



Sept 28, 2019 story https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/injury-fears-over-rugbys-trans-women-drive-referees-off-pitch-877hjsfz0



https://www.bbc.com/sport/cycling/50111521



https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/jun/18/transgender-athletes-wins-prompt-girls-discriminat/

"Nearly a year after the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage, another social movement is poised to challenge deeply held cultural beliefs."

- Time, May 29, 2014



https://time.com/magazine/us/135460/june-9th-2014-vol-183-no-22-u-s/



July 10, 2019 story, which the court ruled on end of Sept/Oct 1 – see Times of London quote later.

https://www.dailywire.com/news/british-court-in-transgender-case-bible-belief-is-incompatible-with-human-dignity

https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/2019/october/christian-doc-loses-job-as-uk-judge-rules-biblical-view-of-male-and-female-violates-human-dignity-nbsp https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/07/10/christian-doctor-lost-job-government-department-refusing-identify/



### The Telegraph



He told the tribunal he was suspended the following month after being "interrogated" by his boss, James Owen, for refusing to "call any sixfoot-tall bearded man 'madam' on his whim". The medic claims he was told he was "overwhelmingly likely" to lose his job unless he agreed.

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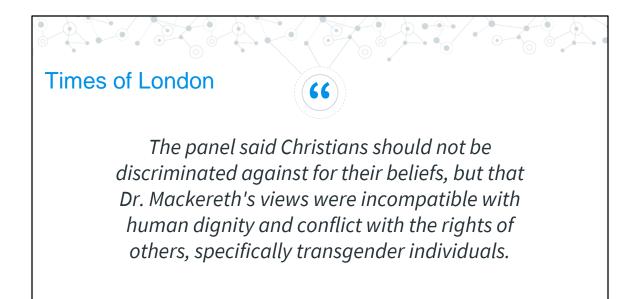
October 1<sup>st</sup>, this is an updated story AFTER David Mackereth LOST the case. https://albertmohler.com/2019/10/03/briefing-10-3-19



### Genesis 1:27 (ESV)



So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.



https://albertmohler.com/2019/10/03/briefing-10-3-19



Once again, we see that inevitable collision between the newly declared sexual liberties, so essential to the transgender and the sexual revolution, and religious liberty. And you'll notice that in this case, as in so many others, it's religious liberty that loses....

Again, sadly enough, a harbinger, a sign of things to come.

https://albertmohler.com/2019/10/03/briefing-10-3-19

### How Did We Get Here?

- The alliance of LGBT
  - Lesbian
  - Gay
  - Bisexual
  - Transgender
- Each sexual minority group needs one another for greater influence
  - 4.5% of US adults identify as LGBT
    - 0.58% Transgender

# The Steps to Sexual Liberation

- Birth Control and Contraception
- Divorce
- Advanced Reproductive Technologies

See, "It Didn't Start with Same-sex Marriage" (Chapter 2) in *We Cannot Be Silent*, by Al Mohler (pp. 17-32).



The arrival of modern contraceptives separated sex from babies, allowing couples to have sex, whether in marriage or not, without the "threat" of pregnancy.... On the other side of the reproductive equation, the arrival of advanced reproductive technologies has allowed persons to have babies without having sex. So the Pill allowed sex without babies, and the modern reproductive technologies allow babies without sex.

Mohler, We Cannot be Silent, 26

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#### **Bruce Jenner**



"This is how I explain myself," [Jenner] said. "God's looking down and he's making little Bruce. He said, 'What are we gonna do with this one? Let's give him good looks, make him intelligent, make him athletic, that's kind of cool. Let's make him really athletic that's even cooler.' He gets to the end and goes, 'Look at all these wonderful qualities we've given this one. But everybody's got their stuff, what are we going to give this one to deal with?' He sits back, chuckles, and says, 'Let's give this one the soul of a female and see what happens."

https://www.theatlantic.com/notes/2016/06/is-the-transgender-movement-aspiritual-one/489275/

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There is no concrete correlation between a person's gender identity and sexual interests; a heterosexual woman, for instance, might start living as a man and still be attracted to men. One oft-cited explanation is that sexual orientation determines who you want to go to bed with and gender identity determines what you want to go to bed as.

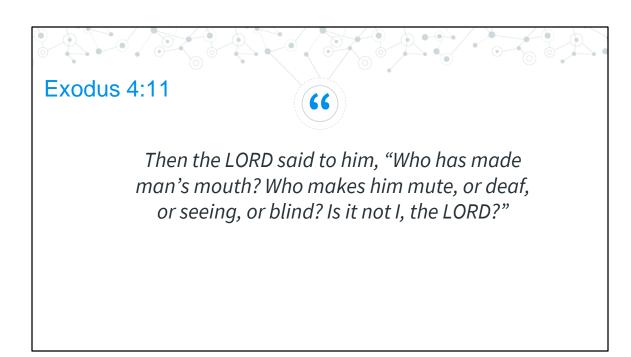
Katy Steinmetz, "The Transgender Tipping Point" *Times*, June, 2014. https://time.com/magazine/us/135460/june-9th-2014-vol-183-no-22-u-s/

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A woman shall not wear a man's garment, nor shall a man put on a woman's cloak, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.

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### **Our Biblical Obligation**

- We have an obligation to our fellow man to proclaim the gospel and repentance from sin
- We also have an obligation to work for the good of the culture/society (cf. Matt 5:13ff)
- We are obligated as Christians to be submissive to Christ in every area of life

# Important Questions How does surgery affect transgendered people?

# The Guardian 66

Guardian Weekend asked Birmingham University's Aggressive Research Intelligence Facility (Arif) to assess the findings of more than 100 follow-up studies of post-operative transsexuals. Arif, which conducts reviews of healthcare treatments for the NHS, concludes that none of the studies provides conclusive evidence that gender reassignment is beneficial for patients. ...

https://www.theguardian.com/society/2004/jul/31/health.socialcare



It found that most research was poorly designed, which skewed the results in favour of physically changing sex. There was no evaluation of whether other treatments, such as long-term counselling, might help transsexuals, or whether their gender confusion might lessen over time.

https://www.theguardian.com/society/2004/jul/31/health.socialcare



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The most thorough follow-up of sex-reassigned people—
extending over 30 years and conducted in Sweden,
where the culture is strongly supportive of the
transgendered—documents their lifelong mental unrest.
Ten to 15 years after surgical reassignment, the suicide
rate of those who had undergone sex-reassignment
surgery rose to 20 times that of comparable peers.

https://www.heritage.org/gender/commentary/sex-reassignment-doesnt-work-here-the-evidence
Reference to 2011 study
(https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0016885)

# CMS.gov Memo

The mortality was primarily due to completed suicides (19.1-fold greater than in control Swedes), but death due to neoplasm and cardiovascular disease was increased 2 to 2.5 times as well. We note, mortality from this patient population did not become apparent until after 10 years. The risk for psychiatric hospitalization was 2.8 times greater than in controls even after adjustment for prior psychiatric disease (18 percent).

https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/nca-decision-memo.aspx?NCAId=282&CoverageSelection=National&KeyWord=gender+reassignment+surgery&KeyWordLookUp=Title&KeyWordSearchType=And&bc=gAAAACAACAAAAA%3D%3D&

# Paul McHugh 66

You won't hear it from those championing transgender equality, but controlled and follow-up studies reveal fundamental problems with this movement. When children who reported transgender feelings were tracked without medical or surgical treatment at both Vanderbilt University and London's Portman Clinic, 70%-80% of them spontaneously lost those feelings. Some 25% did have persisting feelings; what differentiates those individuals remains to be discerned. ...

https://www.wsj.com/articles/paul-mchugh-transgender-surgery-isnt-the-solution-1402615120

Paul McHugh cont.

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We at Johns Hopkins University—which in the 1960s was the first American medical center to venture into "sex-reassignment surgery"—launched a study in the 1970s comparing the outcomes of transgendered people who had the surgery with the outcomes of those who did not. Most of the surgically treated patients described themselves as "satisfied" by the results, but their subsequent psycho-social adjustments were no better than those who didn't have the surgery.

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# **Important Questions**

- How does surgery affect transgendered people?
- Doesn't intersex prove that sex and gender are non-binary?



Intersex, in biology, an organism having physical characteristics intermediate between a true male and a true female of its species.

The condition usually results from extra chromosomes or a hormonal abnormality during embryological development.

https://www.britannica.com/science/intersex

# Commonality of Intersex

- The statistics vary depending on which conditions are included
- Estimates range from 1.7% of all live births to 2 out of every 10,000



### Intersex Society of North America

- Not XX and not XY one in 1,666 births
- Klinefelter (XXY) one in 1,000
- Androgen insensitivity syndrome one in 13,000
- Partial androgen insensitivity syndrome one in 130,000
- Classical congenital adrenal hyperplasia one in 13,000
   Late onset adrenal hyperplasia one in 66 individuals
- Vaginal agenesis one in 6,000 births
- Ovotestes one in 83,000 births

https://isna.org/faq/frequency/ This is a non-exhaustive list

### **Burk on Dealing with Medical Treatments**

- Parents should be reluctant about corrective surgery for infants
- Try to determine chromosomal makeup of child (i.e., look for Y chromosome)
- Remember not all doctors share a biblical worldview or convictions
- Parents should actively pursue treatment which aligns with biblical convictions

Burk, What is the Meaning of Sex, 181ff.

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- What about transgender individuals at our churches?

### Conclusion

- The Bible speaks plainly about sex and gender, attributing both to God's sovereign and intimate design
- The shepherding response to each situation can differ significantly (cf. 1 Thess 5:14)
- The role of the Church is to live in accordance with the biblical teaching, and to confront error

### PowerPoint Available

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