

Biblical Gender, God's Good Design

YAC Crossroads, February 2022

Big idea review from last week:

Gender exists to DISPLAY the goodness and glory of God, not simply to define differences.

Two additional definitions:

Trans-Man

Trans-Woman

The main question we need to ask: How are we being _____?

Formation according to the Trans* movement:

- Social Transition
- Puberty Blockers
- Cross-sex Hormones
- Sex Confirmation surgery

Mark Yarhouse's Frameworks for Understanding (taken from "Understanding Gender Dysphoria")

- Design/Integrity Framework
 - Very clear-cut. Gender dysphoria is confusion of the Creator's design.
 - Response: GD is to be _____
- Disorder Framework
 - Gender dysphoria is mental illness that results from living in a fallen world. Nonmoral.
 - Response: GD is to be _____
- Diversity Framework
 - Gender dysphoria is an expression of diversity and culture, recognizing differences.
 - Response: GD is to be _____

A fourth frame, added by Pastor Jon Tyson:

- Discipleship Framework
 - Gender dysphoria is part of our sin nature which fails to display the glory of God fully.
 - Response: GD is to be _____

Text or email questions: (717) 487-1913 or bkannel@yorkalliance.org

Two key questions that must be asked of believers struggling with gender dysphoria:

- Lordship—What claim does Jesus make on my body?
- Formation—How does this response to GD impact my discipleship?

Three areas of response:

1. Cultural

Philip Rieff cultural framework:

- First World: Pagan worlds that are grounded in sacred order and sacred myth.
- Second World: No longer characterized by fate but faith. Singular and transcendent.
- Third World: Anticulture with no sacred order. God becomes an unnecessary hypothesis.

Genesis 1:26-28

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Culture (biblically): Ordering chaos

Modern world (anticulture): Disorder to create chaos

Agents of redemption: Called to create order in the midst of chaos

“Christians today are not opponents of the anticulture. Too often we are a symptom of it. In short, our response to the major issues of our day—particularly those associated with the LGBTQ+ movement and its demands—cannot be isolated from the wider framework of anticulture in which we live. We cannot blithely accept no-fault divorce, for example, and then complain that *Obergefell* redefined marriage. The basic redefinition of marriage did not take place in 2015 but when Governor Ronald Reagan signed no-fault divorce into law in California in 1970.”

Carl Trueman, [The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self](#)

2. Missional

Traditional Church: Behaving → Believing → Belonging

Missional Church: Belonging → Believing → Behaving

“If you want a person suffering from gender incongruence to choose a path that seems more redemptive, you will want to be part of a redemptive community that facilitates that kind of decision making.”

Mark Yarhouse, [Understanding Gender Dysphoria](#)

3. Pastoral

Text or email questions: (717) 487-1913 or bkannel@yorkalliance.org