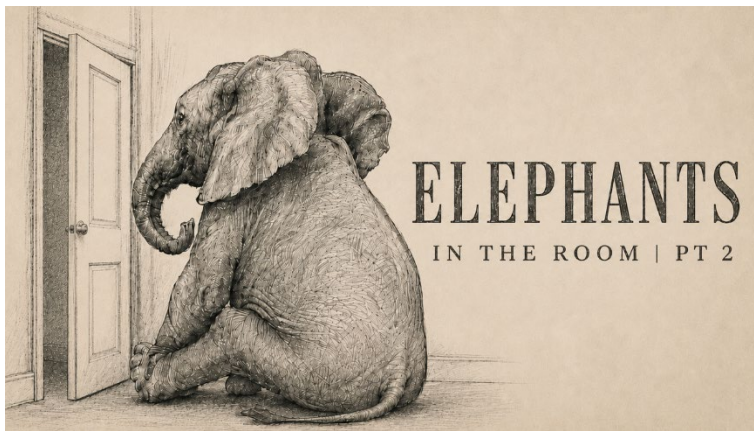




ELEPHANTS IN THE ROOM Pt 2

**“Does It Matter Who &
What God Says I Am?”**

Genesis 1:26-31

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READ [Genesis 1:26-31](#)

The Truth About Who & What God Says I Am

1) God created humanity with a perfect design & purpose

[Genesis 1:31; Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)

2) God created all humanity in His image [Genesis 1:26-27](#)

3) God created our bodies to glorify Him [1 Corinthians 6:15-20](#)

4) God created two genders male & female [Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4-6](#)

Keving DeYoung Quote (*see next page*)

5) God created these 2 genders to compliment & complete one another

6) Gender & sex are not separate

- **Sex** – biological & anatomical traits including genitalia, hormones, DNA, etc identifying someone as male or female
- **Gender** – the subjective psychological, social, & cultural aspects of being male or female
- **Gender Identity** – a person’s self-perception or feeling of whether they are masculine (male) or feminine (female)
- **Gender Dysphoria** – a mismatch between the gender that matches their biological sex & the gender that they feel themselves to be.
- **Transgender** – an umbrella term for the state or condition of identifying or expressing a gender identity that does not match a person’s physical/genetic sex
- **Transexual** – person who identifies as a gender different from the sex they were assigned at birth and has sought, or desires to seek, medical treatment (such as hormone therapy and/or surgery) to align their body with their gender identity.
- **Cisgender/Gender Binary** – a person whose gender identity matches (feel themselves to be) the sex they were assigned at birth. One who believes there are 2 distinct genders – male & female & every person belongs exclusively to one of these categories.

- **DSD (disorder/difference of sexual development)** – congenital conditions in which the development of chromosomal, gonadal, or anatomical sex is atypical.

Quotes: Paul McHugh & Tony Reinke (*see next page*)

7) When sin enters the world, it causes confusion, chaos & brokenness

[Genesis 3:1-13; Isaiah 29:16](#)

The Takeaways

- 1) We must stand firm with conviction & never compromise the truth of God's Word about God's design for gender & our bodies
- 2) It is not sinful to experience gender dysphoria. It is sinful to desire & embrace that misalignment of God's perfect design.
- 3) We must show compassion, mercy, & grace to those who struggle with gender dysphoria & other gender related issues & yet stand on the truth
- 4) We must point people to the hope that is found in Jesus
[2 Corinthians 5:17](#)
- 5) We must teach our children about God's design for gender & sex

HELPFUL RESOURCES

- 1) *God & the Transgender Debate: What Does the Bible Actually Say About Gender Identity?* Andrew T. Walker
- 2) *Affirming God's Image: Addressing the Transgender Question with Science & Scripture* J. Alan BBranch
- 3) *Gender Ideology: What DO Christians Need to Know?* Sharon James
- 4) *A Parent's Guide to Teaching Your Children About Gender: Helping Kids Navigate a Confusing Culture* Jared Kennedy

QUOTES:

"Far from being a mere cultural construct, God depicts the existence of a man and a woman as essential to his creational plan. The two are neither identical nor interchangeable. But when the woman, who was taken out of man, joins again with the man in sexual union, the two become one flesh. Dividing the human race into two genders, male and female—one or the other, not both, and not one then the other—is not the invention of Victorian prudes or patriarchal oafs. It was God's idea. " **Pastor Kevin DeYoung**

“Transgendered men do not become women, nor do transgendered women become men. All (including Bruce Jenner) become feminized men or masculin-ized women, counterfeits or impersonators of the sex with which they identify. In fact, gender dysphoria—the official psychiatric term for feeling oneself to be of the opposite sex—belongs in the family of similarly disordered assumptions about the body, such as anorexia nervosa and body dysmorphic disorder. Its treatment should not be directed at the body as with surgery and hormones any more than one treats obesity-fearing anorexic patients with liposuction. The treatment should strive to correct the false, problematic nature of the assumption and to resolve the psychological conflicts provoking it.” **Paul McHugh - University Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry @ John Hopking Medical School**

"Chromosomes cannot be re-engineered, removed, or scrubbed from the software of our bodies. It may be possible for a trans woman' to pass for a woman on the street at the visual level, but it is not possible for a man to morph himself into a biological woman, with all the experiences and functions of natural femaleness. The biological narrative doesn't exist. While medical advances make it possible to suppress or change some of the outward appearances of our bodies, and change our patterns of speech and dress, it is not possible to raze our bodies to the ground and rebuild them without shortcutting all the essential formative experiences that make the biological sex expression and gender authentic. "A trans woman' can grow his hair long and wear high-heels and pump estrogen into his body. And a 'trans man' can cut her hair short, and force testosterone into her body. All of this is an active pushing against the body's internal software. Unable to decode ourselves from the genetics of our physical be-coming, we are left to rearrange anatomical aesthetics and coerce ourselves in a direction that runs against nature. **Author Tony Reinke**