

**Transgenderism, Same-Sex Ideologies, and the Christian Witness
Resource Materials**

Gender Identity Disorder or Gender Dysphoria in Christian Perspective, The Commission on Theology and Church Relations, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, (2014 May 17, basic but good, located at lcms.org, and then type in the ‘search engine’ the title of this document, approximately 9 pages).

National Geographic, GENDER REVOLUTION, special issue, the shifting Landscape of Gender, January 2017—a non-theological approach to the current trends in Transgender human sexuality.

PROTECTING FROM SEXUAL ORIENTATION YOUR GENDER IDENTITY MINISTRY LAWSUITS: A Legal guide for LCMS Congregations, Schools, and Ministries, Alliance Defending Freedom for Faith and Justice (www.DFlegal.org), and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (www.LCMS.org), 2016. Can be downloaded from the Alliance Defending Freedom website. This is an excellent guide for pastors and all church workers, including church elected officials, such as Elders, Deacons, etc.

*Adams, David L. *The Challenge of Homosexuality: What Is at Stake?*, Concordia Journal, 31, no. 3 (July 2005): 228. [Excellent review]

*Anderson, Ryan T. *When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment*, Encounter Books, New York, 2018 (This is one of the best summaries of the current Transgender Ideology; well referenced and researched)

Brill, Stephanie and Rachel Pepper, *The Transgender Child: A Handbook for Families and Professions*, Cleis Press, 2008 (Pro-Transgender i.e. love your child and accept their change).

Burfeind, Peter M., *Gnostic America: A Reading of Contemporary American Culture & Religion According to Christianity’s Oldest Heresy*, (Lexington, KY, 2015), 408 pages. [Peter M. Burfeind is a Called and Ordained pastor of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod serving Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Student Ministry, the University of Toledo, Toledo, OH., a bit complicated but a great piece of history referring to our current PC culture]

*Gagnon, Robert A. J. *The Bible and Homosexual Practice: Texts and Hermeneutics*, , Abingdon Press, 2001 (While Gagnon is JEPD type of exegete, yet very good on the OT and NT Biblical Texts pertaining to the topic of Homosexuality. He has spoken at Concordia Seminary. He doesn’t allow the JEPD to influence the exegesis of those texts that give the Biblical truth on ‘homosexuality’)

*Grobian, Gifford A. Ed, *From Taboo to Delight: Ethics of Sex*, CPH, 2017 (Weise has a chapter on Transgenderism published in this book; a good Lutheran view of God the Creator of male and female; basic and can be used in an adult or high school Bible Study)

*McGuire, Ashley, *Sex Scandal: The Drive to Abolish Male and Female*, Regnery Publishing, 2017, 272 pages. (Excellent book on summing up of the ongoing destruction of male and female into the gender-neutral culture, wherein your ‘gender after birth or currently proclaimed’ is more important than knowing your ‘sex: male or female’ at ‘conception’.)

*Meier, Walter A., *For Better Not For Worse: A Manual of Christian Matrimony*, CPH, St. Louis, MO., 1935, 504 pages

*O'Donovan, O., *Begotten or Made?* Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2002, [ISBN # 0198266782], 100 pages (based on the Nicene Creed, a pure theology of 'what does it mean to be a Human Being. **Excellent** but this book takes a bit of time to digest. All my students that I have read this book, found it incredibly helpful in many and various ways. This book doesn't find any value in Artificial Reproductive Technologies, which militate against the word of God as Artifice.)

*Satinover, MD, Jeffrey, *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*, Baker Books, 1996 (excellent book on the nurturing side of Homosexuality. His medical intuition is very helpful in understanding the nature v nurture question).

*Stanton, Glenn T. *The Ring Makes All the Difference*, Moody Publishers, 2011 (**Excellent** basic book on Biblical Marriage and Co-habitation)

Stiegemeier, Scott E. *How Do You Know Whether You Are a Man or a Woman?* Concordia Theological Quarterly, 79 (2015) [Good general article on the Biblical Creation of Man and Woman].

Stryker, Susan, *Transgender History*, Seal Press, Berkeley, 2008 (Good basic book on the history of the Transgender movement, pre-Civil War to date)

Stryker, Susan and Aren Z Aizura, eds., *The Transgender Studies Reader 2*, Routledge, New York, 2013, 693 pages. [50 authors listed] (the second volume with more authors and data up-to-date)

Stryker, Susan and Stephen Whittle, eds., *The Transgender Studies Reader*, Routledge, New York, 200, 752 pages. [50 authors listed] (This is the composite history of the transgenderism)

Teich, Nicholas M., *Transgender 101: A Simple Guide to a Complex Issue*, Columbia University Press, New York, 2012 (Good and basic with definitions, all pro-Transgender)

*Via, Dan O. and Robert A. J. Gagnon, *Homosexuality and the Bible: Two Views*, Fortress Press, 2003 (Via is pro homosexual; Gagnon believes the Bible speaks against those who act on this identity).

*Vines, Matthew, *God and the Gay Christian*, Convergent Books, 2014 [9781601425164], 224 pages [Pro-gay/transgender: takes the topic from an historical context]

Weigel, George, *Reality and Public Policy*, National Affairs, Issue 15 (Spring 2013), [excellent article on the relationship of Transgenderism and liberal society).

*Yarhouse, PsyD, Mark A., *Homosexuality and the Christian: A Guide for Parents, Pastors and Friends*, Bethany House Publishers, 2010 (Very good, yet one must be discerning regarding Law/Gospel distinction)

Yarhouse, Mark A., *Understanding GENDER DYSPHORIA: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture* (IVP Academic, 2015) [General guidance for parents, relatives and friends who need some direction on listening and helping those who struggle with their 'gender identity']

*Helpful in pastoral care and counseling.

Websites of Interest

www.thefederalist.com (Mollie Hemingway is a MO-Synod Christian and the managing editor; she is frequently on www.FOXnew.com)

www.bioedge.org (a conservative approach sharing the local and international news relating to areas of Bioethics (beginning and end-of-life, ageing, etc.).

www.mercatorNet.com (**MercatorNet** stands for reframing ethical and policy debates in terms of human dignity, not dollars and cents. We oppose moral relativism, scientism, utilitarianism, and materialism -- in short, any *ism* which reduces persons to soulless machines)

Magazines for Your Consideration

SALVO: www.slavomag.com (Published by **The Fellowship of St. James, Chicago, IL**. This is a a very creative magazine that is very pro-life, pro-6 day creation, etc. The Alliance Defending Freedom for Faith and Justice and MERCATORNET are partner organizations. I found that their creativity lends to excellent Bible study material for younger persons. It helps me to think out-of-the-box on worldly issues and theological input.)

Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity: www.touchstonemag.com; (Published by **The Fellowship of St. James, Chicago, IL**. This is a a very creative magazine that is very pro-life, pro-6 day creation, etc. The Alliance Defending Freedom for Faith and Justice and MERCATORNET are partner organizations. Very informative and helpful.