

Interchurch Forum on a Proposed City Council Commission on
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (Unabridged Presentation)—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 paper containing further data in addition to an accompanying abridged 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, (2) invite them to attend the council meeting with me, and (3) provide additional information for their own presentations on this subject matter. 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. 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 the following unabridged version available on the [Current Issues](#) page of my [Website](#) for their use at a council meeting and in other contexts, e.g., contacting government representatives by phone or on their Websites, social media posts, and individual conversations. (For more, see also the related presentation, [“Christian Witness in the Public Forum—Increasing Your Comfort Level to Speak the Truth in Love: Is Pleasing God Your Highest Priority?”](#)) *I offer both the 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

What you have before you are the essential points of what I intend to say. Rather than just speak this information to you, I want you also to see it, thus using two of your five senses, and even a third, instead of just one, as you can take it home and have it for future reference and other uses. This will also minimize the need to take extensive notes. So, I’m going to walk through this document with you and add to it as we proceed.

1. What I present is based, first and foremost, on God’s Word, in particular that 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 do so “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.** (1 Peter 2:9, 11-12) **When accused of**

hate, we should speak the truth in love and reframe the discussion. What follows will help us do so.

My presentation is also based on sound science. I'll explain more about that shortly. When we talk with secular people, we need to begin where they are, so, motivated by God and his Word and will, we use the best science on which to base our case.

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). *“Belonging” is a new term that has been added. We should keep in mind that, **while not mentioned**, all four of these terms are key aspects of the deceptive and divisive Critical Race Theory. In their original and common usage these are good terms, but CRT has twisted them into its unwise philosophy with problematical applications.*
 - a. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 East Third Street (unless noted on the agenda). Please attend with us. Come when you can; leave when you must, if possible after the public comment part of the meeting. See <https://cilovelandco.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Id=222>.
 - b. The new additional word, belonging, *rightly understood*, is actually good, because it addresses one of humankind's greatest needs, according to both the Bible and sound social science research, but that need is most fully and effectively met by our relationship with God in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, faith in Whom makes us God's children, thus bringing us into the profound and special fellowship of the church, the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:27) This is one reason why our nation's Founders based their philosophy of government primarily on the Word of God. See my further explanation of this very important reality in a fact sheet I sent to the city council members, an edited version of which I have posted on both of my Websites.
3. Specifically pertaining to the subject before us, 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, including in the church**. I've been asked to explain the acronym.

L = Stands for Lesbian, referring to female homosexuals

G = Gay, referring to male homosexuals. Personally, I do not use the word “gay,” in reference to homosexuals, except in quotes from others, since it is a euphemism that

is designed to deceive **and** mislead, and God has told us to speak the truth in love. I use the word homosexual, not at all to be pejorative but to be more accurate; for reasons I will explain shortly, homosexual people are not truly “gay.”

B = Bisexuals, males and females who have sexual relations with both sexes. Over half of homosexuals are bisexual, which is one key reason for HIV/AIDS being rampant.

T = Transgender, which until the 1950s was more accurately called Transsexual. I’ll explain that more shortly.

Q = Queer [their own term; no longer the pejorative label it used to be, an example of reframing and marketing the narrative]. **Q** also means Questioning.

+ = Refers to the many continually additional terms being added by those who are unscientifically, unbiblically, and among careful thinkers, unsuccessfully, trying to convince the world that sex is nonbinary, thus permitting a virtually unending number of nuanced sexual variations that number well over 50.

The view many have of homosexual people has been shaped by the media, where they are shown pictures and video clips, or movie scenes, where a couple of guys are walking down the street holding hands and women hugging. They ask, “What’s wrong with that? Women hug. Not typically in American culture, but sometimes in other countries, men hold hands. What’s so bad about that?” Obviously nothing, BUT NEITHER IS THAT WHAT HOMOSEXUALITY INVOLVES. This is neither the time nor the place to explain the details of what takes place in homosexual sexual behavior, but I have done so in my free eBook, (I’m not here to sell anything). The book’s title is, [What Is God’s Will Concerning Homosexuality? Help for Church Leaders and Others to Speak the Truth in Love](#), which is on my Websites, the URLs for which are on your accompanying handout. These activities, and their frequent outcomes, are not “gay,” in fact just the opposite, and enable us to understand why God, who is love from the core of his being yet also holy, indeed, holy, holy, holy, why he calls homosexual practice, תוֹעֵבָה (*tô ‘ēbâ*), detestable, abomination, to be abhorred, as we read in the Bible.

This is what LGBTQ+ inclusion in the proposed commission would legitimize and provide a legal basis for **promoting and enforcing**. LGBTQ+ activists want to make their subpopulation “more visible” (their words, disclosed in our local *Reporter-Herald* newspaper on December 21, 2019, p. 3A). **The Gemini Group, hired by the City of Loveland 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. I have a background in social science research, and I can show you how it’s done. Be wary.
 - 1) Pertaining to the Bible, many theologians and others try to reinterpret passages that make them uncomfortable. They engage in what is called “Scripture twisting” to

make the texts conform to today's culture, just the opposite of historic hermeneutical (i.e., interpretation) methodology and Romans 12:2.

- 2) Science has the same and other problems. For example, an axiom among careful scientists is that there is no such phenomenon as "settled science." That term is considered counter to the main pursuit of scientific research: the constant search for the truth. Careful scientists quickly point out many findings that were previously thought to be "settled," but upon further investigation were shown to be inaccurate. To illustrate: some of you are old enough to remember the bold headlines in the newspapers in the 1970s (many of which I still have in my files), day after day quoting scientists who were certain that by the 1990s we would be in a severe ice age.
 - 3) My professors in my doctoral program at Michigan State University, which has never been accused of being a conservative institution, used to say, "Any sentence beginning with the words, 'Research says,' 'Studies show,' or 'Experts say,' should immediately raise a red flag in your mind. They also said, "Over 90% of the studies in the field of education alone aren't worth the paper they're printed on."
- 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.
- 1) To cite just a few of the many examples I've documented (to save space here, the citations for all of which are on my Websites), as recently as the 1990s, there were "only" 35 sexually transmitted diseases (STDs); 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 only 46, and of females is only 47. The median age of homosexual males is only 42, which drops to 39 if the cause of death is HIV/AIDS, which mutates very rapidly, which is one of the reasons that 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, such as falsehood, censorship, and passing laws against so-called "conversion therapy," which has enabled many who seek help to overcome their homosexual orientation.
 - 2) 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! He has called us to inform people of these realities. 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. Consider also Leviticus 19:17 and many related texts throughout God's Word.

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. As I point out in my previously mentioned book on this subject, the Achilles heel of the LGBTQ+ attempt to provide a biological basis for their situation is the study of identical twins. Dr. Cretella 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. **Transsexual people who struggle 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 in his patience for a time, he does allow people to disobey and ignore him...to their peril.**

Examples of such intervention include in some states teachers, guidance, and other counselors encouraging confused children and teenagers to transition to whatever gender they want to be, and where state law allows, to receive hormones and other treatments, all without the parents' knowledge or permission. Cases have been cited where surgeries, that include removing female breasts and male genitals and more, have been done without parents' knowledge or permission. Some parents' active objection when they did become aware has resulted in attempts to remove the children from the parents' home. How reasonable is it, knowing of the LGBTQ+ activist agenda, what evidence exists to assure perceptive people that this proposed DEIB commission will not provide a forum for such activists' advocacy? As a scientist I ask the first question all scientists ask, "Where are your data?"

- d. Thus, sound science provides empirical evidence of one reason why God calls homosexuality תועבָה (*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 quotes are extracted are on the Current Issues page of my Website (the first two URLs below).

6. **People are free to make their choices within the law, and are responsible for and must deal with the consequences of those choices. Unlike many of those who oppose us, we're not proposing forcing anyone to do anything. (It doesn't work wherever it is tried. Recall the old adage, "A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.) 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.**

At the same time, we don't want to be forced to do what is against God's will, which we'll shortly see is already occurring.

- a. *We must always remember that while **all people** are created equal and are loved by God, **not all values and behaviors** are equal, and some are counterproductive and even dangerous to their and our well-being and are opposed to God's will, as we see in his Word, the Bible.*
 - b. **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, e.g., Samaritans, tax collectors, lepers, and others. 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, should be treated with this highest form of love, but also should all others be so loved. We need to emphasize and demonstrate that this is our motivation for the stand we take and the behavior in which we engage.
 - 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, many of which I've cited with documentation in my book. 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. 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 over and against 52% of our population, such as in sports, how is that just, much less loving?**

Furthermore, contrary to the Associated Press reporting, this injustice pertaining to girls' sports has not just occurred to two young women in Connecticut; it is going on all over the country. This unfairness (documented in the following URL) is causing women to lose not only the events in which they compete against biological males but to lose scholarships that enable them to go to college and the ability to excel in their sport(s). Even many homosexuals oppose the inclusion of transgenders in women's sports. A coalition of well-known LGBT activists in women's sports, the "Women's Sports Policy Working Group," which includes the outstanding tennis record-holder Martina Navratilova, who is a self-professed lesbian, is urging the Biden administration to limit the participation of transgender males in women's sports, rightly arguing it's necessary to protect the future of women's sports. Other leaders in the United States are also opposed to the inclusion of transgender males in girls' and women's sports due to the unfair advantage the biological males have as a result of their genetic origin, which does not change. The strong biological basis of this reality is explained in many accurate sources,

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.

including in this document at this URL: “Save Women’s Sports: New Research from Dr. Emma Hilton,” <https://savewomenssports.com/science.>]

- c. **Furthermore, the injustices are mounting daily. In addition to those mentioned in the fact sheet on my Website, 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 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. How much do you love your wife, daughter, granddaughter, niece, and other women in your life?**
- 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 An organization consisting of thousands of members, known as the North American Man and Boy Love [wrong] Association (NAMBLA), is a homosexual group that has a motto, “SEX BEFORE 8 BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE.” This group can be seen marching in most major homosexual parades across the United States. A major part of the homosexual agenda, expressed in their literature and elsewhere, is recruitment and indoctrination in new sex education curricula throughout the U. S. Pedophilia is an oxymoron, a euphemistic deception and contradiction in terms. Literally, *pedo* refers to child and *philia* refers to a friendship form of love, but it’s not about friendship at all. God’s Word calls such sexual behavior that is contrary to God’s will, ἐπιθυμέω (*epithumeō*), which in unbiblical sexual behavior means lust. (Cf. Matthew 5:28)

College student leader, Spencer Lindquist, cites interviews from the 2019 San Francisco Pride Parade in which attendees unabashedly stated they were "down for the kink with kids," maintained that "age is a construct," and boldly advocated the idea that "love has no age." (https://www.drjamesdobson.org/news/sexualization-children-extremeand-mainstream?utm_campaign=2021%20Public%20Policy&utm_medium=email&hsmi=148944190&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9QcRSCPocLp73iL0BXYbmBNXt7nR_D2ef9yiw11CizAtGhclbyg525iurhI9le9hglx9Ix_p_s0Aoj278NF9B5vrpWNwg&utm_content=148944190&utm_source=hs_email; Accessed 8/16/2021)

- 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**

² See Footnote #1.

persecution, contrary to the First Amendment, which litigation and other harassment a DEIB commission would provide a basis for and facilitate doing.

8. John Stonestreet, of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview, writing 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. It is not necessarily cruel to say what is true. It can be, of course, if the truth is said in the wrong way or for the wrong reasons. At the same time, 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. Specifically, how does God feel about all pertaining to this matter? We cannot remain silent; we must speak the truth, always in love, but speak the truth. We must do it, because most won’t; God has told us to do so in his Word. Pick your comfort level, and speak the truth in love. It shouldn’t be too uncomfortable to attend the city council study session next Tuesday. Even if you don’t make a speech then, just being there sends a message. Pray and speak the truth in love, as Jesus did for the people who were disrespected in the first century.

I want to give you the rest of the time to raise questions and make comments, but before you do, I have a question for you:

- *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? [Brief pause]*

10. OK. Let’s now take the rest of the time in discussion. All questions and comments are welcome. No question is “dumb” or unimportant. I have always observed that anytime someone raises a question, others also have the same question. Please feel welcome to speak; there has never been a time for Christians to remain silent, including now. [EDS two-word answer to the question just before #10: “It isn’t.” Further answer: “This is a rhetorical, self-answering question.”]

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

1. 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.

2. 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>