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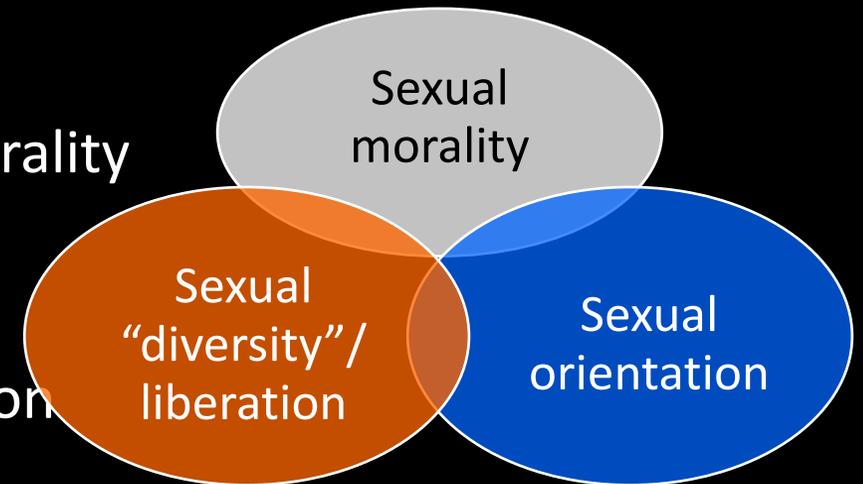
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Navigating the public debate about sexuality

Dr Elisabeth Taylor

What do we mean by “born that way”?

- Traditional Judeo-Christian view – Sexual morality
- Mainstream Australia – Sexual orientation
- Sexual rights activists – Sexual diversity/liberation



Judeo-Christian view of human sexuality

Sexual morality

- Everyone is equal in inherent human dignity
- Human nature is sinful but we are not slaves to sin
- Sexual sin is possible for everyone
- Sexual sin hurts ourselves and others ... **because** God loves the sinner, He hates the sin
- Narrow sexual ethic: only within marriage
- Sexuality is a small (and insignificant) part of the total human identity. Celibacy is both possible and harmless. Sexual inhibition (*contra-Freud*) is unproblematic

In Christian thought Identity ≠ Behaviour

- “The Sodomite” is a mid-19th Century invention
- In this view sexuality colonises the whole identity:

“Nothing that went into [the homosexual’s] total composition was unaffected by his sexuality. It was everywhere present in him: at the root of all his actions.”

[Michel Foucault]

- Incompatible with Christian anthropology: the human person is more than a sexuality

Mainstream belief in “sexual orientation”

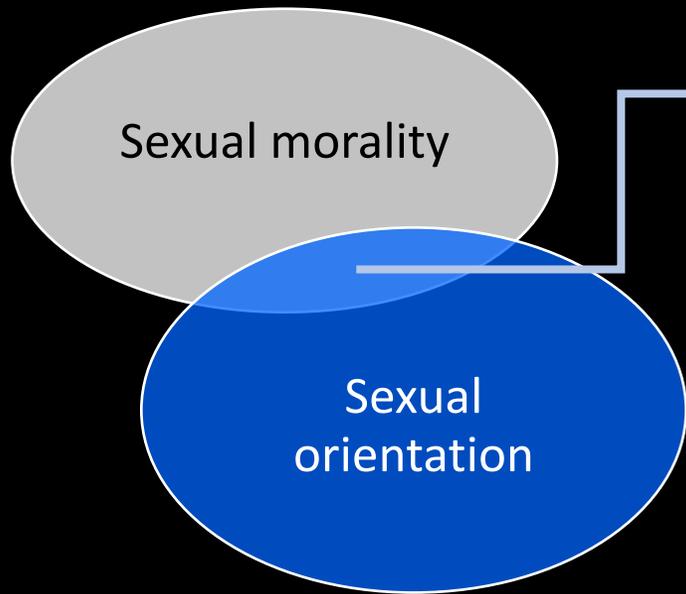
Sexual
orientation

- Sexual orientation is “a thing”: innate, unchosen and fixed – analogous to race
- Since all people are equal, all sexual orientations must be equal
- Identity = Behaviour
- Sex is part of love and connection – a basic human need

“If the sexuality arises out of your orientation then it is just irrational to persist with the demonization of the sexual acts because they are the acts that are natural to a homosexual person, to reach out for fullness of being, for love of another, for companionship, and for fidelity and trust in another human being. Now this is good for heterosexual people and it is noble and wonderful in life.”

[Michael Kirby]

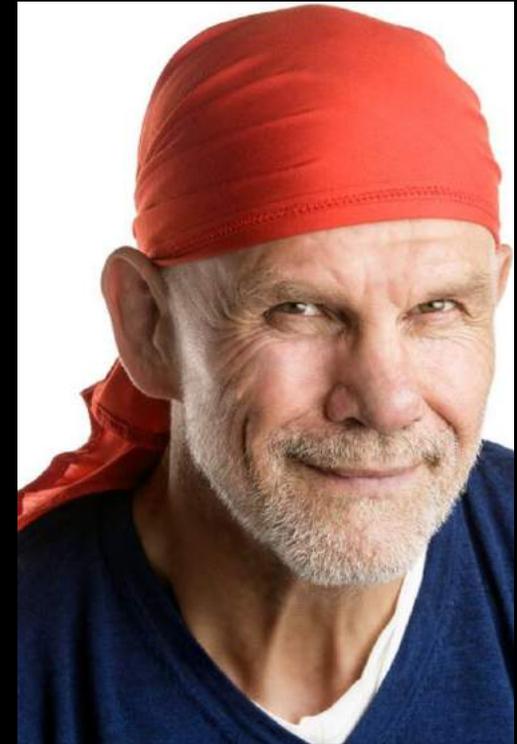
“Born that way” argues “The Homosexual” is different but equal



- “Diversity”: valuing individual difference while maintaining equality for everyone
- “Inclusion”: inclusion of a fixed minority in the existing (heteronormative) social order
- In favour of democratic pluralism, support for the family, and child protection

Most people believe “born that way” is a no-brainer ...

“We used to think that people who were left-handed were an aberration, that they were a problem ... and we used to think that people who were gay were a problem, that they were an aberration. Twenty-first century, we understand that being gay is like being left-handed, like having red hair, like having freckles; it’s no big deal.”



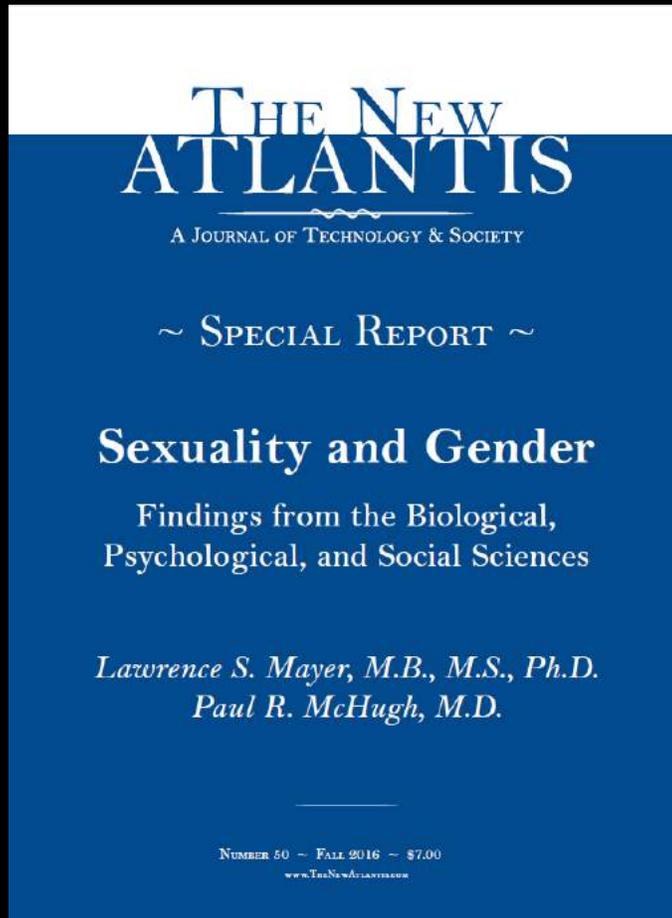
Peter FitzSimons

Problem #1: Sexual orientation is not “a thing”: it is many things

- What is “sexual orientation”?
 - It might have many elements...
 - ... which are hard to define ...
 - ...and are complex in themselves

“[T]he more carefully researchers map these constellations ...the more complicated the picture becomes because few individuals report uniform inter-correlations among these domains”

[Mayer and McHugh]



Problem #2: Even if it were “a thing” ... so what?

- The “born that way” thesis makes us ask the wrong questions
- Why can't we take identity out of it and ask instead what behaviours “*whether in the sexual realm or elsewhere – tend to be conducive to health and flourishing, and what kinds of behaviours tend to undermine a healthy and flourishing life*”?

Problem #3: “Born that way” is wrong: sexuality is not innate and fixed

Sexuality is influenced by environment, experience and volition:

- Dr Lisa Diamond (co-Editor) *APA Handbook of Sexuality and Psychology*, 2014
- Frisch & Hviid, *Archives of Sexual Behaviour*, 2006.
 - Population-level survey of 2 million showed parental absence (specifically of the same-sex parent) correlates with establishment of same-sex relationship in adulthood
- National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add-Health)
 - Following 12,000 children from 1994–95
- Surveillance Summary for the National Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, USA, 2016. 15,624 students, aged 14 – 17
- Kinsey’s pedophiles and the pornography industry know that sexuality is malleable

Problem #4: It supports the “stigma narrative” ...

- Example of the “stigma narrative”: the hypothesis of *Writing Themselves In*:
 1. *SSAY* suffer high levels of verbal and physical *homophobic* abuse, particularly at school
 2. Homophobic abuse is *causally related* to “feeling unsafe, excessive drug use, self harm and suicide attempts
 3. Changes to school policies to counteract homophobia can work to ameliorate the effects of homophobic bullying and thus reduce the suicide rate
- If “LGB kids” are “born that way” – different but equal – then differences must arise **only** from discrimination, minority stress, stigma. Assumption of single-factor causation means we are missing confounding evidence

...which prevents examination of what else is going on for these kids

LGB kids are less likely to:

- Eat enough fruit
- Eat enough vegetables
- Eat breakfast
- Drink milk
- Drink two or more glasses of water a day
- Sleep an average of 8 hours a night
- Participate in 60 minutes of physical activity on at least one day of the week,
- Have seen a dentist in the last twelve months

LGB kids are more likely to:

- Use drugs
- Suffer depression
- Attempt suicide
- Use computers for over 3 hours / day
- Struggle with obesity
- Have had sex before the age of 13
- Have been raped
- Have been made to do unwanted sexual acts by a partner
- Have been deliberately hurt by a sexual partner
- Have sex with more than 4 sexual partners

How does child sexual abuse victimisation fit in with “born that way”?

- Possible explanations – not mutually exclusive – for correlation of LGB identification and childhood sexual abuse:
 1. Childhood sexual abuse contributes to the development of non-heterosexual orientation in adulthood; or
 2. Children with (signs of future) non-heterosexual tendencies attract abusers, placing them at elevated risk; or
 3. Certain factors might contribute to both childhood sexual abuse and non-heterosexual tendencies (for instance, a dysfunctional family or an alcoholic parent).
- If we believe the “stigma narrative”, it can *only* be (2), so we ignore (1) and (3)

Sexual rights activists do not believe “born that way”. They advocate for “freedom” to be “who you really are”

Sexual “diversity”/
liberation

- The human identity is comprised of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI)
- Kinsey:
 - Sexual diversity is normal because it is natural for “the human animal”
 - Sexuality should not be limited by morality
 - *All* sexual expression is legitimate
- Neo-Marxism:
 - Sexual morality is part of the architecture that supports the family – a tool of capitalist oppression
 - A queer minority will always be “othered”.
The queer revolution is necessary for “inclusion”

Who are these people and what do they want?

Sexual “diversity”/
liberation

- Militant Gay Lobby (Gay Liberation Front) - “LGBT rights”
- Sex industry – pornography, sex toy shops, “sex workers’ rights”,
- Abortion/sexual health providers
- Paedophiles and their advocates – “children’s sexual rights”
- Marxists and queer revolutionaries – Non-binary priesthood of superheros who want to liberate everyone from the oppression of heteronormativity

- *Often the same people making the same “stigma” arguments all kinds of “sexual rights”*

“Stigma” is the stock-in-trade argument for sexual rights activists

“Sex workers’ rights”

How do we explain PTSD in prostituted women?:

1. “Sex workers” are exercising sexual agency in an empowered expression of autonomy
2. Abolitionists are responsible for shaming prostituted women and failing to respect their legitimate profession
3. We need more visibility and celebration of “sex work”

“Sexual rights for children”

How do we explain trauma in children who have sex with adults?:

1. Children are sexual from birth
2. Parents, teachers and legal authorities that try to protect children from paedophiles are “abusive”; responsible for creating shame
3. We need to teach children to explore and enjoy their sexuality

“LGBT rights”

How do we explain any lower life outcomes for LGBT people?:

1. LGBT people are just expressing “who they really are”
2. Society doesn’t accept this
3. We need to make the nasty Christians shut up, and fund specialist support groups, especially for “LGBT kids”

“Born that way” advocates are “useful idiots”, supporting an ideology they have imperfectly understood

Sexual orientation

- Sexuality is fixed
- LGBT people are different but equal

Sexual diversity

- Sexuality is fluid
- Everyone would be LGBT if we weren't oppressed by heteronormativity

Sexual orientation and **sexual diversity** both tell us that LGBT identification is not, in itself, a sign of “brokenness”. Therefore LGBT suffering must result from stigma alone:

- “Recruitment” is ridiculous/**the same things as “liberation”**
- “Conversion therapy” is impossible/**oppressive**
- Comprehensive sexuality education is necessary for sexual health of LGB kids/**to teach sexual diversity to all children in schools**
- Safe Schools is necessary to stop bullying/**disrupt heteronormativity**
- “Progress” = **“Social change”**
- Christians are a public menace and need to shut up
- Divisions obscured by common language: “abusive parent”, “homophobia”, “inclusion”, “diversity”, “hate speech”

We need not be ashamed for refusing to march in the rainbow parade

- The human person is more than a sexual identity
- All people are equal
- All sexual behaviours are not

Wendy Francis

ACL QLD and NT Director

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**“...not ashamed of the gospel,
because it is the power of God
that brings salvation to
everyone who believes.”**

Romans 1:16

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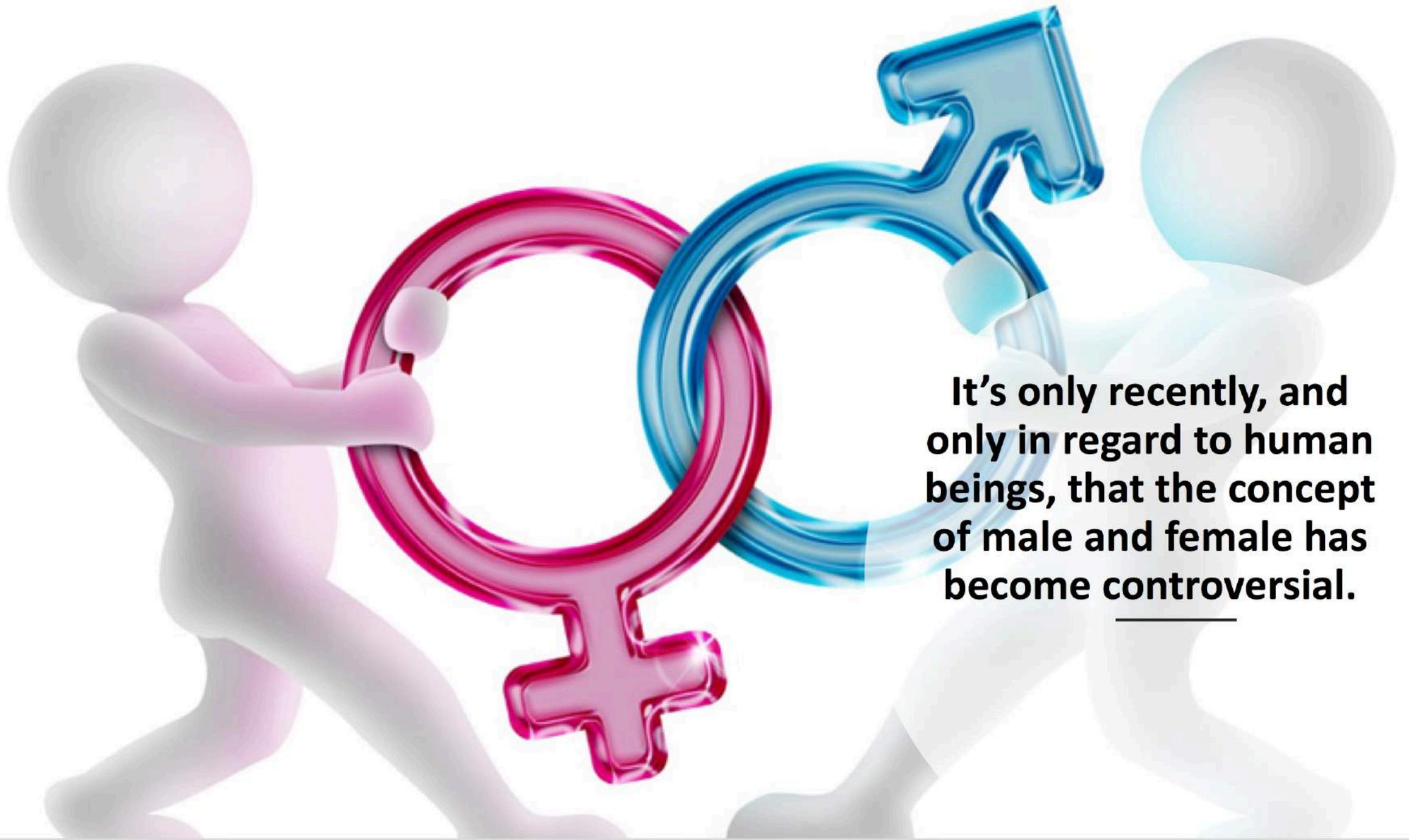


The opposite of
“not ashamed of the gospel,”
is not
“proud to be a Christian”.

The opposite of
“not ashamed of the gospel”
is
“passionate to share God’s truth”.

Speak
Truth
in
Love

**Truth by definition is
exclusive,
but if we want to be
heard,
we must speak it in
love.**



It's only recently, and only in regard to human beings, that the concept of male and female has become controversial.

TRAIN UP A CHILD
IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO:
AND WHEN HE IS OLD,
HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.

PROVERBS 22:6



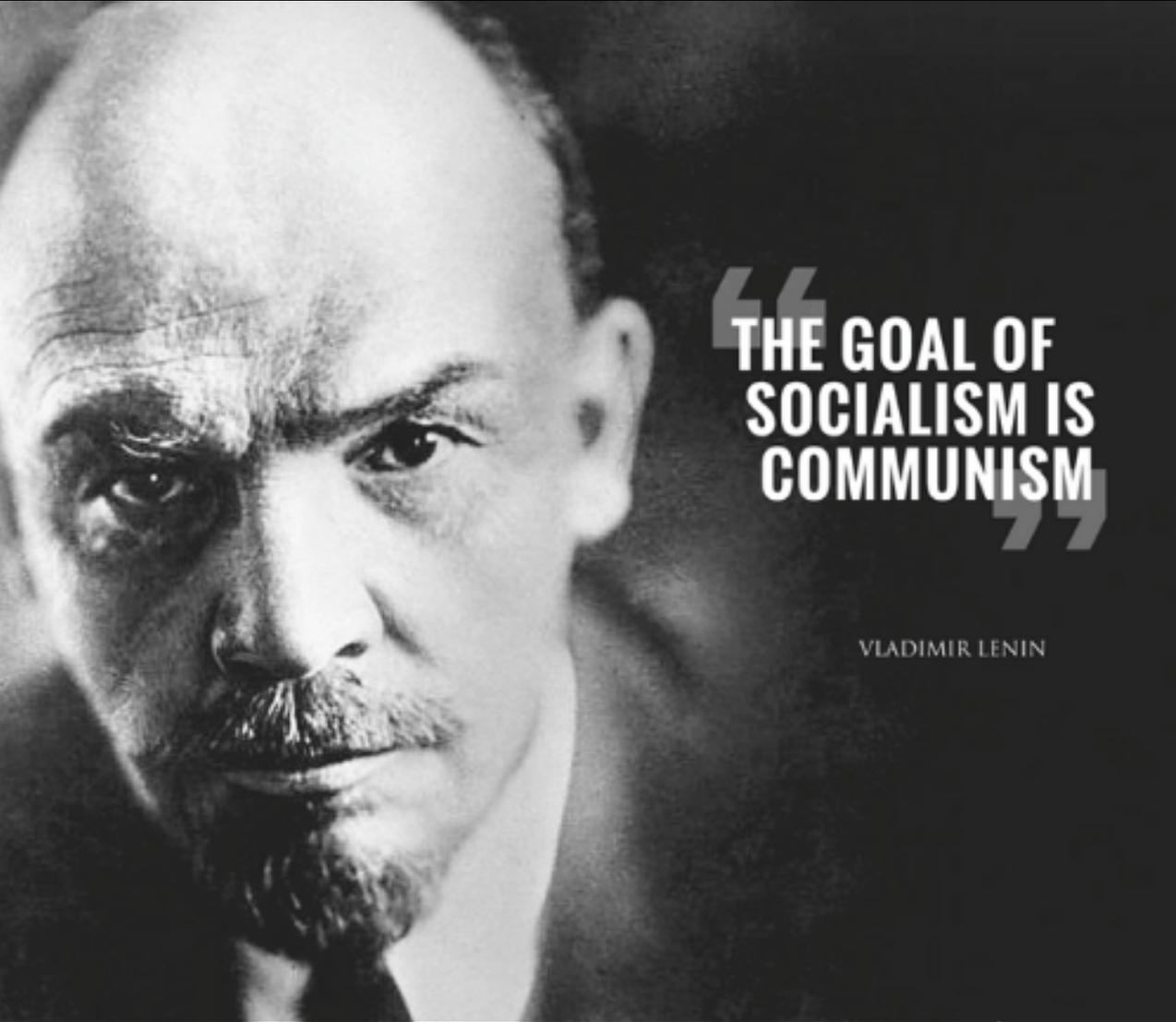
**St. Francis Xavier
(1506-1552) said:**

*“Give me the child
until he is seven and
I’ll give you the man”.*



"In Thee, O Lord,
have I put my hope.
Let me never be
confounded."

St. Francis Xavier



“Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted”.

Vladimir Lenin

*“He alone who
owns the
youth, gains
the future.”*

Adolf Hitler, 1935



EDUCATION

is a

WEAPON

**whose effects depend on
who holds it in his hands
and at whom it is aimed**



Joseph Stalin Quotes via Gecko & Fly

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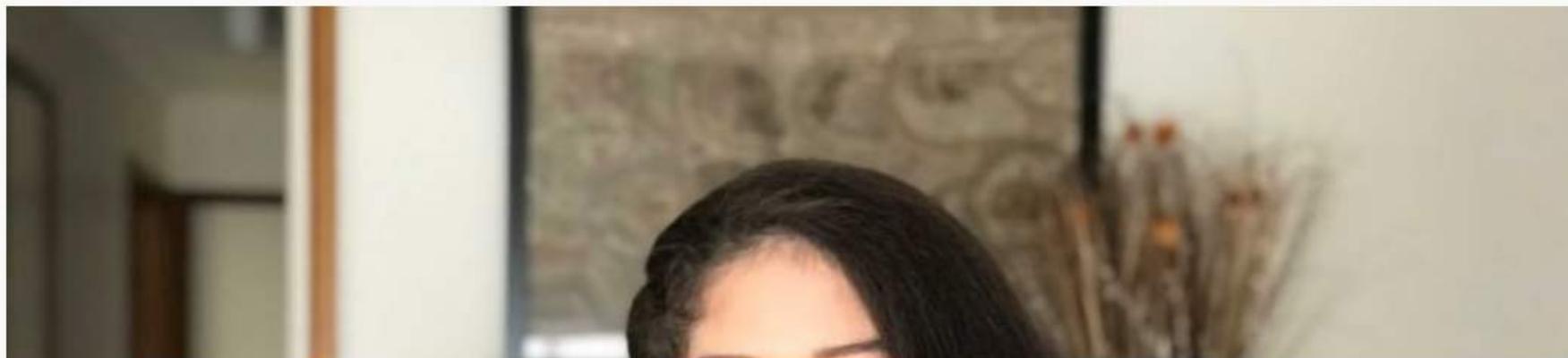
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Childhood demand for gender transition treatment surges to record high

ABC News Breakfast By [James Hancock](#)

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NATIONAL 7:23am September 1, 2016

Four-year-old child the youngest to transition gender in NSW schools

By nine.com.au staff



A four-year-old child in NSW is transitioning their gender before their first day of preschool as new data shows a steep climb in the number of children with gender dysphoria.

The child is the youngest of a number across the state currently transitioning, while at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital 250 children, some as young as three, have been referred for assistance by the gender dysphoria unit, the *Daily Telegraph* reports.



A transgender teen is looking forward to having his breasts removed.

News

Transgender teen 'Quinn' to have double mastectomy before becoming male

Kay Dibben, News Corp Australia Network

August 6, 2016 12:57am

Subscriber only

A TRANSGENDER 15-year-old, who has large breasts, will have a double mastectomy so he can look more masculine as he transitions from female to male.

“There may be circumstances in which students wish or need to undertake gender transition without the consent of their parent/s (or carer/s), and/or without consulting medical practitioners...”



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THE GENDER FAIRY

The Gender Fairy

Jo Hirst



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Illustrated by
Libby Wirt



*“Only you know whether
you are a boy or a girl. No one can tell you”.*

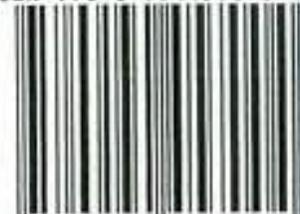
The Gender Fairy is a simple story about two children who find relief in finally being heard. It is a tale of two children who are taking their first joyful steps toward living as their true selves. It is an educational resource for all children and adults to understand what it might feel like to be a transgender child.

For children aged four and up, *The Gender Fairy* is designed to be read aloud in the classroom or at home. It includes notes for parents and teachers to aid discussion and learning, completed in collaboration with Roz Ward (La Trobe University).

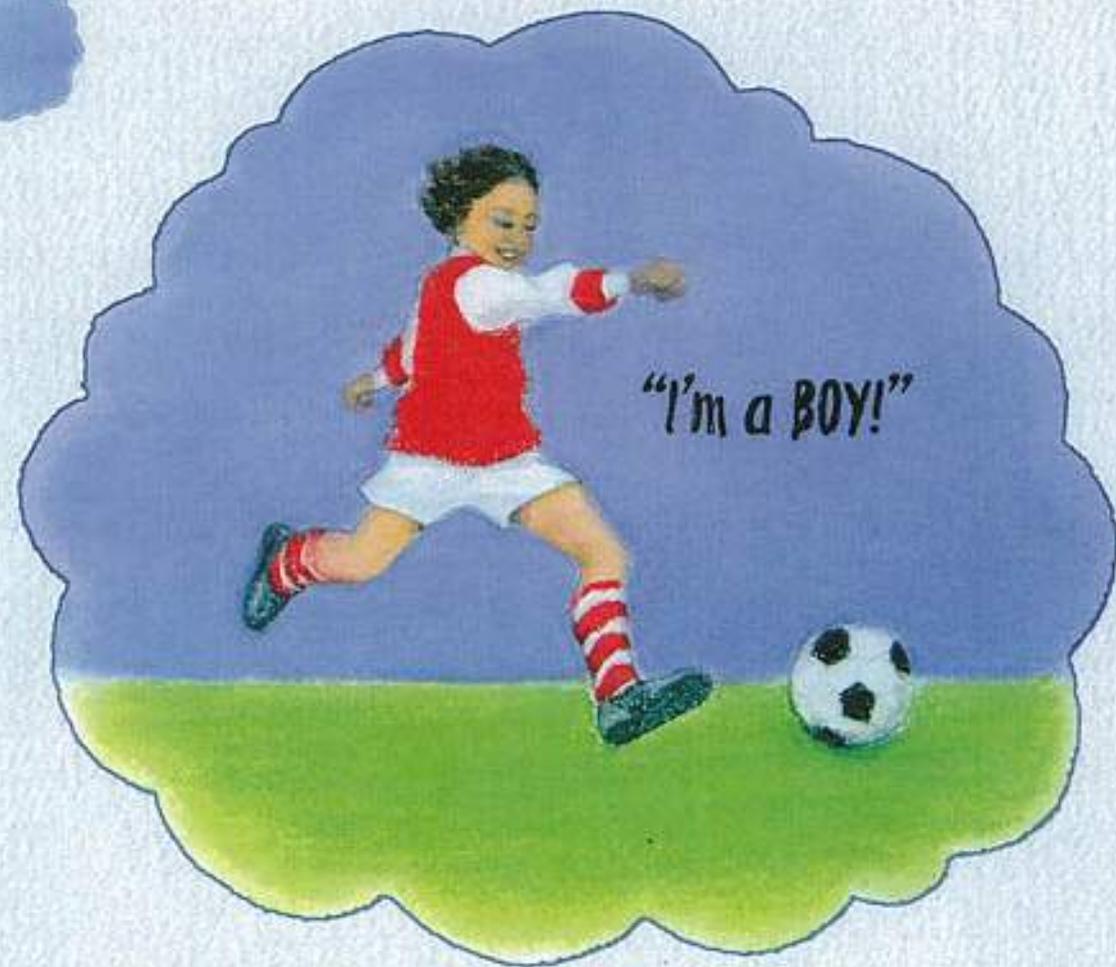
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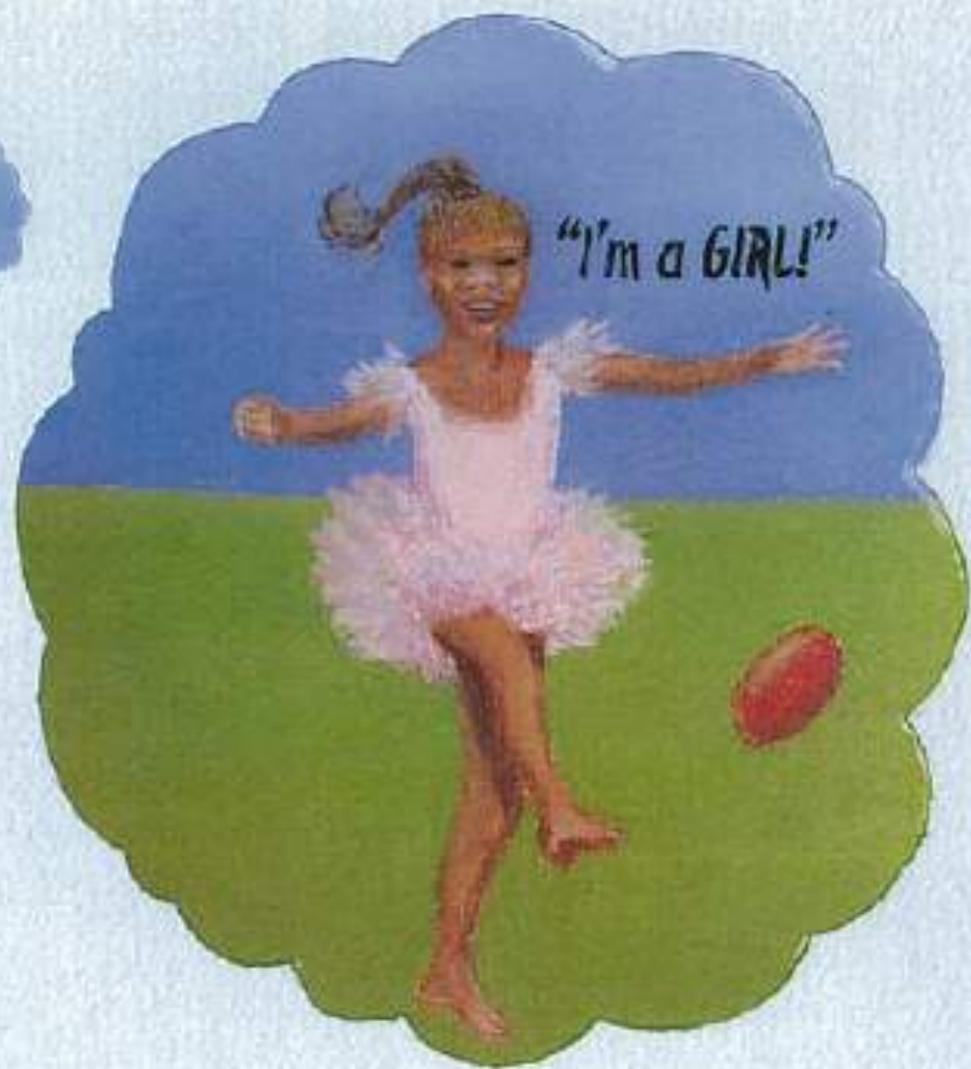
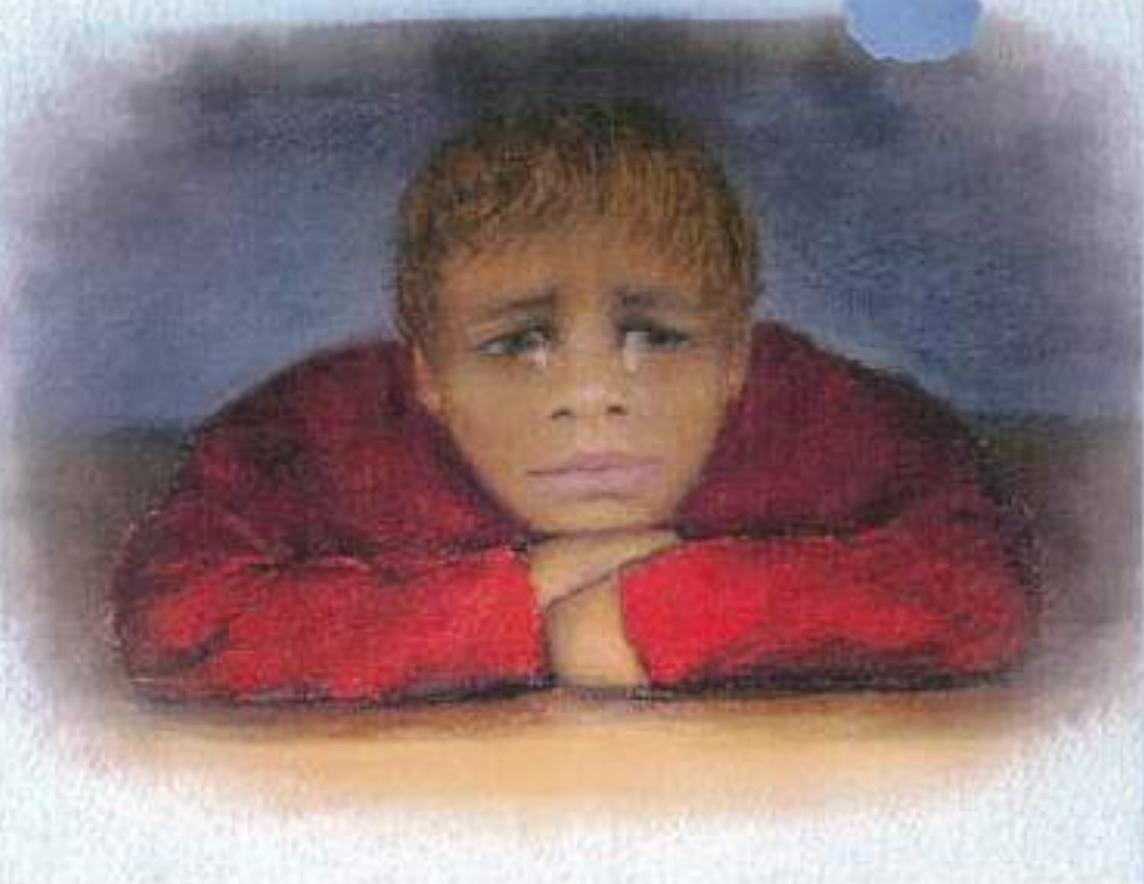
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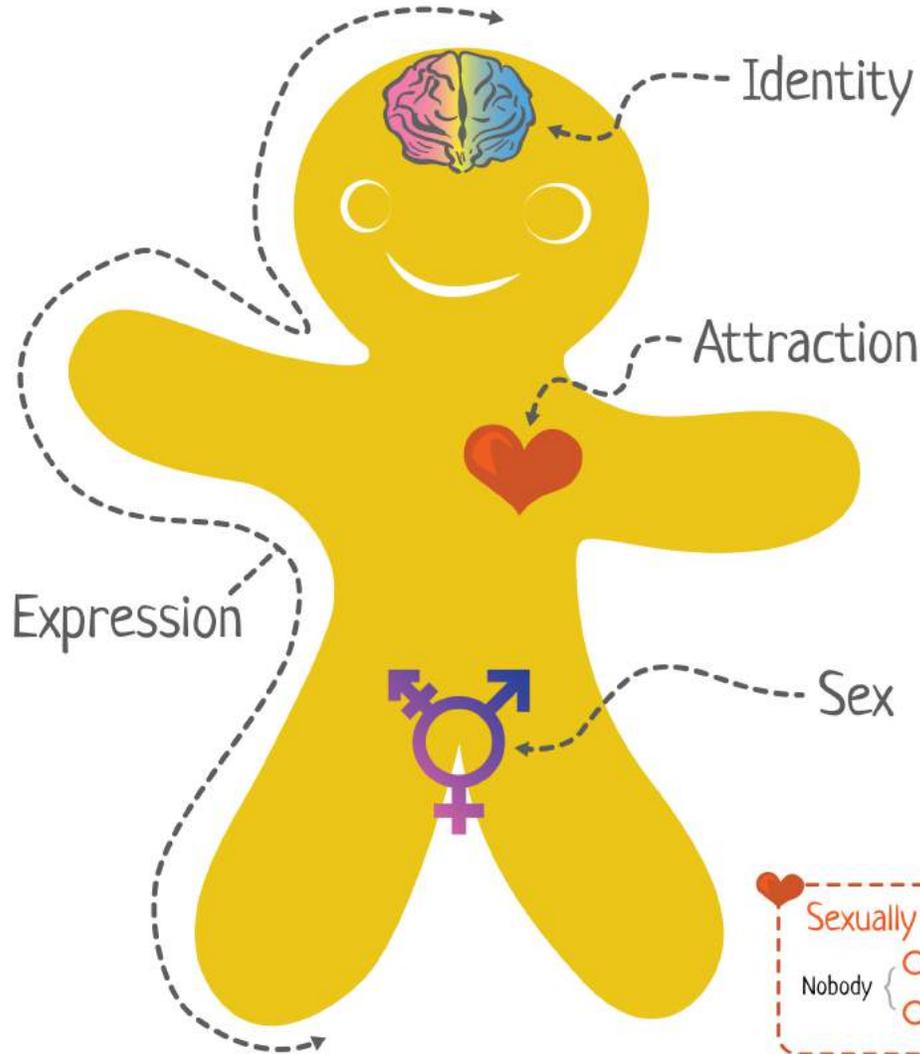
The child who had been placed in the cot labelled 'boy' was very, very sad. She felt that no one knew who she really was inside. She hid under her bed and cried and cried. "Why does everyone think I'm a boy?" she sobbed.



The Genderbread Person v3.3

by its pronounced **METROsexual**.com

Gender is one of those things everyone thinks they understand, but most people don't. Like *Inception*. Gender isn't binary. It's not either/or. In many cases it's both/and. A bit of this, a dash of that. This tasty little guide is meant to be an appetizer for gender understanding. It's okay if you're hungry for more. In fact, that's the idea.



Plot a point on both continua in each category to represent your identity; combine all ingredients to form your Genderbread

4 (of infinite) possible plot and label combos

Gender Identity

Indicates a lack of what's on the right.

Woman-ness

Man-ness

How you, in your head, define your gender; based on how much you align (or don't align) with what you understand to be the options for gender.

Labels: "woman", "man", "two-spirit", "genderqueer"

Gender Expression

Feminine

Masculine

The ways you present gender, through your actions, dress, and demeanor, and how those presentations are interpreted based on gender norms.

Labels: "butch", "femme", "androgynous", "gender neutral"

Biological Sex

Female-ness

Male-ness

The physical sex characteristics you're born with and develop, including genitalia, body shape, voice pitch, body hair, hormones, chromosomes, etc.

Labels: "male", "female", "intersex", "MtF Female"

Sexually Attracted to

Nobody

(Women/Females/Femininity)

(Men/Males/Masculinity)

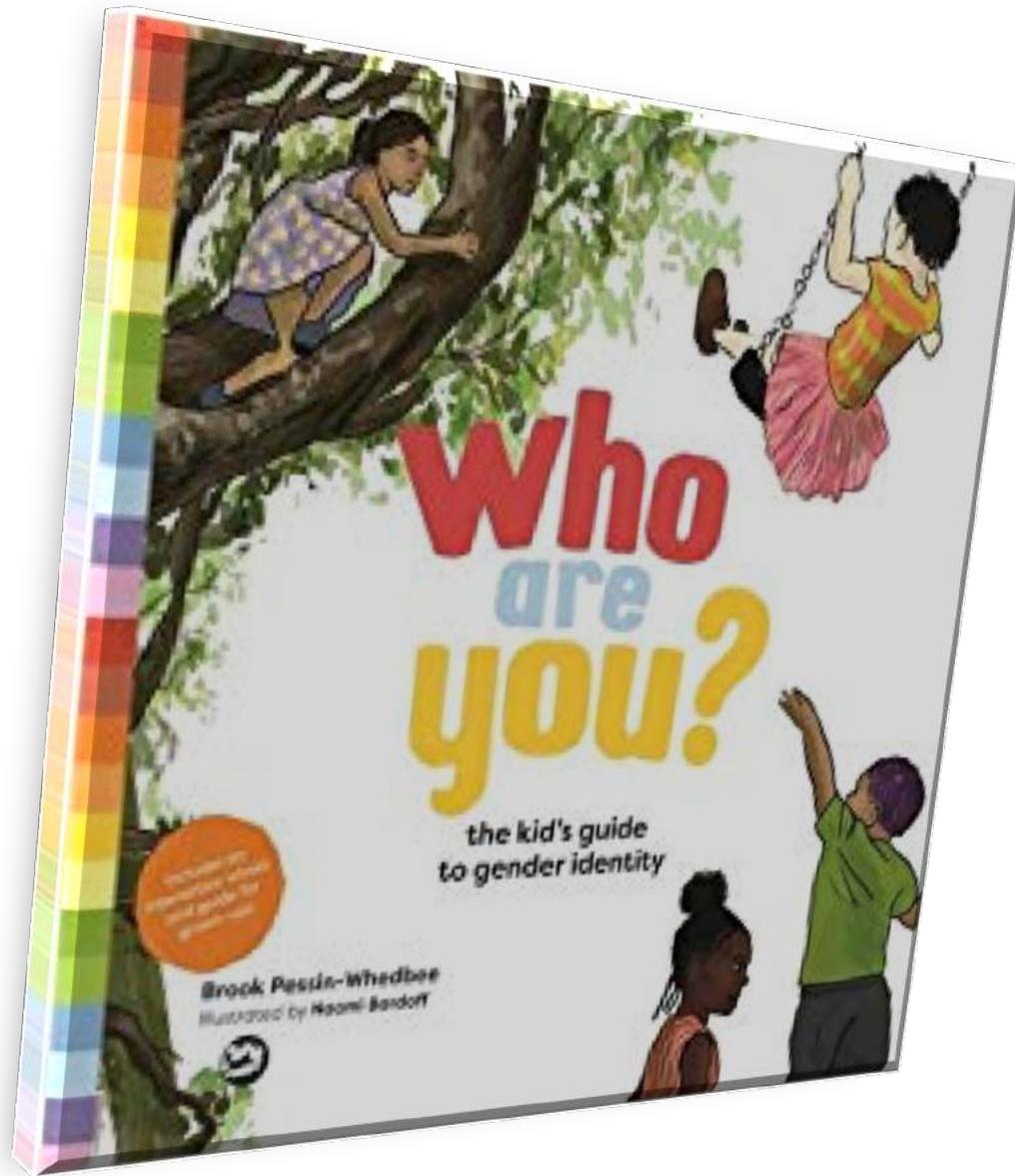
Romantically Attracted to

Nobody

(Women/Females/Femininity)

(Men/Males/Masculinity)

In each grouping, circle all that apply to you and plot a point, depicting the aspects of gender toward which you experience attraction.



“Babies can’t talk, so grown-ups make a guess by looking at their bodies.”

Transgenderism is primarily a sociocultural and political phenomenon, which has been fueled by both social contagion and groupthink social processes.

The promotion of it is changing the face of a generation.





News / National

Bill to provide gender choice for birth certificates

 By AAP | 12:43pm Jun 18, 2019



'She has every right to compete with women': Transgender weightlifter sparks criticism after competition win

Yahoo and Agencies on March 20, 2017, 3:23 pm



commonwealth games

Games' ticking time bomb explodes as rival nation protests transgender weightlifter's presence

THE Commonwealth Games' most controversial issue has erupted as Samoan coaches protest the presence of a transgender weightlifter.



Transgendered men do not become women, nor do transgendered women become men. All become feminized men or masculinized women, counterfeits or impersonators of the sex that they want to identify as. To assert anything else is a cruel lie.

Lies

Truth

The Truth will
set you free.

John 8:32

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