medical community for **prepubescent hormone**
therapy

Lupron - used for treating cancer;
- Horrific side effects – including infertility

Yet; what the LGBT **culture is** pushing toward is that GD **no longer** a
psychological disorder; but rather *hardwired* – ‘*born that way*’
Again, without *scientifically validated evidence*

No one knows what causes GD;
but as *in the case of same-sex attraction*
there are a number of *significant interacting conditions*. ...

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- Evidence toward rejection of birth sex in the womb at birth/early childhood
- Clinical depression of these children's mother's (over their sex)
- Significant evidence of early childhood trauma; abandonment
- Significant evidence of Links to Autism
- Social anxiety/phobias
- Insecure attachment to one or both parents
- Over identification with one parent
- **Pre-existing mental health disorders** (i.e personality disorders are widely seen in this population)
- Some speculation of reduction of the androgen hormone in utero which may cause a predisposition i.e. male femininity

Once again, I believe that **deeply rooted experiences of childhood; abandonment** and/or

deep *traumatic* experiences

(as *described by nearly all transgendered adults*) can predispose an individual to many *mental health disorders and the denial of reality.*

In Ontario, the **clinics** that were established to help Gender Dysphoric children by *acknowledging and recapturing their biological sex* have been closed IN THE LAST 2 YEARS by our government

Transgender is a broader category than GD, typically used to represent any individual whose *gender-related identification* or an *external presentation* violates the design of biology.

Includes: transsexual; cross-dressing; drag?

Dr. Berger, a renowned Ontario psychiatrist states that *transgendered are people who claim* they are 'a woman trapped in a man's body' or alternatively 'a man trapped in a woman's body.'

He goes on to say *....scientifically there is no such thing.*

Therefore, anyone who truly *believes that notion, is by definition... deluded, psychotic.*

The *treatment of delusions or psychosis* is not by hormones or surgery (2013).

Cosmetic surgery cannot change chromosomes or make a man a woman, neither can it make a woman into a man, biologically.

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Berger 2013

This *intensely felt sense* of being transgendered constitutes *a mental disorder* in two respects.

The *first* is that the idea of sex *misalignment is simply mistaken* – it does *not correspond with physical reality*.

The **second** is that it can lead to *grim psychological outcomes.*”

This population of individuals has extremely **high levels of** mental health issues; and the highest of all **suicide rates**; which **do not reduce** after sex reassignment surgery.

Yet, **sex reassignment surgery has increased by 400% in Canada** since 2010

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Do you remember the children's story... The *emperor's new clothes* in which two men came to town claiming to *make clothing (invisible* mind you) that *only the very intelligent* could see.

Stating the obvious... was *suppressed by the fear* of being pointed out as a fool.

Even as the Emperor paraded through town naked!

It came **from an innocent child**

who had not subjected to the lies that *everyone* else was *too afraid to expose*.

(pun intended Jim Dawson!)

John 10:10 as it pertains to GD

The thief comes only to steal (peace) and kill (truth) and destroy; (identity)

I have come that they may have life,

and have it to the full.

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Jessie's story:

What can we do?

We can look at gender dysphoria and transsexualism
through a bifocal lens
Of *disability and integrity*.

GD A disorder of the mind ... in need of healing

let's remember **biblical integrity**. **Created in the image of God.**

To take a **stand** for truth **will cost** us something.

But perhaps standing in love and truth

will *gain us a victory* in the lives of those so wounded...

What will help the GD to be free?

- a. Intentional welcome and Compassion from the church
- b. *Jesus* is the only one who makes a way in *the wilderness of confusion*
The *way of the Cross* **READ: Eph. 2:1-5**
- c. *Gently Clarifying misinformation*
- d. *Freedom sessions* (*confession* of wrong thoughts/behaviors and
forgiveness of ALL who have hurt them; inner healing ministry
– what is going on in the spirit of the individual
- e. Therapy and medication for on-going mental health issues – social phobias;
 - i. Attachment injuries
- f. Groups like *Celebrate* recovery.

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Let me tell you about **education in New South Wales** (abbreviated as NSW) is a state on the *east coast of Australia*. And what has happened there this past *Feb*.

NSW public school *teachers have been banned from teaching gender theory* in the classroom after an *independent review* into the state's sex and health education resources.

had been teaching... **Opposite Ends of the Pole,**

According to the NSW Education Standards Authority's
curriculum and support materials should reflect evidence-based -research.

Kudos to the NSW education minister for taking a **2nd look** at this curriculum; and found there was *no scientific support* for teaching gender theory!

Poem...

GOD'S REQUIREMENT

Deuteronomy 10: 12

What does the Lord require of us
But to fear the Lord our God,
To walk in all His ways, love Him,
And serve the Lord our God.

We must serve with all our heart
And with all our soul,
Obey commandments that He gives,
Know He is in control.

Heaven and earth belong to God,
He is Lord of Lords,
Everything we do,
our God In His book records.

So let us fear the Lord our God,
Hold fast and serve Him well,
He is our praise, He is our God,
In peace with Him let's dwell.

Muriel Stephenson March 21/17

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