Sex Gender & Identity Seeking and Speaking Truth

Ordered Sex and Gender

- Created in the image of God
- Male and Female
- Embodied & Complementary 'very good'
- With behaviours appropriate to their body
- And desires fit to keep God's command
- Finding joy & peace in the unity of difference (true diversity)
- An identity as a child of God by grace

Gen 1-2 Matt 19:4-6 Mark 10:6-9 Psalm 139:13-16

Dis-ordered Sex and Gender

BUT we live in a post Genesis 3 world.

Misalignment from God's pattern happens.

- Biological misalignment happens
- All struggle with
 - disordered desires
 - misplaced identity

Jeremiah 17:9

Matt 15:19

Matt 19:11-12

Romans 1

Our cultural moment

sexual liquidity in a malleable body

The 'new' world of transgender ideology

Find your 'true' or authentic Self = inner voice of feelings

- Self declared identity is immutable.
- Sex is a socially constructed spectrum assigned at birth.



- Hijacking of language
- Conflation of categories & its consequences.
- Affirm & celebrate or else.....

We walk with people who are distressed:

- Gay; les; bisexual; asexual; fluid
- Intersex (disorders/differences in sex development)
- Transgender, struggle with body discomfort or gender dysphoria

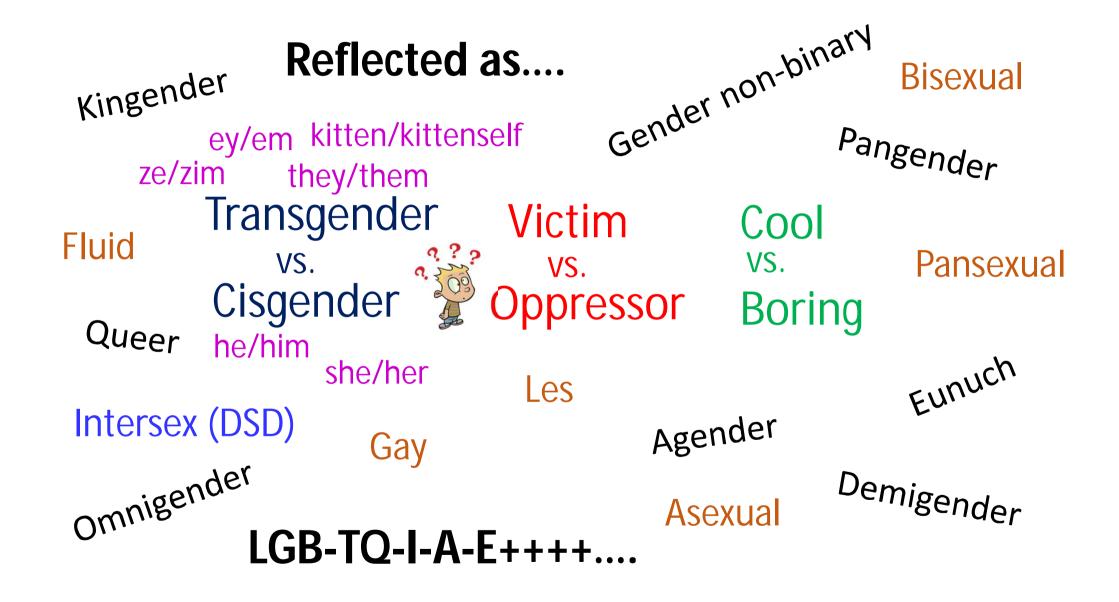
We offer:

- Friendship Comfort empathy
- > As we point people to Jesus

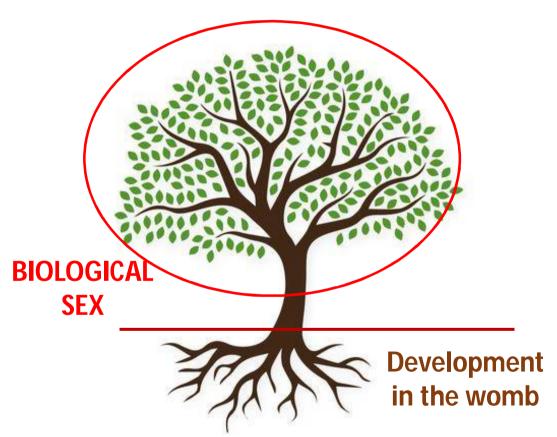
We seek to **speak truth** to people

- Radical Gender theorists
- Transgender ideologues
- Trans activists
- Trans allies

'No longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.' Eph 4:14-15



The tree of life Psalm 139

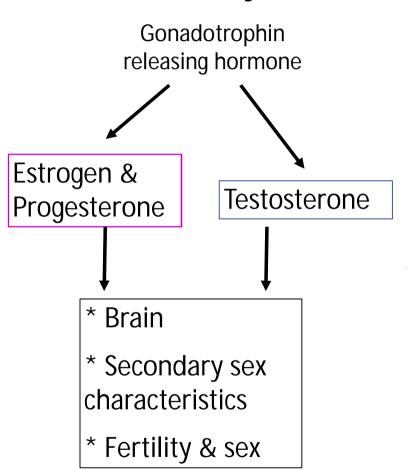


Sex is **determined** at conception observed visually while in the womb and confirmed at birth

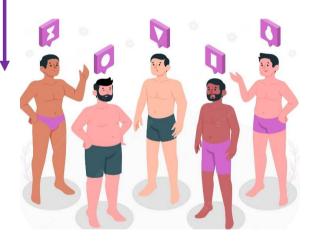
Sex determination Sex differentiation **OVARY** TESTIS NO Testosterone Testosterone Male external Female external and internal and internal genitalia genitalia

0.018% - Ambiguous genitalia - Disorder of sex development [intersex]* There is NO third sex * Sex is binary NOT a spectrum

Puberty

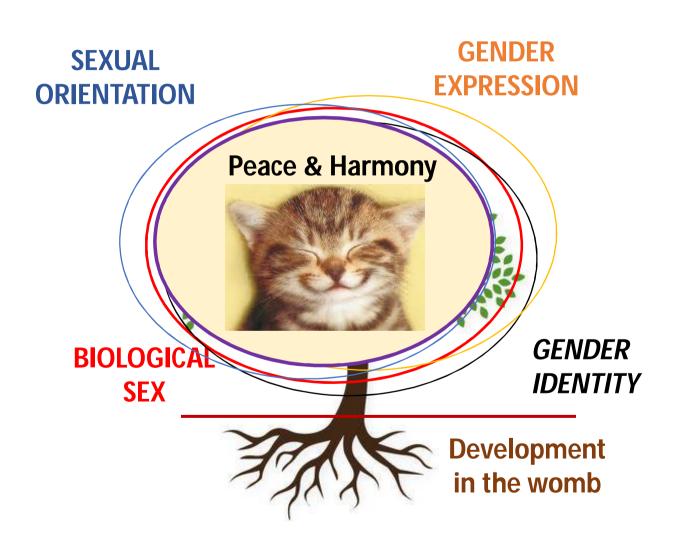


Secondary sex characteristics vary – Sex is BINARY

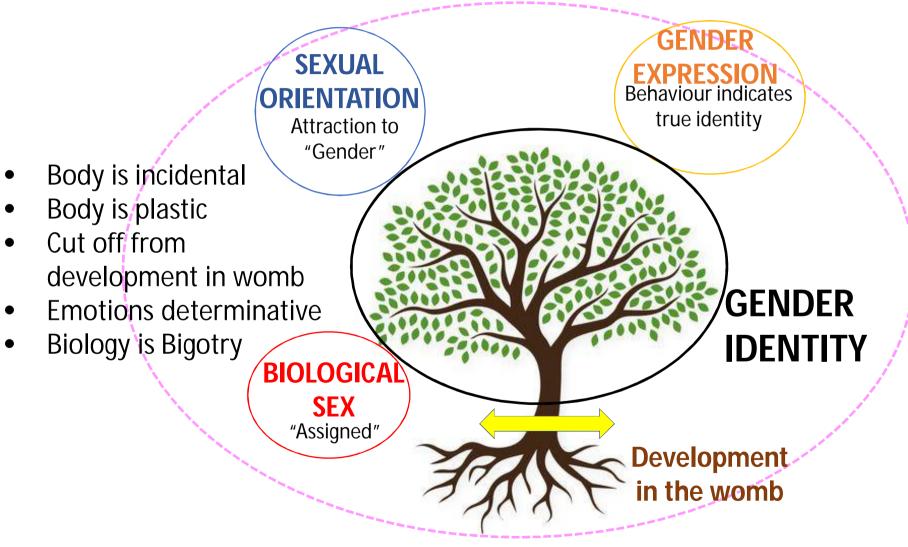




Categories: The tree of life



Transgender ideology: Trans tree



Feeling of gender identity

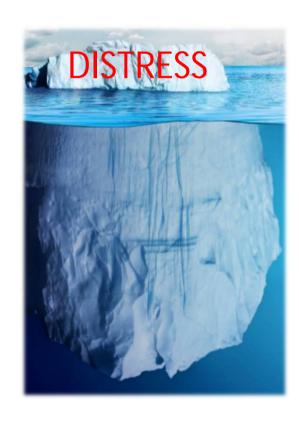
Transgender:

A FEELING of disjunction between brain feeling and body reality

MAY lead to Gender Dysphoria (Distress)
Clinical diagnosis (DSM 5)

Important:

- What causes it?
- What do we do?

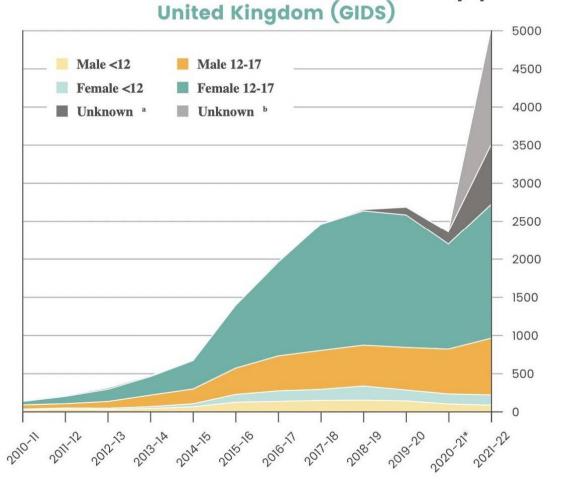


Rising tide of distress & referrals to gender clinics

Child and Adolescent Referrals for Gender Dysphoria

One in five Gen Z adults identify as LGBT [US]

Bisexual identification is most common [US]



Why?

Social acceptance theory

'Cool to be queer' testing out identity at adolescence

Social contagion

What causes Gender Dysphoria?

Adults?

Hidden homosexual feelings; Autogynephilia

Teenagers?

Rapid onset gender dysphoria

Children? There is NO trans child

- High correlation with autism and other neurodivergent conditions
- Kids struggling with same sex attraction
- Gender nonconforming kids

What can we do?

Change the body to fit our feelings: Affirmation at any age

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Social transitioning (y y age)
Puberty blocker (gs (Tanners stage 2: <10 yrs.)
Cross sex horm (es 6 years)
Surgery
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Explore the feelings that caused the distress: gender exploratory therapy

Help people fit disordered feelings to bodily reality

Help people live well with the distress:

As we await final healing and find peace in Jesus

Any approach that does not immediately AFFIRM transgender and move a child to the transition pathway is considered conversion therapy



Left alone:>85% Children Desist at

puberty

Started on affirmation >95% Persist

Social transitioning (any age)

Puberty blocker drugs (Tanners stage 2)

Severe side effects of treatment

Increase in detransitioners

Cross sex hormones (16 years)

Surgery:

Mastectomy *Top surgery* (18yrs)

Phalloplasty, neo vagina *Bottom surgery*

Clarity: Know Science & Understand Culture

Conviction: Biblical sexual ethics

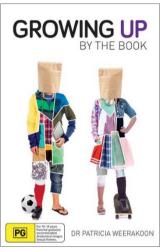
Compassion: personal distress

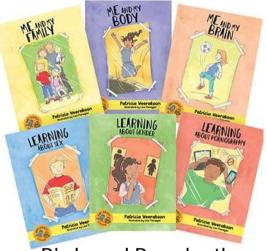
 Considering underlying pathology, family issues, school environment, social media use.

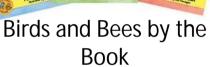
Care for people

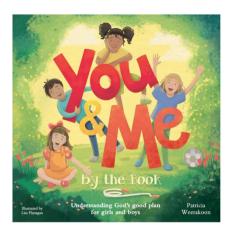
- Point to Christ and speak the truth in love
 NOT Celebration, Compromise and/or affirmation
 Catechise:
- Prepare people teach especially the CHILDREN Complacency IS NOT an option!















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