

Grand Design or *Great Deception*



“In the Preamble of the Bill, it says that the belief that **‘heterosexuality, cisgender gender identity and gender expression that conforms to the sex assigned to a person at birth are to be preferred over other sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions’** is a “myth.”

“According to Canadian law, as of January 8, 2022, the belief in God’s design for marriage and sexuality will now be seen as a myth.

“The Bill defines conversion therapy as, ‘a practice, treatment or service designed to change a person’s sexual orientation to heterosexual; change a person’s gender identity to cisgender; change a person’s gender expression so that it conforms to the sex assigned to the person at birth; repress or reduce non-heterosexual attraction or sexual behavior; repress a person’s non-cisgender gender identity; or repress or reduce a person’s gender expression that does not conform to the sex assigned to the person at birth.’

“The definition is intentionally broad, and it can clearly be used against any preacher or elder who either speaks against homosexuality/transgenderism or who counsels a person to obey Christ and abandon their homosexual/transgender actions and lifestyle. This means as of January 8, 2022, it will be against the law to preach, teach or counsel regarding God’s design for marriage and sexuality.”

*Pastor Andrew DeBartolo
Encounter Church, Ontario, Canada*

“Relationships Education will mean teaching young children about ‘different types’ of relationships, which could include homosexuality, transgenderism, and same-sex marriage. RSE would include teaching on ‘sex, sexual health, and sexuality’.”

*from “Relationships and Sex Education”
The Christian Institute (UK)*

“...LGBT activists are not simply calling for a change in the law on a single issue, but are also seeking to ‘criminalize and sanction and make illegal any confrontation on biblical terms of their own new morality.’

“These Bills, he argued, could have the effect of ‘restricting the liberty of the pulpit in Christian churches’ and may even result in ‘outlawing certain kinds of conversations between parents and children’.

“If the government can tell you it is illegal to teach biblical truth on the issue of human sexuality, the array of LGBT issues, understand two things. Number one, it won’t stop with LGBT and understand, eventually it means the criminalization of whatever Christian speech is no longer politically attractive. And that eventually will mean everything that is revealed in scripture, most essentially the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Dr. Albert Mohler

quoted by The Christian Institute (UK)

“I am writing to inform you of an ongoing development that could have significant ramifications for biblical counselors. In West Lafayette, IN, a city ordinance has been proposed, Ordinance 31-21, which if passed would ban any attempts by biblical counselors to speak biblical truth in love to minors wrestling with sexual orientation or issues of gender confusion. This ordinance is threatening to fine counselors and counseling centers up to \$1,000 per day. As many of you know, Faith Church is one of our training centers and a faithful advocate of biblical counseling. Faith Church, and other churches and ministries in the area, would be impacted if this ordinance were passed.

“While various legislative actions have been taken against what is often called Conversion or Reparative Therapy in the United States over the last decade or so, this ordinance differs from the current legislation on two significant fronts: (1) this ordinance specifically targets unlicensed counselors; (2) conversion therapy, as defined by this ordinance, has been given a far broader and ambiguous definition compared to current legislative action.

“To be clear, the fundamental tenants, practices, and goals of conversion therapy in no way reflect a biblical approach to counseling. But the intentional ambiguity of this ordinance would hold pastors and biblical counselors (both licensed and unlicensed) in violation of this ban if they attempt to counsel a biblical sexual ethic to a minor struggling with same-sex attraction or gender confusion.”

*Dale Johnson, executive director
Association of Certified Biblical Counselors*

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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As **human** beings, we are **set apart**

- by our nature of being made in God's image,
- by our function to rule over creation, and most importantly,
- by our distinct relationship to God.

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“God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it...’”

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This is the **lie** against God's truth giving birth to so many **counterfeits** (LGBTQ). People express, live out, and give hearty approval to counterfeits (**Romans 1**). And this is why we are seeing laws come into being in support of this **anti-God lifestyle**.

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God's design of gender, of male and female, is good so that His design is **legitimate** and **foundational to** being human. It is impossible to be **other than** male or female in our **orientation** to God and to each other, because God Himself built our gender into who we are going all the way back to the first human beings.

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II. The Genuineness of Gender (Galatians 3:26-29)

Your sexuality is not a product for sale, or an advertisement of your prowess; it's not a weapon, or a discovery as if it were some inner elusive entity you must find and then fashion for yourself, and your sexuality is not your own plaything used to manipulate and control others or to whimsically wield in whatever ways you think most stimulating for yourself.

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II. **The Genuineness of Gender** (Galatians 3:26-29)

Your sexuality is who you are as **designed and purposed by your gracious and loving Creator.**

You cannot **unmake** what God made.

The gender God assigned to you at birth is engendered in who you are.

***...there is salvation in no one else;
for there is no other name under heaven
that has been given among men
by which we must be saved.***

Acts 4:12

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