

## Homosexuality/LGBTQ+: An Abbreviated Fact Sheet for Speaking the Truth in Love

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I write as a Christian pastor and as a scientist. My ordination for well over half a century is with the oldest Protestant denomination in the United States with a continuous ministry since 1628, and my science background includes a Ph.D. in social science research from Michigan State University. Part of my research has produced a [book on homosexuality](#) that is free on both of my Websites, including a second edition in progress. Regular reports from the hosts of these Websites show this book is being read widely and well-received all over the world in many different cultures, including many in which I've taught.

This brief paper originated in my response to the issue of a “diversity, inclusion, and equity commission” that was proposed to the city council in the community wherein I live, which would include advocating and providing services for specific segments of our population, some of which may be justified and some not. In deliberating such issues, *it is important to distinguish among the different types of diversity*, for example distinguishing between those in biologically determined races and those in cohort lifestyles based on ideological choices. For some, such as those with disabilities or those experiencing racial barriers, such a commission to help them may be required, if no existing commission is already addressing their needs.

However, at least one segment of the population being considered for inclusion in this diversity commission, is seeking support for a lifestyle that is counterproductive to its own health and that of others. One such segment is those who are of the LGBTQ+ orientation. For the reasons that follow, I am concerned about a decision that would be counterproductive to the well-being of LGBTQ+ people, their loved ones, our community, and many others.

As a pastor, I have always taught the Lord Jesus Christ's *command* to love *everyone*. (John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; et al.) In addition to the Lord's command, from a solely human perspective, the most solid basis for loving all people is that every human being bears the image of God who loves the world He created. (Genesis 1:26-28; John 3:16) What follows has nothing to do with hate—in fact, just very the opposite. As a pastor and professor, who has studied the most careful science on homosexuality; who stays current with professional and general media reporting; and who has counseled homosexual people to help them through their significant suffering, which they disclosed to me in private but, like most people, present a public persona much different; I am keenly aware of the harsh difficulties so common in their cohort. I am very concerned about the lack of public awareness concerning the realities pertaining to the homosexual lifestyle and its effects on those who engage in such practice. Therefore, I have written the following for the city council and others. Anyone who would like the documentation of all these data, may obtain them free on both my [academic](#) and [general](#) Websites.

A careful study of what is involved in homosexuality, reveals that much misinformation and the withholding of accurate, albeit unpleasant, information, are widespread practices in the United States and throughout the world. Of special concern is that this lack of correct information is hurting people we love, and more importantly whom God loves (which is one reason why

LGBTQ+ practice is contrary to God's will<sup>1</sup>), and harming people with significant and long-lasting consequences. In any consideration of this question pertaining to personal matters, and especially in promulgation of government laws and regulations and in teaching others, such as in accord with the laws requiring school sex education to address this issue, sound science and other important knowledge and wisdom should be cautiously considered, including the following.

1. *Homosexual practice involves extremely unhealthy behavior.* Fifty STDs now exist; some have no cure; all 50 are in the homosexual subpopulation. The median age at death of homosexuals is 42 (only 9% live past age 65), which drops to 39 if the cause of death is HIV/AIDS, which is one of the fastest mutating entities known<sup>2</sup> and which is mutating all the time in anyone with HIV, whether or not he or she is taking medications.<sup>3</sup> The median age of death of a married heterosexual man is 75. The median age of death of lesbians is 45 (only 24% live past age 65). The median age of death of a married heterosexual woman is 79.<sup>4</sup> The Centers for Disease Control reports that men who have sex with men account for "[m]ore than two-thirds of all new HIV infections each year (70 percent, or an estimated 26,200 infections in 2014)," a rate that is "more than 44 times that of other men."<sup>5</sup>
2. *The homosexual lifestyle involves excessive violence.* Homosexual people are 100 times more likely to be murdered (usually by another homosexual) than the average person and 25 times more likely to commit suicide. Twenty-one percent of lesbians die of murder, suicide or traffic accident, which is at a rate 534 times higher than the number of white heterosexual females aged 25-44 who die in these ways.<sup>6</sup> Of the calls to a hotline to report "queer bashing," 50% involved domestic violence (i.e., homosexuals beating up other homosexuals).<sup>7</sup> Almost 50% of the women on death row are lesbians.<sup>8</sup> Judge John Martough, chief magistrate of the New York City Criminal Court has said that "Homosexuals account for half the murders in large cities."<sup>9</sup> Captain William Riddle of the Los Angeles Police reports that "30,000 sexually abused children in Los Angeles were victims of homosexuals," and homosexuals account for 50% of suicides.<sup>10</sup>
3. *Homosexuals are not "born that way."* Careful scientific research has found no "gay gene" but the opposite. Homosexuals, as heterosexuals, can and do make choices in how to manage

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<sup>1</sup> See below and also Chapter One in Edward D. Seely, What Is God's Will Concerning Homosexuality? Help for Church Leaders and Others to Speak the Truth in Love (Second Edition) at <https://fromacorntoak12.com/current-issues/> and <https://seelyedward.academia.edu/research#papers>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://evolution.berkeley.edu/evolibrary/article/medicine\\_04](https://evolution.berkeley.edu/evolibrary/article/medicine_04) (Accessed 7/30/21)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.thebody.com/article/hiv-mutations> (Accessed 7/30/21)

<sup>4</sup> Fields, Dr. E. "Is Homosexual Activity Normal?" Marietta, GA, quoted in "Everyone Should Know These Statistics on Homosexuals," Frank Joseph, M.D. Posted October 15, 2005

<https://www.tldm.org/news20/everyoneshouldknowthesestatisticsonhomosexuals.htm> (Accessed 7/12/20)

<sup>5</sup> "CDC Fact Sheet: HIV among Gay and Bisexual Men," Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, February 2017, quoted in "How to Respond to the LGBT Movement," by Peter Sprigg, p. 6.

<https://www.frc.org/brochure/lbgt-movement-brochure> (Accessed 7/17/20)

<sup>6</sup> Fields and Joseph.

<sup>7</sup> *Newsweek*, 4 October 1993, quoted in Joseph.

<sup>8</sup> *Lesbian News*, January 1994, quoted in Joseph.

<sup>9</sup> Kaifetz, J. "Homosexual Rights Are Concern for Some," *Post-Tribune*, 18 December 1992, quoted in Joseph.

<sup>10</sup> Kaifetz and Joseph.

their sex drives. See the documentation for this fact in [\*What Is God's Will Concerning Homosexuality? Help for Church Leaders and Others to Speak the Truth in Love\*](#) (first and second editions).

4. *Complete transgenderism is not possible and is an enormously risky and unhealthy lifestyle.*

The American Psychiatric Association classified transgenderism as a “gender identity disorder” until 2012; they’ve since relabeled it with the more politically correct but downplaying, inadequate, and misleading term, “gender dysphoria.” In fact, over 40% of trans teens have attempted suicide *after* medical intervention. Depending on the study, between 80% and 98% return to normal if no professional intervention, e.g., wrong and unwise counseling, medical prescriptions, and surgery, leads them to *life altering and irreversible* decisions that most regret.<sup>11</sup>

A careful analysis of reports that “gender-affirming care” lessens mental health distress reveals that these reports are based on deeply flawed “studies” by “experts” with questionable credentials. Yet more careful and sound scientific research reveals that “other clinical indicators suggest that medical transition in fact exacerbates mental-health distress. A 2021 study found that prescriptions for psychotropic medications increased after kids initiated medical transition. A 2011 study from Sweden meanwhile found that those who underwent sex-reassignment surgery had an appreciably lower life expectancy than the general population, in part due to an increased incidence of suicide.”<sup>12</sup>

Similarly, in a series of papers by Dr. Riittakerttu Kaltiala, chief psychiatrist at the Tampere University Hospital Department of Adolescent Psychiatry in Finland, who was one of the first physicians in the world to head a clinic designed to provide full medical “treatment” for gender-confused young people, including the surgical removal of healthy sex organs, has written the following:

...our patients were...mainly 15 to 17 years old, and instead of being high-functioning, the vast majority presented with severe psychiatric conditions.

...they were lonely and withdrawn...had depression and anxiety, some had eating disorders, many engaged in self-harm,...Many—*many*—were on the autism spectrum....

Even during the first few years of the clinic, gender medicine was becoming rapidly politicized. Few were raising questions about what the activists—who included medical professionals—were saying....They asserted that not only

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<sup>11</sup> The American Psychiatric Association states in its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders that 88-98% of those struggling with gender dysphoria will reconcile with their biological sex by the time they have gone through puberty. See, e.g., reference in “Florida’s Parental Rights in Education Bill Hits Target: Gender Ideology Harms Kids,” by Jay Richards, *The Daily Signal*, February 11, 2022.

<sup>12</sup> Ian Kingsbury, “‘Gender-Affirming Care’ Is Increasingly Being Recognized as Unscientific,” NRPlus: Health Care, <https://www.nationalreview.com/2024/01/gender-affirming-care-is-increasingly-being-recognized-as-unscientific/> (Accessed 02/10/2024) See also Riittakerttu Kaltiala, “‘Gender-Affirming Care Is Dangerous. I Know Because I Helped Pioneer It.’” *The Free Press* Monday, February 12, 2024, <https://www.thefp.com/p/gender-affirming-care-dangerous-finland-doctor> (Accessed 02/12/2024)

would the feelings of gender distress immediately disappear if young people start to medically transition, but also that *all* their mental health problems would be alleviated by these interventions. Of course, there is no mechanism by which high doses of hormones resolve autism or any other underlying mental health condition....

Soon after our hospital began offering hormonal interventions for these patients, we began to see that the miracle we had been promised was not happening. What we were seeing was just the opposite.

The young people we were treating were not thriving. Instead, their lives were deteriorating....We continued to network with colleagues in different countries who said they were seeing the same things....

Around 2015, in addition to the very psychiatrically ill patients, a new set of patients started arriving at our clinic. We began to see groups of teenage girls, also usually from 15 to 17 years of age from the same small towns, or even the same schools, telling the same life stories and the same anecdotes about their childhoods, including their sudden realization that they were transgender—despite no prior history of dysphoria. We realized they were networking and exchanging information about how to talk to us. And so, we got our first experience of [social contagion-linked](#) gender dysphoria. This, too, was happening in pediatric gender clinics around the world, and again health providers were failing to speak up.

I understood this silence. Anyone, including [physicians](#), [researchers](#), [academics](#), and [writers](#), who raised concerns about the growing power of gender activists, and about the effects of medically transitioning young people, were subjected to organized campaigns of vilification and threats to their careers.

In 2016, because of several years of growing concern about the harms of transition on vulnerable young patients, Finland's two pediatric gender services changed their protocols. Now, if young people had other, more urgent problems than gender dysphoria that needed to be addressed, we promptly referred those patients for more appropriate treatment, such as psychiatric counseling, rather than continuing their gender identity assessment....

But I was trained that medical treatment has to be based on medical evidence, and that medicine has to constantly correct itself. When you are a physician who sees something is not working, it is your duty to organize, research, inform your colleagues, inform a big audience, and stop doing that treatment....

It is devastating to speak to patients who say they were naïve and misguided about what transition would mean for them, and who now feel it was a terrible mistake. Mainly these patients tell me they were so convinced they needed to transition that they concealed information or lied in the assessment process.

In June of 2020 a major event happened in my field. Finland’s national medical body, COHERE, released its findings and recommendations regarding youth gender transition. It concluded that the studies touting the success of the “gender-affirming” model were biased and unreliable—systematically so in some cases....

...The report stated that young patients seeking gender transition should be instructed about “the reality of a lifelong commitment to medical therapy, the permanence of the effects, and the possible physical and mental adverse effects of the treatments.” The report warned that young people, whose brains were still maturing, lacked the ability to properly “assess the consequences: of making decisions they would have to live with for the “rest of their lives.”

COHERE also recognized the dangers of giving hormone treatments to young people with serious mental illness....

...Finland is not alone. After similar reviews, the UK and Sweden have come to similar conclusions. And many other countries with national healthcare systems are re-evaluating their “gender-affirming” stance.

...I have been particularly concerned about American medical societies, who as a group continue to assert that children know their “authentic” selves, and a child who declares a transgender identity should be affirmed and started on treatment....

Medical organizations are supposed to transcend politics in favor of upholding standards that protect patients. However, in the U.S. these groups—including the American Academy of Pediatrics—have been actively hostile to the message my colleagues and I are urging....This is highly disturbing. Science does not progress through silencing. Doctors who refuse to consider evidence presented by critics are putting patient safety at risk.<sup>13</sup>

Very significantly, the puberty blocker drugs when given as a step in “gender transition” prevent the normal adjustment to their biological sex. A study of European clinics that report their statistics, reveals that when these drugs are given to gender-dysphoric children, only about two to four percent adjust to their normal biological sex in contrast to the 80-98 percent of those who were allowed to mature without such professional intervention. While

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<sup>13</sup> Riittakerttu Kaltiala, ““Gender-Affirming Care Is Dangerous. I Know Because I Helped Pioneer It.”” <https://www.thefp.com/p/gender-affirming-care-dangerous-finland-doctor> (Accessed 02/11/2024) Not all the many hyperlinks the author included in her original report have been inserted here. To obtain them, click on the hyperlink in this footnote.

American clinics typically avoid publishing their statistics, anecdotal evidence parallels the European findings.<sup>14</sup> Furthermore, the administration of such drugs has other serious effects.

Even the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) lists a number of pathologies, though containing misleading affirmations, that are so common among transgenders that the GLMA warns the transgenders and others about them. Among, but not limited to, these pathologies are an increased risk for heart attacks, blood clots, and strokes; osteoporosis; fertility impairment, *even if the medications are stopped*; sterility if having undergone surgery;<sup>15</sup> sexually transmitted diseases (e.g., they're at four times the risk of HIV/AIDS as the general population, and the percentage of transgender people who received a new HIV diagnosis was more than 3 times the national average in 2015<sup>16</sup>); females having to shave facial hair the rest of their lives; substance abuse; depression; and obesity. It should be remembered that each of these pathologies have related extensive and serious medical and other problems.

Biologist Dr. Colin Wright explains: "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."<sup>17</sup> Very importantly, the inability to eliminate the male XY chromosome, results in injustice in female sports and includes much well-documented harm in female restrooms. Transgender, more accurately transsexual, males are not only winning girls' and women's sporting events, and ruining the females' scholarship and career opportunities, but these biological males are also [injuring the females in sporting events](#). How much do we also care about our girls and women?<sup>18</sup>

5. *Misleading euphemisms harm rather than help.* In the light of the above and many other data, how can homosexuals be called "gay?" Psychiatrist Dr. Daniel Capron observes, as do many others, that "Homosexuality by definition is not healthy and wholesome. The homosexual person, at best, will be unhappier and more unfulfilled than the sexually normal person."<sup>19</sup> This has also been this author's experience in counseling as well.

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<sup>14</sup> "Arrested Development," in the Science & Technology section of *The Economist*, February 20, 2021, p. 66.

<sup>15</sup> "Arrested Development," in the Science & Technology section of *The Economist*, February 20, 2021, p. 66.

<sup>16</sup> Laura K. Grubb, "Barrier Protection Use by Adolescents During Sexual Activity," *Pediatrics: Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics*, August 2020, p. 3.

<sup>17</sup> Mary Rice Hasson, "'It Isn't Hate to Speak the Truth': J.K. Rowling Takes a Stand against Gender Ideology, and We Should Stand with Her," *Our Sunday Visitor*, June 15, 2020 <https://eppc.org/publications/it-isnt-hate-to-speak-the-truth-j-k-rowling-takes-a-stand-against-gender-ideology-and-we-should-stand-with-her/> (Accessed 7/7/20) See also Save Women's Sports, esp. "New Research from Dr. Emma Hilton," <https://savewomenssports.com/science> (Accessed 4/5/21) and "Arrested Development," in the Science & Technology section of *The Economist*, February 20, 2021, p. 66.

<sup>18</sup> As mentioned elsewhere in this fact sheet, in order to make this paper as brief as possible, uncited documentation of statements herein are cited in the book, [What Is God's Will Concerning Homosexuality? Help for Church Leaders and Others to speak the truth in Love \(first and second editions\)](#). Use the Search bar or the Find feature to locate the information you want.

<sup>19</sup> Kaifetz and Joseph.

6. Many homosexuals desire and seek help. Thousands are leaving homosexuality *and are not returning*.<sup>20</sup>
7. Homosexuals commit more than 33% of all reported child molestations in the United States,<sup>21</sup> *even though constituting only 3% to 5% at most of the population.*<sup>22</sup> An

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<sup>20</sup> They are doing so in spite of efforts by the pro-homosexual activist lobby to ban so-called conversion therapy, falsely promoting a misleading misrepresentation of counseling offered for people who seek help with unwanted same-sex attraction, counseling which the American Psychological Association (APA) admits has been helpful and that there is no proof it is harmful. Peter Sprigg, “The Hidden Truth About Changing Sexual Orientation: Ten Ways Pro-LGBT Sources Undermine the Case for Therapy Bans,” which contains quotes from the APA on every point <https://downloads.frc.org/EF/EF18E83.PDF> (Accessed 10/2/20) and Dr. Michael Brown, “Why Is the Changed Movement Such a Threat?” in which he documents the falsity of arguments against conversion therapy and why those arguments exist, essentially because the ability of so many people to successfully leave the homosexual orientation and lifestyle further negates the unproven argument that “gays are born that way.” Michael Brown, [https://townhall.com/columnists/michaelbrown/2020/08/02/why-changed-movement-a-threat-n2573355?utm\\_source=thdailyrpm&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=nl&newsletterad=08/02/2020&bcid=2ae1e23b170502598391a0123b36f4e6&recip=21414768](https://townhall.com/columnists/michaelbrown/2020/08/02/why-changed-movement-a-threat-n2573355?utm_source=thdailyrpm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nl&newsletterad=08/02/2020&bcid=2ae1e23b170502598391a0123b36f4e6&recip=21414768) (Accessed 10/2/20) Furthermore, bans against conversion therapy take away the freedom of homosexuals to seek help they want. How is that compassionate and tolerant?

<sup>21</sup> *Psychological Reports*, 1986, 58, pp. 327-37, quoted in Joseph.

<sup>22</sup> Some studies suggest somewhat higher figures, e.g., a [2020 Gallup study](#) found 3.1% of Americans identify as bisexual, 1.4% as homosexual, 0.7% as lesbian, and 0.6% as transgender. How should these studies be understood most accurately? Several studies show much variance due to several factors that weaken them significantly. The many flaws in research plans and process are not new, but a considerable number of other factors emerging in more recent years, include but are not limited to: legalization of “same-sex marriage,” whereby many people without a strong spiritual, especially Biblical, and moral base mistakenly think that because something is legal it is right, which is a form of the naturalistic fallacy in [logic](#); confused peers; the LGBTQ+ agenda (cf. Chapter Four in [What Is God’s Will Concerning Homosexuality? Help for Church Leaders and Others to Speak the Truth in Love](#)), which suppresses the truth and also promotes all these factors; supportive and indoctrinational media (e.g., news, movies, radio, TV, and social); public school curriculums and instruction; government laws and regulations; some church leaders who have departed from Biblical authority, doctrine, and historic hermeneutical practice. Also, a recent [YouGovAmerica poll](#) reveals that “‘Americans tend to vastly overestimate the size of minority groups.’ For instance, the poll asked about the estimated population percentage of American adults who are transgender. The data, representing the average, showed that those who were polled believe 21% of American adults are transgender. The true proportion lies at 1% [contrast with Gallup’s 0.6% finding], a 20 percentage point difference.” YouGovAmerica poll January 14-20, 2022. It has been well documented that a significant number of teens are influenced by peer pressure to identify as “transgender.” (Cf. the above quote by Dr. Riittakerttu Kaltiala in Section 4.) Higher numbers being reported are skewed by young people—who are highly influenced by peer pressure with their youthful quest for freedom from childhood constraints and for an adult identity—who distinguish between identity and behavior. To be trendy (believing it’s unfashionable to identify as heterosexual, even if that is their personal preference and inclination) and popular they are identifying as LGBTQ but not practicing those lifestyles; they remain heterosexual. “Overall, the data suggest that while there has been an increase in same-sex behavior in recent years, [sociopolitical factors likely explain most of the rise in LGBT identity](#),” writes Political Professor Eric Hoffman in his 2022 study. Likewise, [Glenn T. Stanton](#) wrote that Gallup’s 2025 report on their latest poll revealed that “‘Only 2% said they were ‘gay,’ 1.4% identified as ‘lesbian,’ and just 1.3% said they were ‘transgender.’ Fewer than 1% specifically identified as asexual, ‘pansexual’ or ‘queer.’” Of those Gallup polled, 5.2% said they were bisexual. [Moreover](#), most 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+ values and behavior should be avoided. See also [Logic: A Primer on Common Logical Fallacies](#).

organization consisting of thousands of members, known as the North American Man and Boy Love 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.<sup>23</sup> A major part of the homosexual agenda, expressed in their literature and elsewhere, is recruitment<sup>24</sup> and indoctrination, another part of the recruitment effort, in new sex education curricula throughout the U. S.<sup>25</sup>

8. *Careful science is very helpful, but it can only go so far.* By definition, science can only address what is observable and measurable, i.e., it can only state some of what is and that only pertaining to certain phenomena. It cannot address such fundamental questions as ultimate reality and moral values pertaining to what is wrong and what is right and should be.

The science, key, but not nearly all, aspects of which are summarized above, demonstrates that homosexual practice, as well as heterosexual practice, typically produces certain results. If so, which of the choices and their correlated effects are right and which are wrong? Taking the options one at a time, one is right and the other is wrong. Postmodernism here to the contrary notwithstanding, mutually exclusive choices, by definition and by logic, cannot both be right. Furthermore, as seen above, some harmful choices are irreversible. *Tragically, many young and even older people make these irreversible decisions without even knowing or seriously contemplating the results to which their decision will lead, much less that those results cannot be undone, to their lasting regret.* So, more information is required to make the best, including the right, decision, which students and others involved with them need to know.

9. *The Founders of our country recognized these verities.* What were the sources the Founders consulted to construct their philosophy and form of government? A massive study of 15,000 writings for over 10 years by political science professors, revealed that individuals the Founders’ most frequently quoted were political philosopher, Charles Montesquieu (8.3%); legal scholar, William Blackstone (7.9%); and political philosopher and theologian, John Locke (2.9%). However, the Founders’ most quoted source by far was the Bible (34%).<sup>26</sup> Further study of these three scholars reveals that the Bible was a primary and strong influence on their writings.<sup>27</sup> Consider also John Adams who, writing to the Massachusetts Militia, said, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”<sup>28</sup> At the end of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin said, “I agree to this Constitution...and I believe, further, that this is likely to be well administered for a course of years, and can only end in despotism, as other

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<sup>23</sup> Joseph.

<sup>24</sup> Fields and Joseph.

<sup>25</sup> Cathy Ruse, *Sex Education in the Public Schools: Sexualization of Children and LGBT Indoctrination* (Washington, D.C., Family Research Council, 2020). <https://downloads.frc.org/EF/EF20E22.pdf> (Accessed 8/5/2020). See more on the author’s Websites ([www.edwardseely.com](http://www.edwardseely.com) and <https://seelyedward.academia.edu>).

<sup>26</sup> Donald S. Lutz, *The Origins of American Constitutionalism* (Baton Rouge, Louisiana: State University Press, 1988). David Barton, *America’s Godly Heritage* (Aledo, Texas: WallBuilder Press, 1993), pp. 23-24.

<sup>27</sup> Barton, p. 24.

<sup>28</sup> John Adams, “From John Adams to Massachusetts Militia, 11 October 1798,” <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Adams/99-02-02-3102> (Accessed 8/14/20)



forms have done before it, when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic government, being incapable of any other.”<sup>29</sup>

*The Founders thus recognized, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, that the country had to function under God for many reasons, including to have a moral base that would sustain the republic. This is also why we say the words, “under God,” when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and why our nation’s motto, “In God We Trust,” is visible every time we handle U. S. currency, important reminders of vital aspects of our nation, necessary for successfully functioning as a republic. If God is ignored, there is no ultimate criterion and rationale for righteousness or for appeal and reconciliation of moral disharmony.*

- For just one example of the need for God in such matters, if one only appeals to a secular human norm-reference to base an opinion about homosexuality, whether it is right or wrong, and how to treat homosexual people, on what basis can that appeal be sustained?

Arguing only on a secular human basis, especially in this age of widespread postmodernism, one set of opinions on a moral issue cannot offset another set of opinions on that same issue. The matter becomes a stalemate as they each say, “Who are you to tell me I’m wrong in how I want to look at and treat these people?!” similar to a “he said, she said” situation. We need to appeal to a higher authority, which is the spiritual basis of our country’s founding. Thus, we love, care for, try to help, and respect homosexual people, as well as those who are struggling with same-sex attraction, and treat them well, because they, too, bear the image of God, some aspects of which are the capabilities to love, to reason, and to have freedom of choice.<sup>30</sup> Nevertheless, that does not mean we respect and condone homosexuals’ values and behaviors that are counterproductive to their and society’s well-being, including those values and behaviors in the above account.

Accordingly, the current 2019 Colorado state law HB 19-1032, pertaining to school sex education curricula, not only permits but encourages such deliberation. Section 2. 22-1-128 states,

(7) (a) Nothing in subsection (6) OR (6.5) of this section shall be interpreted to prohibit discussion of health, moral, ethical, or religious values as they pertain to comprehensive human sexuality, healthy relationships, or family formation. **SUCH DISCUSSION IS ENCOURAGED.** [The uppercase emphasis is in the law.]

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<sup>29</sup> Benjamin Franklin, “II. On the Federal Constitution,” 1787 <https://www.bartleby.com/268/8/11.html>. (Accessed 8/14/20)

<sup>30</sup> The short answer to the meaning of the Biblical term, “image of God,” (e.g., Genesis 1:26-28) is that it refers to God’s creating human beings in such a way that he has given us some of his own attributes, albeit in finite and limited form, which he possesses in infinite and unlimited form; other examples include being a living being, and the capabilities of knowledge and wisdom, which in us are genuine yet finite and limited, but which are infinite and unlimited in God. For a more complete explanation, see Edward D. Seely, [\*Essential Christianity: Historic Christian Systematic Theology—With a Focus on Its Very Practical Dimensions, including God’s Answers to Our Great Questions of Life—for Now and Eternity\*](#), PowerPoint presentation, Slide 91 and other related slides using the Search bar or the Find feature.

10. When deliberating on diversity, we must be careful to avoid common flaws in reasoning.

The field of logic, a subfield of philosophy, has identified numerous logical fallacies, some of which are applicable to this issue.

- a. Philosophically, it is illogical to establish a commission that encompasses LGBTQ+ with race and people with disabilities. To do so is to commit what in the field of logic is called the fallacy of the *unwarranted use of analogy* or *the fallacy of false analogy*. The literature explains that this error typically occurs when superficially observing similarities in two or more phenomena and concluding that because something pertains to one it must necessarily apply to the other(s). This fallacy of logic is often colloquially called comparing apples to oranges. “The fallacy of *false analogy* arises when one attempts to prove or disprove a claim using an analogy that is not suitable for the situation...It’s a common type of fallacious claim; people frequently use misleading and inaccurate analogies to support their ideas and views.”<sup>31</sup> In this case, such a proposed commission would be ignoring the essential aspects of these groups and illogically treating biological and moral issues equally with no distinction, making unwarranted generalizations, when key variables render them categorically distinct. Bad outcomes are not an essential part of being a member of a particular race, but bad outcomes are part of certain lifestyles; as we see above, the LGBTQ+ lifestyle is one.

When the subject of rights arises, the assertions must be carefully and logically considered. All races have certain “inalienable rights” prescribed in the Constitution. Hence, all races have the right to promote the well-being of all members of their race. All people, including homosexual people, have the right to be treated with dignity and respect, because as human beings they bear the image of God. (Genesis 2:26-28) This is the strongest reason for treating all people, and LGBTQ+ people in particular, in a loving manner; further, we are accountable to God for doing so. However, no government entity, and no person under government auspices, has the right to promote a lifestyle that the above and many other data show is unhealthy, violent, and counterproductive to individual and public welfare. Here we see why such a commission should not combine such disparate sociological categories.

- b. Another logical fallacy we need to avoid in this discussion is called the *naturalistic fallacy*, which is the attempt to reason from “is” to “ought;” i.e., just because something “is,” does not mean that it “ought” to be. One alert in this area of concern is the possible misuse of findings by consultants hired by a city to assist in the decision-making process concerning a proposed commission. As part of its work, one such group is rightly including in its study an investigation into “what other communities are doing.”<sup>32</sup> However, keeping in mind the naturalistic fallacy, the significance of obtaining such data should be informative but not normative and especially not determinative.
- c. An additional logical fallacy that should be avoided is *argumentum ad hominem*, lit. arguing against the man. There is more than one version of this fallacy; the one applicable here refers to attacking an individual personally. When someone behaves in this manner, e.g., by using pejorative name-calling, making fun of the other person, or

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<sup>31</sup> <https://fallacyinlogic.com/false-analogy-definition-and-examples/> (Accessed 1/6/2021)

<sup>32</sup> Justine Bruno email to Amanda Waddell on Friday, December 11, 2020, 03:43:49 PM MST.

physically abusing the other, such behavior is deemed illogical, for it attacks the person's character while leaving the argument of the one being attacked unaddressed.

- d. Another logical fallacy commonly used in such discussions is one called the fallacy of the unsound premise. A premise that is wrong typically leads to a wrong conclusion. For example, frequently people assume that if someone disagrees with them it is because he or she hates them, which is illogical. Family and friends disagree on some matters and yet still love and care for each other. Disagreement does not mean or imply hatred.

Relatedly, as I have tried to make clear in this statement, my argument is advanced by love not hate. God has *commanded* His people to love *everyone*; I can point out God's love on every page of the Bible. He does not want people He loves to be harmed; we must not withhold the truth and harm people in so doing. Rather, we are to speak the truth in love. (Ephesians 4:15)

To keep this list of facts as brief as possible, the above is just a sample of many more scientific data and other crucial information available. References for the above data that are uncited are cited in my free eBook, [\*What Is God's Will Concerning Homosexuality? Help for Church Leaders and Others to Speak the Truth in Love\*](#). See in particular Chapter Two, The Truth from Careful Science. A plethora of similar scientific research and other literature is also available.

In the light of the strong science and history cited above, I urge governments, and governmental agencies, on all levels to not approve a commission on, or pass laws pertaining to, "diversity, inclusion, and equity," or one by any other name, that would involve affirming LGBTQ+ issues, which would ipso facto be *perceived* by many, who are unaware of the information presented in this paper, as authentication and tacit approval, accepting, encouraging, and promoting the many aspects of LGBTQ+ as a normal and equal lifestyle. Though all human beings are created equal, and all bear the image of God, not all people develop in the same way, and *not all values and actions are equal or produce the same results*.

For the sake of people in an LGBTQ+ lifestyle, and all others, this lifestyle should not be officially affirmed, advocated, glamorized, facilitated, and promoted in the many ways the pro-homosexual activists' agendas authorized by such commissions and laws would produce, as they are already doing in many places, through such means as so-called "gay" pride parades, drag queen story hours in public libraries that influence children and others, and establishing a basis for curtailing religious freedom, e.g., by lengthy and expensive law suits against people who disagree with them on a moral and religious basis, such as the Lakewood, CO baker who willingly serves LGBTQ+ customers but turns down requests to make wedding cakes with messages that oppose and contradict his religious beliefs.<sup>33</sup> Such activities should neither be officially authorized nor receive any funds from public tax dollars.

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<sup>33</sup> Such litigation is occurring all over the country and has ruined the businesses of many people, which in turn has caused many of their employees to lose their jobs and much else. The baker, Jack Phillips, owner of Masterpiece Cake Shop, has already been vindicated in one case in 2018 by the United States Supreme Court, and now he has several other lawsuits against him for his desire to not put messages on his cakes that are contrary to God's Word, the Holy Bible, even though he still willingly serves all people in other ways in his bakery. As a result, he has now had to close the cake baking part of his business, which gave him an opportunity to express his creativity and which he most enjoyed. However, the closing of that part of his business has resulted in a such a significant loss of income, 40% of his business, that he has had to cut half of his employees' jobs in order to stay in business. He has

The above information helps us understand why homosexuality is not in accord with God's will. As we have seen, homosexuality harms people whom God has created and loves and who bear his image. (Genesis 1:26-27) As is clear in Leviticus 18:22 and in many other Bible passages, God condemns homosexual practice, calling it תּוֹעֵבָה (*tô'ēbâ*), the original Hebrew word which means detestable, abomination, to be abhorred. The New Testament also reveals that those who practice homosexuality, and other sins such as adultery, fornication, and covetousness, will not enter the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:9) God, who is most holy (Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8) will not permit those who are sinful to enter his presence. Yet, since God's holiness is part of his great love which extends from the core of being (1 John 4:8), he wants all people "to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4 NASB) Since all of us, not only homosexuals, have sinned (Romans 3:23), thus resulting in all of us being unworthy of entering God's most holy presence, and since God loves us, he reveals in his Word that he has provided one way for everyone who will repent and accept that way into his presence. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) Thus, through repenting, turning away from our sins, and believing in Jesus Christ as the only way to be saved, God credits to us the perfect righteousness of Jesus (Romans 4:23-25; 8:3-4), who alone never sinned (Hebrews 4:14-15) and kept all of God's law. When homosexual people repent and believe in Christ Jesus, as many are doing, they too are saved.<sup>34</sup>

As a Christian pastor I care about all people, including those who identify as LGBTQ+; in my counseling, I've seen their unpublished agony. I urge everyone to care for them as well by not establishing commissions, laws, and regulations that will be counterproductive to their physical, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being and that of our community. Consider a question:

- *Since sound scientific research reveals that LGBTQ+ practices are very unhealthy and violent, as well as physically, psychologically, and spiritually destructive, how is it loving and compassionate to affirm, encourage, and promote, much less fund, a lifestyle that is so harmful?*

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spent the last eight years in court defending his First Amendment rights, which raises significant questions of justice and fairness, not only for Jack Phillips but for many others across the country and elsewhere in the world. (Emails from the Alliance Defending Freedom, December 18, 2020, at 5:14 AM and August 25, 2020, at 12:20 PM)

<sup>34</sup> For further information on the Biblical and theological aspects of this subject, see my PowerPoint presentation, [\*Essential Christianity: Historic Christian Systematic Theology—With a Focus on Its Very Practical Dimensions, including God's Answers to Our Great Questions of Life—for Now and Eternity\*](#) and [\*What Is God's Will Concerning Homosexuality? Help for Church Leaders and Others to Speak the Truth in Love.\*](#)

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