

At the Heart of Transvestism

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You shall not worship them or serve them.**

Our Primary Text

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You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not bear false witness.

Main Point

The visibility of transvestism serves to expose deeper issues of idolatry and self-gratification that plagued them and still plague us and that will require a convictional response.

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Idolatry

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A man's "stuff"

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Whether this was a practice associated with the worship of various deities or some other expression, it represented an *idolatry of self* in any case.

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Sexual Perversity

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This was likely connected to acts of sexual gratification that may have included homosexuality or other perversions of God's design.

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Identity Swapping

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Transvestism is not about fashion;
it is about taking on some or all of
the identifying qualities, features,
or distinguishing characteristics
of the opposite sex.

It is about *identification*.

At the Heart of Transvestism

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Why is this prohibited?

The issue is *not* the stuff *nor* the skirt
as if the LORD were concerned about
men's and women's fashion.

The issue is the desire and
motivation of the heart.

Why is this prohibited?

All of its motivations are rebellion
against the LORD!

God's Design of Clear Distinction

Genesis 1:27

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“Gender Binary” is NOT manmade!

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God created women to be women
and to express themselves as women
and to worship Him as women.

What about Feminism?

On a practical level, *Feminism*, is a throwing off of “traditional” female qualities or roles in order to gain equality with men.

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But as an ideology, *Feminism* is an ironical hatred of womanhood and exposes an envy of and covetousness for manhood.

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and a rejection of His design.**

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Whether motivated by a desire for sexual gratification or for some other reason, this too is an abomination to the LORD.

What is “Effeminism”?

Effeminism is an ideology that seeks to encourage boys to adopt feminine characteristics due to a hatred of masculinity.

A Small Sample

“How to Raise a Feminist Son”

“760 Feminized Boys Ideas on Pinterest”

“It’s Time to Let Boys Be Girly”

“From He to She in First Grade”

This is rebellion against God!

God created men to be men
and to express themselves as
men and to worship Him as men.

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It is destructive to the person.

Deuteronomy 4:39-40

So you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I am giving you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may live long on the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time.

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Disregarding the Designer
and His design will only lead
to the destruction of the one
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Why is it prohibited?

**What questions about this
must we address now?**

Questions Now

How should we think about
feminism and effeminism?

Let's stop using unbiblical traits and qualities to define male and female.

Biblical masculinity is not trucks, guns, and potty humor.

Biblical femininity is not flowers, tea parties, and gossip.

Let's ground our understanding of these things in biblical truth and strive to live consistently with these truths as a visible apologetic for the beauty of God's design.

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transgenderism?

What is “Transgenderism”?

Transgenderism is “the condition of someone feeling that they are not the same gender (= sex) as the one they had or were said to have at birth.”

(Cambridge Online Dictionary)

What is “Transgenderism”?

“Assigning someone's sex is based on biology -- chromosomes, anatomy, and hormones. But a person's gender identity -- the inner sense of being male, female, or both -- doesn't always match their biology. Transgender people say they were assigned a sex that isn't true to who they are.”

(WebMD)

Identification vs. Assignment

Genesis 1:27

God created man in His own image,
in the image of God He created him;

male and female He created them.

Sex is assigned by God and
observed and identified by us.

We should not dismiss “Gender Dysphoria” as if it does not exist, but nor should we affirm anyone in it. Our work is to point everyone to the hope and peace found only in Christ and in the renewal that He brings.

Questions Now

How should we think about feminism and effeminism?

How should we think about transgenderism?

How should we think about
truth and love?

Truth and Love are not separable!

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

**To love your neighbor is to
speak truth to him or her.**

So, what about
“pronoun hospitality”?
Should we be “charitable” and
use *preferred* pronouns?

Do not bear false witness.

Jeremiah 9:5

Everyone deceives his neighbor
And does not speak the truth,
They have taught their tongue to speak lies;
They weary themselves committing iniquity.

Zechariah 8:16

These are the things which you should do:

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Colossians 3:9

Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices.

Is it truly loving hospitality to affirm someone in a destructive lie?

Let's not be deceived by the lie that
we can distort the gospel in order to
make a way for the gospel!

Ephesians 5:6-8

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light.

**If we are walking in the Light,
the way will be lit!**

Which train will we board?

Neopronouns or Noun-self pronouns

“A neopronoun can be a word created to serve as pronoun without expressing gender, like “ze” and “zir.”

A neopronoun can also be a so-called “noun-self pronoun,” in which a pre-existing word is drafted into use as a pronoun.

Noun-self pronouns can refer to animals — so your pronouns can be “bun/bunself” and “kitten/kittenself.”

(New York Times, April 8, 2021)

GENERAL NB PRONOUNS

- THEY/THEM/THEIR/THEMSELF
- TEY/TEM/TER/TEMSELF
- EY/EM/EIR/EMSELF
- E/EM/EIR/EMSELF
- THON/THON/THONS/THONSELF
- FAE/FAER/FAERS/FAERSELF
- VAE/VAER/VAERS/VAERSELF
- AE/AER/AERS/AERSELF
- AE/AEM/AERS/AEMSELF
- XAE/XAER/XAERS/XAERSELF
- NE/NYM/NIS/NYMSSELF
- NE/NEM/NIR/NEMSELF
- XE/XEM/XYR/XEMSELF
- XE/XIM/XIS/XIMSELF
- XE/XEM/XIR/XEMSELF
- XIE/XEM/XYR/XEMSELF
- ZE/ZER/ZER/ZERSELF
- ZE/ZEM/ZEIR/ZEIRSELF
- ZE (OR ZIE)/ZIR/ZIRS/ZIRSELF
- ZHE/ZHIR/ZHIRS/ZHIRSELF
- ZE/HIR/HIRS/HIRSELF
- HIR/HIR/HIRS/HIRSELF
- SIE/SIER/SIERS/SIERSELF
- SIE/HIR/HIRSELF
- ZED/ZED/ZEDS/ZEDSELF
- ZED/ZED/ZEIR/ZEDSELF
- CE/CIR/CIRS/CIRSELF
- CO/COS/COS/COSELF
- VE/VIS/VIR/VERSELF
- VE/VEM/VIR/VERSELF
- JEE/JEM/JEIR/JEMSELF
- JHE/JHER/JHER/JHERSELF
- LEE/LIM/LIS/LIMSELF
- KYE/KYR/KYNE/KYRSELF
- KIE/KIR/KIR (OR KIRS)/KIRSELF
- KAI/KAIR/KAIRS/KAIRSELF
- PER/PER/PERS/PERSELF
- HU/HUM/HUS/HUMSELF
- HU/HUME/HUS/HUMSELF (OR HUMESELF)
- IT/IT/ITS/ITSELF

ANIMAL THEMED PRONOUNS

- BUN/BUNS/BUNSELF
- SQUEAK/SQUEAKS/SQUEAKSELF
- ROO/ROOS/ROOSELF
- GULL/GULLS/GULLSELF
- FUR/FURS/FURSELF
- PUP/PUPS/PUPSELF
- CUB/CUBS/CUBSELF
- HAM/HAMS/HAMSELF
- SQUID/SQUIDS/SQUIDSELF
- FLUFF/FLUFFS/FLUFFSELF
- BAA/BAAS/BAASELF
- LAMB/LAMBS/LAMBSELF
- RAT/RATS/RATSELF
- PAN/PANS/PANSELF
- WOOF/WOOFs/WOOFSELF
- SCALE/SCALES/SCALESELF
- ROAR/ROARS/ROARSELF
- CREDIT 1
- CREDIT 2
- CREDIT 3
- CREDIT 4
- CREDIT 5

CAT THEMED PRONOUNS

- MEOW/MEWS/MEOWSELF
- PURR/PURRS/PURRSELF
- PAW/PAWS/PAWSELF
- KIT/KITS/KITSELF
- WHISKER/WHISKERS/WHISKERSELF
- FEL/FELIS/FELISELF
- LEO/LEOS/LEOSELF
- TIG/TIGRIS/TRIGRISELF
- LYNX/LYNX/LYNXSELF
- PANTH/PANTHES/PANTHESELF
- AIL/AILOUS/AILOUSELF
- CREDIT 1 (GIF WARNING)
- CREDIT 2

SPOOKY/HORROR THEMED PRONOUNS

- ECTO/ECTS/ECTSELF
- NECRO/NECROM/NECSELF
- SPIRI/SPIRS/SPIRSELF
- DAE/DAEM/DAESELF
- HAUN/HAUNTS/HAUNTSELF
- GHOST/GHOSTS/GHOSTSELF
- GHEIST/GHEISTS/GHEISTSELF
- CREDIT (GIF WARNING)

MONSTER THEMED PRONOUNS

- WER/WERES/WERESSELF
- WIT/WITCH/WITCHSELF (USE ONLY IF YOU ARE A WITCH)
- SIR/SIRE/SIREN/SIRENSELF
- FRAN/FRANKE/FRANKEN/FRANKENSELF
- CHU/CHUP/CHUPA/CHUPASELF
- DRA/DRAG/DRAGO/DRAGOSELF
- MER/MERS/MERMAI/MERSELF
- BOO/BOO'S/BOOSELF
- CREDIT 1 (GIF WARNING)
- CREDIT 2
- CREDIT 3 (GIF WARNING)

ROBOT THEMED PRONOUNS

- DRE/DROID/DROIDS/DROIDSELF
- CY/CYB/CYBER/CYBSELF
- MECHIE/MECHIEN/MECHS/MECHSELF
- AU/AUT/AUTO/AUTSELF
- WHOMP/WHIZZ/WHIRR/WHIZELF
- WY/WIR/WIRE/WIRSELF
- TECH/TECHNE/TECHAN/TECHS

WEATHER THEMED PRONOUNS

- CLOUD/CLOUD/CLOUDSELF
- FOG/FOG/FOGSELF
- HAIL/HAIL/HAILSELF
- MIST/MIST/MISTSELF
- RAI/RAIN/RAINSELF
- SLEE/SLEET/SLEETSELF
- SNOW/SNOW/SNOWSELF
- SUN/SUN/SUNSELF
- STORM/STORMS/STORMSELF
- BEAU/BEAUS/BEAUSELF
- CHAU/CHAUS/CHAUDSELF
- BOW/BOWS/BOWSELF
- CREDIT

SKY/CLOUD PRONOUNS

- CIE / CIR / (CIR/CIRS) / CIRRUSELF
- CIE / CIEL / (CIER/CIERS) / CIELSELF
- ATMOS / ATMOSSELF
- AI / AIR / (AIR/AIRS) / AIRSELF
- WIN / WIND / (WIND/WINDS) / WINDSELF
- NIM/NIM/(NIMBU/NIMBUS)/NIMBUSSELF
- STRATOS / STRATOSSELF
- FOG / FOG / (FOG/FOGS) / FOGSELF
- MI/MIST/(MIST/MISTS)/MISTSELF
- HAZE/HAZESELF
- CREDIT

MUSIC PRONOUNS

- CHIME/CHIMES/CHIMESELF
- CE/CELL/CELLOSELF
- HUM/HUMS/HUMSELF
- CHORD/CHORDS/CHORDSELF

Is this real?

“When I first encountered them I actually didn’t agree with them,” wrote one 15-year-old neopronoun user. “Eventually I met a lot of people online who used them and decided to educate myself further and realized that they were perfectly valid and just another way of expressing your gender to others. I chose the ones I use as I feel a connection to them, EG vamp/vamp pronouns — I feel a connection to vampires and that in a way feels connected to my gender.”

Let's test this to see if we should board the pronoun hospitality train.

My friend Lanny loves lambs and decided to change her pronouns to lamb/lambs/lambself because lamb feels a gender connection to lambs. A few weeks ago, lamb celebrated lambs birthday and lambs mom bought lambs three lambs. Lamb was beside lambself with joy and wanted to share a lamb with lambs friend Liz, so lamb let Liz keep one of lambs lambs over the weekend. Lamb and lambs friend have never felt closer.

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That is until a few days ago when Liz's brother decided to change his pronouns to wolf/wolfs/wolfself because he identifies with wolves and feels that they are a part of his gender.

Even this may have been ok had Liz not left Lanny's lamb with her brother during breakfast. Wolf had the lamb at breakfast but now the lamb is gone, and Lanny is distraught because wolf won't tell lambs where lambs lamb is and all lamb knows is that wolf had lambs lamb for breakfast and now lambs lamb is missing.

Conclusions

Our identity is not self-defined,
and our truest identity is found in Christ.

Courage flows out of conviction,
but our conviction must come from Christ.

When your neighbor feels the pains of rebellion,
he's not likely to turn to those who got on board
with him but to those who loved him in truth.