



GENDER DYSPHORIA: Real or Imagined?

"The attempt to redefine the family as a purely voluntary arrangement grows out of the postmodern delusion that people can keep all their options open all the time."

—Christopher Lasch

Richard Dawkins, author of *The God Delusion*, may be a secular humanist, but he has recently come out strongly against the gender identity movement.

The noted biologist says that medical interventions, the use of puberty-suppressing hormones, cross-sex hormones, and surgery are used on children who are not developmentally competent to give full, free and informed consent.

Richard Dawkins is part of a growing global concern that our social engineers are pushing kids to do things that carry a risk of long-term adverse effects on their psychological and physical health.

I'm going to give you a chilling report about the tragic consequences of wholesale and irresponsible gender reassignment in Sweden.

INTRODUCTION:

Definition: *Gender dysphoria* is a feeling that one's gender does not align with that "assigned" at birth. Boys feel like girls and girls feel like boys.

A postmodern Swedish morality tale

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- Pressured by LGBTQ activists, Social Democrats were compelled to change laws allowing gender reassignment surgeries to be performed on teens as early as 15-years-old, without parental consent, and 12-year-olds to change their legal genders.
- Swedish Board of Health and Welfare report a 1500% jump in gender dysphoria in teen girls, 13-17 years of age, between 2008 to 2018
- It was discovered by investigative reports that Sweden had a medical scandal. The Karolinska University Medical Center did surgeries on 100% of applicants without asking any questions; radical mastectomies on 14-year-old girls without parental consent, and irreversible surgeries on hundreds of teens, many who just hated their body shapes. No questions asked about underlying psychological issues.
- Rise in suicides among those who had gender conversion surgeries, and others who were later sorry and traumatized that they had undergone irreversible protocols.
- Discovery that 32.4% of teen girls with gender dysphoria suffered from anxiety disorder, 28.9% had depression, 19.4% had ADHD, and 15.2% had autism, adding up to underlying psychological problems for more than 95% of those claiming gender dysphoria.
- Now Sweden is reconsidering its mad rush to gender dysphoria diagnoses and reassignments.

Across the Pond in America: With our doubling suicide rate in last decade for American girls who hated their looks, body shapes and lives, in comparison to the photo-shopped social posts of their friends, gender reassignment [becoming a whole new person] can be seen as quick fix for deeper underlying problems.

- A 4000% rise in transgenderism in Great Britain and U.S. in past decade.
- About two million self-identifying transgender people in U.S.
- Gender dysphoria has doubled in five and six-year-olds in the past five years.

Is gender dysphoria real or imagined? One thing is sure: it will affect every family and church in America in the future.

TWO CRITICAL FACTS FROM JESUS TO US

[Matthew 19:3-12]

- 1. God's Perfect Design for gender and sexuality is forever set in Genesis Two.** [Matt. 19:4, Gen. 2:24; Eph. 4:13&14]
 - 1) The Creator, and not his creatures or their societies, determine the design for sex, gender, sexual expressions, marriage and family.** [the order of Genesis 2:24 is first *commitment*, then *covenant* and last, *consummation*]
 - 2) It is anthro-idolatry to change the birth image of a person just because we can do it with today's medical technologies** [Romans 1:23&24]
 - 3) It is appropriate to designate gender dysphoria as mental unwellness, or dysfunctional thinking.**

- 2. We live in a Post-Genesis 3 world where God's intended order of things has been twisted by sin.** [Matt. 19:8,10&13]
 - 1) Those Born with Gender Dysphoria** [vs. 13]
 - 2) Those made that way by others** [vs. 13]
 - 3) Those who make up their gender dysphoria** [vs. 13]
 - The "real me" Delusion
 - Compare gender protocols to criminal Justice reform for youth.

3. Biblical Conclusions

A BATTLE PLAN FOR THE GENDER WARS

- 1. Prayer Intercession** [1 Tim. 2]
- 2. The Ballot Box** [Prov. 14:32]
- 3. Community Involvement** [Matt. 5:13&14]
- 4. Influencing Others** [1 Pet. 3:15&16]
- 5. Teaching your Children and Grandchildren biblical perspectives on gender, sexuality, marriage, and family** [1 Tim. 1:50]
- 6. Don't let your children or grandchildren be thrown to the wolves in the public-school classrooms.**
- 7. Know what you believe on these gender issues, form your beliefs based on those of Jesus, and live them without judging those who don't.**