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## Don't Bow to the Idols of the Transgender Cult

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love my country. But many of my foreign friends now ask me regularly, "What's going on with the United States?" They are baffled. They are also losing respect for America because a growing number of our leaders have made drastic shifts when it comes to moral values—particularly in the area of sexuality

Consider New York's governor Kathy Hochul, who signed a bill last June that guarantees minors access to hormone therapy and transgender surgery. While some states have passed laws to label such treatments as child abuse, Hochul says the new law makes New York "a safe haven for trans youth and their families."

That means the state encourages 14-year-old girls to get full hysterectomies and double mastectomies without a parent's permission; it also means New York is a "haven" for 9-year-old boys whose schoolteachers have convinced them

to get their genitals removed. In Michigan, representatives voted on June 20 to approve HB 4474, a law that would make "misgendering" a person a criminal offense. If the law is ratified, anyone who calls a transgender person by the wrong gender identity would be guilty

of "intimidation," and the punishment would be up to five years in prison or a \$10,000 fine.

Do these laws sound crazy? Don't you dare question them. We are expected to accept this madness because it's "inclusive." And if you challenge the transgender movement, or dare to label gender confusion as a psychological disorder, you will be demonized as a cruel hatemonger. In New York, California and Michigan, Nebuchadnezzar expects you to bow down to his idol ... or else.

It's time for rational people to cry foul before this lunacy gains any more traction. This is not just an attack on family values; it's an attack on basic intelligence. Here are three simple reasons the "logic" of transgender activists is faulty:

1) Gender is a biological reality, not just an emotional feeling. In 2015 an Oregon woman named Rachel Dolezal was exposed as a fraud because she claimed she was African-American even though she was born to white parents. Dolezal even became a local leader of the NAACP until her elaborate scam unraveled. She told NBC: "I identify as black." But she was laughed off the national stage because everybody knows DNA determines race. You can't "become" black.

So why don't we apply the same scientific standard to gender? Today's code of political correctness says if you were born a man but you now "feel" you are a woman, you can use the women's restroom, change your gender identity and even participate in women's sports. Defenders of this charade claim that gender is a psychological "construct" that was invented by imperialist Christians.

2) Gender must be affirmed. I don't know what people are smoking these days, but something has clouded the judgment of educators who think children should be encouraged to "explore" their gender "possibilities." While gender is genetically inborn, a boy must be trained to be a man, and a girl must be trained to be a woman. Parents play a huge role in developing gender identity in their children.

We live in a fallen world. People are susceptible to gender

confusion, sexual abuse, bullying, shaming, fatherlessness, lack of parental nurture; many other factors can cause a child or a teenager to question their maleness or femaleness. Yet if a person with gender confusion gets counseling and encouragement, they can overcome their emotional scars.

## 3) "Gender fluidity" is a hoax.

Secularists view the Bible as archaic and irrelevant, so they reject the first chapter of Genesis, which says God created mankind as "male and female" (Gen. 1:27). In the past, even non-Christians believed in what America's Founding Fathers called "the laws of nature and of nature's God." We've operated fine on this earth for thousands of years with two genders. Why is it that all of a sudden people can choose from an ever-growing list of 64+ gender options?

When people rage against God and rebel against His laws, they become ignorant. Educators today have adopted the wacky idea that gender is fluid and changeable—even though science doesn't support this.

If a man decides he is really a woman "inside," he is urged to take hormones, get breast implants, start wearing makeup and dresses, and become a celebrity spokesmodel like Dylan Mulvaney—the transgender activist who almost bankrupted Bud Light beer earlier this year after customers reacted negatively to his advertisements.

Don't bow to the idols of our culture. And please pray that we won't allow our communities to be hijacked by people who deny

God, science and common sense.

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