The Sexual State and the Gender Ideology

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The Sexual Revolution Defined:

➢ A good and decent society should:

1. Separate sex from babies. **The Contraceptive Ideology.**
2. Separate both sex and babies from marriage. **The Divorce Ideology.**
3. Wipe out all differences between men and women, *(except those explicitly chosen by individuals.)* **The Gender Ideology.**
The Sexual Revolution:

Is irrational and impossible.

It cannot stand on its own. It requires:
  - force
  - propaganda

A totalitarian ideology that no Christian should have anything to do with.
The Sexual Revolution: A Fantasy Ideology

Beyond Left and Right, similar in these ways:

- Grants ever-increasing power to a subset of people.
- Impervious to evidence that conflicts with the fantasy.
- Intolerant of dissent.
For the True Revolutionary:

The “issue” is never the issue.

The issue is ALWAYS the revolution.

And the purpose of the Revolution is POWER.
Two must read articles:

http://thefederalist.com/2018/02/20/rich-white-men-institutionalizing-transgender-ideology

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2. New-school Gender Ideology: Transgenderism
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The heart of the presentation.
Do These Headlines Upset You?

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What is the Gender Ideology?

Men and women are identical.

*Except women are better.*

*Therefore:*

*Wiping out all differences between men and women is a moral imperative.*
Gender Ideology:

*It didn’t just sneak up on us.*

- De-gendering going on for a long time.
  - Heartbroken Career Woman
  - Postpone childbearing
  - Apologize for motherhood
  - Men expected to be assistant moms, rather than dads.
  - Boys expected to sit still in school.
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The gender ideology morphs from:

Banned: Father-Daughter Dances

Required: Gender Neutral bathrooms
New gender ideology:

- Wipe out all differences between men and women,
- Except:
  - Those the individual specifically chooses to embrace.
Bruce Jenner: “Call me Caitlyn.” Note the stereotypical image of “femininity:”
“The hardest part about being a woman is figuring out what to wear.”
Contradictory Visions:

Women in Sports:
Title IX used to mandate women’s participation, is now the basis for transgender mandates.

Fallon Fox, male-bodied "woman" boxer
A related contradiction:

A person who experiences same sex attraction is “born that way” and must live that way in order to be authentic.

A person who experiences gender dysphoria is not “born that way” meaning biologically male or female. They must change their bodies to match their minds.
How do these 2 versions of the Gender Ideology fit together?

The human body is unimportant, and can be transcended, either

➢ Through social reconstruction
➢ Or
➢ Through individual reconstruction
➢ (with the help of the law and technology.)
Insufficient Screening:

Belgian killed by euthanasia after a botched sex change operation

A Belgian has been killed by medical euthanasia after pleading for death because a botched sex change operation to turn her into a man had resulted in "a monster".

Nathan Verheist was euthanised on the grounds of "unbearable psychological suffering". Photo:
Nancy “Nathan” Verhelst:

• “botched” sex change.
• Not botched in any medical sense.
• Her mother wanted a boy.
• Nancy/Nathan had herself euthanized legally, under Belgian law.
• “Euthanizing the unhappy: the urgent need for love.”
http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2013/11/11113/
Insufficient Screening: Walt Heyer

Not screened for issues related to child abuse, including sexual abuse: dissociative disorder.

Transgender Reversal

http://www.sexchangeregret.com/
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We Don’t Know

1. What Pope Francis said.
2. What he meant.
3. What Juan Carlos Cruz (sex abuse survivor) heard.
Implied scientific claim:
You were “born that way.”

✓ Is the pope infallible when he makes scientific statements?

✓ I will show that the implied (but not quite stated) scientific claim is incorrect.
Where did “born that way” idea come from?

1. Legal campaign to redefine marriage.

2. Activists want to use US anti-discrimination law.  
   
   Judge Vaughn Walker, Prop 8 case.
A “pick-up line?”

- Isn’t this a useful line?
- What did Juan Carlos Cruz hear from his predator?
- What did he think, or need to hear from Pope Francis?
- We have no way of knowing.
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What does “gay” mean? Scientifically, it could mean:

1. Are you attracted to people of the same sex?
2. Have you ever had sex with a person of the same sex?
3. Do you identify yourself as “gay” or “lesbian?”
In a classic study from 1994:

1. Are you attracted to people of the same sex? Men, 6.2%. Women, 4.4%

2. Have you ever had any sex with a person of the same sex, since puberty? Men, 9.1%, Women 4.3%

3. Do you identify yourself as “gay” or “lesbian?” Men 2.8%, Women, 1.4%.

Laumann et.al. Table 8.2
“Gay” could also mean:

Have you had sex exclusively with same sex partners since puberty?

*Men*. 0.6%
*Women*. 0.2%

*(Laumann et. al. Table 8.3A)*
Reference for previous slides:


Dr. Lisa Diamond

“There is currently no scientific or popular consensus on the exact constellation of experiences that definitively ‘qualify’ an individual as lesbian, gay, or bisexual.”

Quoted by Meyer and McHugh
What does “gay” mean?
An individual person might mean:

- Experience same sex attraction, and living a chaste life.
- Trying it as a lifestyle: “Lesbian Until Graduation.”
- Lived that way, am now married to opposite sex. (Ex-gay?)
Situational “gay:” (boarding school, prison, military)
Did it a few times, didn’t like it.
Did it, but never really satisfied.
Did it, don’t like it, try to stop, but can’t.
Not having sex, but still struggle with related issues.
Completely committed to the entire gay agenda.
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Possible Causes of Same Sex Attraction:

• genetic
• hormonal
• developmental
• social and cultural influences
Genetic causes?

*Twin studies, inconclusive.*

*No “gay gene.”*
Hormonal Causes?

“some forms of prenatal hormone exposure, particularly CAH in females, are associated with differences in sexual orientation.”

(CAH) = congenital adrenal hyperplasia which in females can result in genital virilization. More likely to be not exclusively heterosexual.

Other hormonal influences: inconclusive.
Developmental Causes?
Clinicians used to say:

Absent or abusive father, domineering mother, stunts male development.

(same for girls as for boys? No one really expects this.)
Developmental Causes? Abuse

Compared with heterosexual rates of adverse childhood experiences:

➢ gays and lesbians: nearly 1.7 times
➢ Bisexuals: 1.6 times
Social and cultural influences

Same Sex Attraction:

Living in urban areas *
Higher education *
Parental separation or divorce **

* Laumann et. al.
** Regnerus, “How different are adult children of parents who have same sex relationships?” *Social Science Research* 41 (2012) 752–770.
There is no consensus among scientists about the exact reasons that an individual develops a heterosexual, bisexual, gay or lesbian orientation. Although much research has examined the possible genetic, hormonal, developmental, social and cultural influences on sexual orientation, no findings have emerged that permit scientists to conclude that sexual orientation is determined by any particular factor or factors. Many think that nature and nurture both play complex roles; most people experience little or no sense of choice about their sexual orientation. --

In other words: no scientific basis for “born that way.”
“Does this mean I’m gay?”

“Current research from the biological, psychological, and social sciences suggests that this question, at least as it is framed, makes little sense. As far as science can tell us, there is nothing “there” for this young man to discover — no fact of nature to uncover or to find buried within himself.”
Are people “born that way?”

“The understanding of sexual orientation as an innate, biologically fixed property of human beings — the idea that people are “born that way” — is not supported by scientific evidence.”

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Do people Change?

“sexual orientation may be quite fluid over the life course for some people.”

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Can people Change?

- Males, same-sex attracted or bi-sexually attracted in 1994,
- 80% identified themselves as exclusively heterosexual as young adults in 2007.
Do people Change?

- Identification is a decision.
- Behavior is a decision.
- These can change.
References:

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“Special report on Sexuality and Gender” The New Atlantis, Lawrence S. Mayer and Paul McHugh.

American College of Pediatricians Position Statement on Gender Dysphoria.
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“I think I’m gay.”

- Ask them what they mean.
- Don’t freak out!
How can we help?

Robert Oscar Lopez

Raised by mother and her lesbian partner.
Outspoken critic of same sex parenting.
Attacked: lost his job.
His site gives tips for gays who want to leave.

https://englishmanif.blogspot.mx/

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Robert Oscar Lopez has been described as bisexual, gay, ex-gay, a former homosexual, a self-hating bigot, an immoral man, a hater, a scumbag, a raging misogynist, and many other things. Currently he is straight and chaste. He has been with his wife for 19 years and has two children. He firmly supports chastity and opposes fornication and adultery, though he has been a sinner and has had to repent of many sins of the flesh. Once upon a time, he was gay.
Joseph Sciambra, former gay porn star.

I do not send young kids to this site. It is too raw. You go!

http://josephsciambra.com/surviving-gaybarely/
How can we help?

- Support young people’s sense of themselves as male or female.
- Give them space to talk, including sexual abuse or other trauma.
- Be friends! Include them in activities. Apostolate of friendship.
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