

Ironically, even if Biblical Christianity were to gain the ascendancy and represent the dominant cultural force, it would have no more validity, since all cultures are equal. The cultural relativism which goes hand in hand with this idea of culture determining what is acceptable.

Genetically Predetermined?

Ironically, the idea that sexual identity is genetically predetermined is contradicted by the very practices designed to present "alternatives" to our children (confuse them). If sexual identity were really predetermined by genetics it would legitimise that orientation (at least in secular terms). It would also mean our school system should be left alone. Like the sorting hat in Harry Potter, genetics will tell everyone what sexual identity they should be.

Temptation v Sin

At this point it is important to draw a distinction between temptation and sin. Temptation is the thought, it only becomes sin when acted upon.

Fought or Facilitated

Christians see such desires as something to be fought and resisted. Secular understanding in contrast, sees such desires as something to be facilitated.

Christians who pray and support those who believe they are fighting sinful inclinations to same sex relationships, are accused of, "conversion therapy". This has resulted in various legal rulings restricting what Christians can pray - seriously!

In our schools there are a whole raft of measures designed to support young children who express the least interest in same sex attractions or being transgender. Staff will meet with them to support them. If they doubt their biological identity, it can go as far as medication with hormones, and of course surgery. Yet

somehow the establishment cannot see it's own climate and culture of "conversion therapy".

Sexual immorality is to be fought and resisted in the Christian paradigm. In the secular paradigm it is rather something to be managed and facilitated, on health and safety grounds. This is generally true in any area whether drugs, prostitution or anything else.

The Biblical Paradigm

Christian churches need to be talking about gender identity within the broader context of the Fall, temptation and sin. That framework needs to emphasise that Christians need to be fighting indwelling sin (even after being born again). The good news is that we are not expected to do it alone but with God's help.

The Secular Paradigm

The damage that can, and is being done is incalculable and in many cases irreversible - literally!

You Should Read

The Bible

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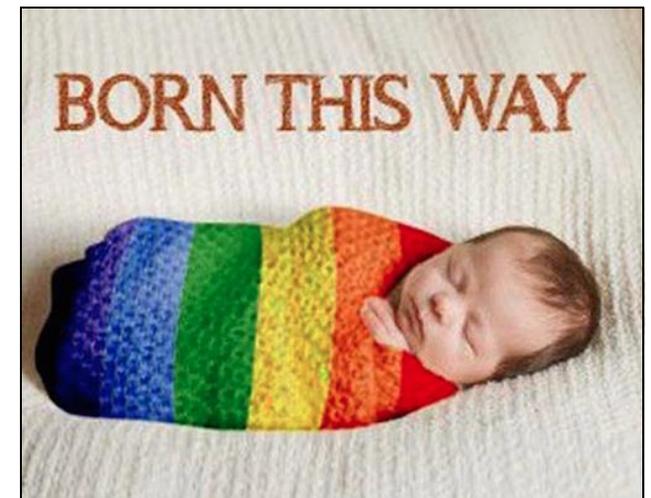
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Is Anyone Really Born LGBTQ



A Christian Response

As Christians who believe that God created us male and female, our sexual identity **is** our biological identity. This however is a belief which now runs counter to the prevailing ideas being taught in our schools, colleges and universities. Men and women are viewed as identical, and differences are supposedly imposed by culture rather than biology.

The prevailing theory is that people are born gay and that a failure to accept this is diagnostic of bigotry and homophobia. Moreover there is a belief that sexual identity is assigned to us by the culture we live in. This is the reason that some schools have started to routinely "mix it up", requiring boys and girls to use gender neutral terms when addressing each other or switch identity. Gender neutral toilets are designed to reinforce this. It also avoids the awkward question of individuals who are transitioning or have already done so.

Secular understanding of relationships	
sexual identity	assigned by culture
number of identities	plural - a spectrum of LGBT and Q
morality	there is no morality attached to any identity
relationships	full spectrum of; living together, to partners, to marriage as a ceremony uniting any two people

Education establishments have a duty of care, and should be actively investigating the disproportionate

numbers of autistic children claiming to identify as the opposite sex, not celebrating it.

The Christian framework for understanding human relationships, is one that starts with Scripture. God found that it was not good for man to be alone, so He made woman (Gen. 2 v18). God did this and instituted marriage with Adam and Eve (Gen. 2 v 22-24). Men and women are different by design, literally, but complimentary. This is the ideal, and is designed to be permanent, or as the old marriage service said, "until death do us part". OK, so we have a picture of the ideal will of God for human relationships, but Scripture goes on to describe a fundamental problem, recorded in Genesis 3 - the Fall! You might wonder why this is relevant, well it forms the framework for understanding everything that followed and continues to this day.

Christian understanding of relationships	
sexual identity	biologically determined
number of identities	male or female, (intersex is a genetic failure)
morality	sex within the bonds of marriage
relationships	marriage = male + female

When Christ was confronted with the question about divorce He did not give a direct answer, but instead restated the origins of marriage in Genesis (the ideal), before conceding divorce as a concession to "hard hearts" (Math. 19). He refers back to the ideal, before dealing with our sinful nature.

What about adultery? It should be treated as a deviation from the Biblical ideal and the subject of Biblical counseling.

What about same sex attraction? It should be treated as a deviation from the Biblical ideal and the subject of Biblical counseling.

There are Biblical ideals laid out for many things including respecting parents, respecting property ownership and revering the name of God. These are scattered throughout Scripture but are focused in the Ten Commandments.

Breaches of the ideal are called sin. For example a child may grab a toy that another child has. In Christian terms this is called sin. Respect for property should be encouraged and the child asked to "borrow" the others toy. If a secular understanding were applied, we might say the child has an innate acquisitive nature and social convention requires the child to share or perhaps in a communist setting, renounce ownership of personal property - conforming.

Social Conventions

To rely on social conventions however is to rely on a straw man, which can easily be burned and replaced at will. It is a straw man because most of the social conventions we have were inherited, from a bygone age when Biblical convictions were much more prominent than now. If you accept the idea that it is merely social conventions which determine what is accepted as true, in the past now. Then the debate as to the immutability of Biblical teachings is dodged. You might have to re-read that last sentence.

What it means in practice, is that when Christians attempt to debate or contradict current policies, their arguments have no traction. Only current social conventions are relevant and Biblical views are deemed obsolete, they went out with the Ark.