Taking Pride in Perversion

January 20, 2021:

"Within hours of taking the oath of office, President Biden signed an executive order preventing and combating discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation."

March 31, 2021:

"President Biden became the first U.S. president to issue a proclamation commemorating Transgender Day of Visibility.

The proclamation **honored** and **celebrated** the achievements and resiliency of transgender individuals and communities, and recognized the generations of struggle, activism, and courage that have brought our country closer to **full equality** for transgender and gender nonbinary people in the United States and around the world."

June 1, 2021:

"President Biden issued a proclamation affirming June 2021 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer + Pride Month, marking a time of https://progress.py.ncb/, and progress, and promise for LBGTQ+ Americans across the country."

June 1, 2021:

Seeking to ensure that "pride flags fly on U.S. Embassies around the world... The State Department announced it will allow U.S. diplomatic posts to fly the Pride flag on the same flagpole as the U.S. flag at their embassy or consulate, demonstrating that the United States will lead on LGBTQI+ human rights around the world."

June 1, 2021:

"President Biden has assembled the most diverse Administration in our Nation's history, and is **proud** to serve alongside the 14 percent of all appointees who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer."

"During Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI+) Pride Month, we reflect on the progress we have made as a Nation in the fight for justice, inclusion, and equality while reaffirming our commitment to do more to support LGBTQI+ rights at home and abroad. I often say that America can be defined by one word: possibilities. This month, we celebrate generations of LGBTQI+ people who have fought to make the possibilities of our Nation real for every American."

"This month, we remind the LGBTQI+ community that they are loved and cherished. My Administration sees you for who you are deserving of dignity, respect, and support. As I said in my State of the Union Address — especially to our younger transgender Americans — I will always have your back as your President so that you can be yourself and reach your God-given potential. Today and every day, My Administration stands with every LGBTQI+ American in the ongoing struggle against intolerance, discrimination, and injustice. We condemn the dangerous State laws and bills that target LGBTQI+ youth. And we remain steadfast in our commitment to helping LGBTQI+ people in America and around the world live free from violence."

"This month, we honor the resilience of LGBTQI+ people, who are fighting to live authentically and freely. We reaffirm our belief that LGBTQI+ rights are human rights. And we recommit to delivering protections, safety, and equality to LGBTQI+ families so that everyone can realize the full promise of America."

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Pride Month. I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the achievements of the LGBTQI+ community, to celebrate the great diversity of the American people, and to wave their flags of pride high."

Pervert (verb)

- 1. To affect with perversion
- 2. To lead astray morally
- 3. To turn away from the right course
- 4. To lead into mental error or false judgment
- 5. To turn to an improper use
- 6. To misconstrue or misinterpret, especially deliberately; distort
- 7. To bring to a less excellent state; vitiate; debase
- 8. Pathologically: to change to what is unnatural or abnormal
- 9. To convert or persuade to a religious belief regarded as false or wrong.

I. God Made You (Psalm 139:13-16)

- I. God Made You
- II. God Made You in His Image (Genesis 1:26-27)

- I. God Made You
- II. God Made You in His Image
- III. God Made You Either Male or Female (Genesis 5:1-2)

- I. God Made You
- II. God Made You in His Image
- III. God Made You Either Male or Female
- IV. God Made You a Worshiper

- I. God Made You
- II. God Made You in His Image
- III. God Made You Either Male or Female

IV. God Made You a Worshiper

Psalm 95:6

"Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

- I. God Made You
- II. God Made You in His Image
- III. God Made You Either Male or Female

IV. God Made You a Worshiper

Exodus 20:3, 5a

"You shall have no other gods before Me... you shall not worship them or serve them."

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- IV. God Made You a Worshiper

Matthew 22:37-38

"... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment."

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