

Interchurch Forum on a Proposed City Council Commission on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (Abridged Handout for Attendees)—A Model
What Is God's Will Concerning the LGBTQ+ Lifestyle? God's Help through the Bible and Sound Science for Speaking the Truth in Love
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Preface

The following is a handout of a presentation I made to representatives from several area church congregations in Loveland, Colorado to (1) provide information for them about a proposed commission on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging that was added to the city council's agenda and (2) invite them to attend the council meeting with me. While it is important for government officials to hear from even one concerned constituent, they pay special attention and give more weight to what is said when as many others as possible with the same viewpoint attend. To equip attendees with key information, and as a note-taking guide for my presentation, printed copies of the following abridged version were distributed as a handout they could use and take with them. Much additional important information is available and necessary for people to know, far more than could be presented at the interchurch meeting, so I have made an unabridged version available on the [Current Issues](#) page of my [Website](#) for their use at a council meeting and in other contexts. *I offer both this abridged handout and the unabridged paper to provide a model of a presentation other Christians can use to make their own presentations to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) in the public square (Jeremiah 29:7; 1 Peter 2:11-12) on this and other issues.* Permission is hereby given to use the form and any of the content that will be helpful for giving guidance to the readers' own government representatives.

Presentation

1. As Christians, we are called to be “the [not a] salt of the earth” and “the [not a] light of the world,” (Matthew 5:13-16), as the world sees Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world (John 8:12), in us. We are also to “seek the peace and prosperity” of the city where God leads us (Jeremiah 29:7), and always “speaking the truth in love.” (Ephesians 4:15) Christians, guided by the Holy Spirit, are especially well-equipped and well-positioned to speak the truth in love and are called to do so; it is not about hate at all.
2. A very important opportunity to seek the peace and prosperity of our city will be at a study session of the Loveland City Council on this coming Tuesday, August 24, when it holds its next meeting to discuss the proposed commission on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB). While not mentioned, all four of these terms are key aspects of the deceptive and divisive Critical Race Theory. Please attend with us. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 East Third Street.
3. We must urge the council to distinguish between biology and ideology in who should be part of this commission, if it is needed at all. Some observe that the needs of those struggling with disabilities and racial injustices are covered by other commissions and in other and more effective ways.
4. Pertaining to ideology, LGBTQ+ activists are urging inclusion of their agenda in the proposed DEIB commission.
 - a. LGBTQ+ is an acronym that refers to a highly-funded and aggressively activist movement to promote several forms of the homosexual lifestyle throughout every aspect of our city and society. The Gemini Group, hired by the city for consultation and possible further involvement,

recommended (on Slide #18) public funding of the commission in its report to the city council on March 9, 2021.

- b. Always remember that science, like the Bible, is subjected to flawed scholarship. When the scientific method is carefully followed, it tends to produce sound results, but it is very easy to manipulate each step of the scientific method, and it is being done all the time. Be wary.
 - c. Both God's special revelation (God's Word, the Bible) and his general revelation (cf. Romans 1:18 ff.), which includes sound, not flawed, science, are compatible and reveal that all forms of homosexuality are extremely unhealthy, contain much violence, and are physically, psychologically, socially, and spiritually destructive. LGBTQ+ behavior is thus contrary to God's Word and his will.
 - To cite just a few of the many examples I've documented, the citations for all of which are on my Websites (see below), there are now 50 sexually transmitted diseases, some of which have no cure; all 50 are present in the homosexual subpopulation. The average age of homosexual males is 46, and of females is 47. The median age of homosexual males is 42, which drops to 39 if the cause of death is HIV/AIDS, which mutates very rapidly, and after nearly 40 years, there is still no cure. The median age at death of lesbians is only 45. How, then, can we use deceptive and misleading euphemisms and call that lifestyle "gay," much less "'gay' pride?" Indeed, thousands are successfully leaving the homosexual lifestyle, which is one of the reasons motivating LGBTQ+ activist recruitment and obstruction.
 - I cite heartrending anecdotes that illustrate the statistics: What do you say to the 42-year-old homosexual man dying of HIV/AIDS, whose story I tell in my [free eBook on this subject](#), who is lying on his death bed all shriveled up, with his fists clenched and through gritted teeth rhetorically charges, "Why didn't anybody tell me this?" Consider also: this young man is someone's son! The same is so with daughters! Moreover, they bear God's image! We should not let these people down, or fail to let others know the likely outcome of what they are already in, or might contemplate getting into, much less facilitate their doing so, which is what this proposed commission would do, if LGBTQ+ proponents become part of it.
5. Sound science offers empirical evidence that homosexuality, including transgenderism, is not biologically based. It manifests an ideology rooted in disobedience to God. Activist attempts to make LGBTQ+ conform to reinterpretations of Bible texts and/or to find a scientific basis, e.g., in genetics, fail to identify any evidence, because it doesn't exist in careful science. God created two sexes, male and female (Genesis 1:27 and 2:18), which sound science also reveals, confirming common sense: Sex is binary.
- a. The ideological basis of transgenderism is explained, e.g., by Michelle Cretella, M.D., Executive Director of the American College of Pediatricians, who informs us that the word "gender," prior to the 1950s did not refer to people; it was not in the medical literature; it was a grammatical term referring to male and female; and those struggling with sexual confusion and dysphoria were called transsexuals. She further explains,

"You may ask, 'So how do we know, Dr. Cretella, that what you said, that no one's ever born this way, is true? How do we know that?' If a brain were somehow the wrong sex, due to factors before birth, every single identical twin would have the same gender identity all the time, but they don't. Why? Identical twins have identical DNA. So if it were in the genes and solely in the genetic DNA, then 100% of the time they would both be transgender or both be nontransgender. The best twin study we have shows that the vast majority do not match. If you have one identical twin who's [considered] transgender, 72% of the time the other twin is normal. That tells us that it's post-birth effects that primarily impact your identity—post-birth effects, not pre-birth."

- b. Biologist Dr. Colin Wright adds: “The nature of biological sex...is connected to the distinct type of gametes (sex cells) that an organism produces...males are the sex that produce small gametes (sperm) and females produce large gametes (ova). There are no intermediate gametes, which is why there is no spectrum of sex. Biological sex in humans is a binary system.”
 - c. Transgenders, struggling with dysphoria, are being misled to believe their dysphoria can be cured by a new identity, hormones, and surgery. What they are not being told is that they can never change their DNA or the permanent XY or XX chromosome with which they were born, and they are making ill-informed, irreversible, and destructive decisions that many regret throughout their life...if they live that long. At least 40% of transgenders attempt suicide, a high rate of whom actually succeed in doing so. What they need is hope, not affirmation and policies that lead them into physically, psychologically, socially, and spiritually destructive choices that destroy their lives. We can give them that hope and help. Many success stories have been told. In fact, strong research evidence shows that, depending on their ages and other factors, between 80% and 98% of transgenders, who receive no intervention, return to and are comfortable with their biological sex at birth, 80% of 16-year-olds within a year and 98% by young adulthood. Moreover, all things are possible with God. (Matthew 19:6) God cannot be removed, as many try to do, but he can be disobeyed and ignored...to their peril.
 - d. Thus, sound science provides empirical evidence of one reason why God calls homosexuality תועבה (tô ‘ēbâ), detestable, abomination, to be abhorred (e.g., Leviticus 18:22; Deuteronomy 22:5), which teaching is upheld in the New Testament (cf., e.g., Matthew 5:17-19; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)
 - e. Those who have no Biblical spirituality or even a moral base, who wrongly think that if something is legal, it must be OK, are in special jeopardy. (Cf. 1 Corinthians 6:12) This reality is another reason to not establish this DEIB commission.
 - f. Too many people are engaging in “selective science” in the pursuit of personal concerns. We need to examine all science and discern the difference between sound science and flawed science. For example, in the field of genetics, sound science reveals more than 3,000 genetic differences between males and females. For just one reference, the top two physicians in the American College of Pediatricians, the president of which is a pediatric endocrinologist, cite recent peer reviewed studies showing that “Genetics is why a male who self-identifies as female remains male, and giving estrogen to a male does not transform him into a female...he does not alter his genetics; he remains male at the cellular level in all body systems.” The same is true with giving testosterone to females; hormones do not affect the unchangeable DNA, the permanent XY chromosome that determines maleness and the permanent XX chromosome that determines femaleness. Think carefully about the implications: start with biological males in female restrooms.
 - g. Sound science says more. Dr. Michelle Cretella states there are male-female differences in addition to those 3,000 just at the cellular level: over 6,500 differences between males and females have been identified. The articles from which these references are extracted are on the Current Issues page of my Website.
6. People are free to make their choices within the law, and are responsible for and must deal with the consequences of those choices. *Yet, while **all people** are created equal and are loved by God, **not all values and behaviors** are equal, indeed many are dangerous and life-threatening, as are the LGBTQ+ lifestyle and related regulations and policies; nor should those values be validated, legitimized, and promoted.* We can’t make any adult believe or do anything he or she doesn’t want to do; only the Lord Jesus Christ can change human hearts and minds. But we can, and must, tell them the truth...in love. When people sense we truly love and care about them, what we say is often influential, especially with the Holy Spirit’s help, for which we pray. Therefore, we should not promote agendas that include restricting the freedom, safety, livelihood, and wellbeing of others. Thus, I am concerned about the official representation of the LGBTQ+ lifestyle in this proposed commission. I’m

concerned for their own sake, as well as for others in the city of Loveland, and for those in our broader surrounding community, who attend our schools, stores, restaurants, and other public establishments.

7. We're to speak the truth in love to LGBTQ+ people and to all others, as Jesus did for the people who were disrespected in the first century. New Testament Greek has several words for love. The highest form of love, the one which the New Testament teaches is to characterize Christ's followers in our behavior toward all others, is *ἀγάπη* (*agapē*), which the apostle Paul defines in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 as behavioral in essence, i.e., being patient and kind, not boastful, not arrogant or rude, and not easily angered, among other virtues. This matter is not at all about hate, the accusation of which is wrong in many ways. LGBTQ+ people, who also bear the image of God, also should be treated with this highest form of love. *But also should all others be so loved.*
 - a. Since God is love to the core of his being (1 John 4:8), all his attributes arise out of his love, including his being just and calling upon all people to act justly, beginning with his own children, us, who believe in and obey Christ Jesus, asking forgiveness and repenting when we fail to obey. We must always keep in mind that one of the basic principles on which this country was built, which comes from the Founders' faith in God, is "justice for all." God commanded his people act justly, "Justice and only justice you shall follow..." he said through the prophet, Moses, as recorded in Deuteronomy 16:20. Justice arises from, is one aspect of, and is a fruit of love. How does that principle apply in the issue before us? Consider here just a few.
 - b. Female students are not properly hydrating themselves and eating breakfast, and they're wearing gym clothes under their regular school clothes, because they do not want to have to use their restrooms and locker rooms with boys. Girls and women are not using the dressing rooms in clothing stores because of reports of harassment and worse. How is that just? How is that loving? Another of the founding principles of our country, which has made it great, and which attracts so many people to want to be American citizens, is the principle of majority rule. How is it just to allow less than 1% of our population (transgenders)¹ to not only inconvenience but endanger 52% of our population (females)? Yes, endanger. Many reports exist of males abusing females in the latter's restrooms. *The males who are trying to be females, but are still driven by their unremovable XY chromosome and their testosterone, which produces assertiveness and aggression are causing fear among our wives, daughters, granddaughters, and other women.* How is that loving? By giving that less than 1% of the population validation, legitimization, and political leverage for more injustice, such as in sports, how is that just, much less loving?
 - c. City officials in Anchorage are trying to shut down a homeless shelter that will not let males sleep next to women who have been horribly abused by, **and who are understandably fearful of**, men. The same is going on in jails and prisons; women prisoners are fearful and being abused by biological males claiming to be females and demanding to be incarcerated with females. Women are becoming pregnant in jails. How is that being loving, including compassionate? And this

¹ Recent studies suggest somewhat higher figures with considerable variance due to several factors emerging lately, including but not limited to: supportive and indoctrinational media (e.g., news, movies, radio, TV, and social), public school curriculums and instruction, government laws and regulations, flawed science, some church leaders, and confused peers. However, these studies do not adequately take into account the large number of LGBTQ+ people who are leaving that lifestyle. Most importantly, all such studies have limited value, due to the dangers of LGBTQ+ practice, including its being counterproductive to their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual wellbeing, as documented in this fact sheet and my other writing. The field of logic offers a compelling rationale that overrides any degree of temporary popularity: the flaws of invalid argumentation, including illogical reasoning such as the naturalistic fallacy and others explained in, [What Is God's Will Concerning Homosexuality: Help for Church Leaders and Others to Speak the Truth in Love](#), as to why LGBTQ+ should be avoided.

legal harassment is going on all over the country constantly, and would be leveraged by the validation and legitimacy provided by inclusion in this proposed commission.

- d. Pedophilia is rampant. Homosexuals commit more than 33% of all reported child molestations in the United States, even though constituting only 3% to 5% at most of the population.²
 - e. Biblical love is the source of justice and the concern for justice. LGBTQ+ people should be treated justly. But so should all others, including the many business people, such as Jack Phillips, the devout Christian baker in Lakewood, who has gladly served homosexual customers for decades and yet is undergoing multiple and constant lawsuits and other harassment, even following his victory in the U. S. Supreme Court, because he will not bake a special cake with a message affirming a lifestyle that is in opposition to God’s will. Many other people are experiencing such persecution, contrary to the First Amendment, which litigation and other harassment a DEIB commission would provide a basis for and facilitate doing.
8. Colson Center for Christian Worldview’s John Stonestreet, in the April 5, 2021 issue of *Breakpoint Daily*, insightfully wrote, “Truth matters, ideas have consequences, and bad ideas have victims. This is why we cannot love someone without speaking the truth...affirming someone’s choices can be not only *not* telling the truth, but it can be an *incredibly* cruel thing to do, even when done from good intentions. In fact, the cruelest thing you can tell someone who’s not ok is that they are.”
 9. We must always keep God first and foremost in our thinking. We cannot remain silent. Pick your comfort level, and speak the truth in love. We can begin by attending the city council study session next Tuesday. Even if you don’t make a speech then, just being there sends a message.
 - *Since sound scientific research reveals that LGBTQ+ practices are very unhealthy and contain considerable violence, as well as being physically, psychologically, socially, and spiritually destructive, **how** is it loving, compassionate, and beneficial to affirm, encourage, validate, legitimize, and promote a lifestyle that is so harmful?*

For much more, including about the speaker and documentation of the above data, use these URLs.

- For his Websites: www.edwardseely.com or <https://seelyedward.academia.edu/>, in particular, “[Homosexuality: An Abbreviated Fact Sheet for Speaking the Truth in Love](#),” and his other writing on this subject on the Current Issues page accessed by the first URL.
- To contact the two representatives of your ward and other council members: <https://www.lovgov.org/city-government/city-council/council-members-and-ward-information>.

² See Footnote #1.