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# THE GENDER CONFUSION OF & SEXUALITY

The background features a complex, abstract design with various geometric shapes and colors. There are several overlapping, layered shapes in shades of purple, blue, and yellow. A prominent feature is a large, white, 3D-style female symbol (a circle with a vertical line and a horizontal line) positioned in the upper right quadrant. The overall aesthetic is modern and digital, with a focus on sharp lines and vibrant colors.

# Disclaimer

- Love ≠ Affirmation of lifestyle
- Acceptance ≠ Endorsement of values
- Disapproval ≠ Fear of people with values we disapprove
- Attention ≠ Discrimination
- 2SLGBTQIA+ ≠ One category

HOW DID  
2SLGBTQIA+  
BECOME  
POPULARLY  
ACCEPTED?

- During the 19th century, the terms heterosexual and homosexual were coined by Hungarian journalist, Károly Mária Kertbeny.
- In 1969, occurrence of the Stonewall riot - a series of spontaneous protests by members of the gay community - was catalyzed by the police raid at the Stonewall Inn in New York City.
- In 1970, gay liberation front grew in strength but homosexuality remained classified as a mental disorder.
- In 1973, homosexuality was removed from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-II) due to intense pressure from gay activists.
- Later in 1990, the World Health Organization removed homosexuality from the International Statistical Classification of Diseases (ICD-10).

- In 2013, 'gender identity disorder' was dropped from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5) and replaced with gender dysphoria.
- The shift in diagnosis focuses on the distress or discomfort experienced by the individual rather than on their identity itself.
- In 2019, WHO announced that it is removing 'gender identity disorder', aka gender dysphoria, from its list of mental disorders.
- Today, the standard for psychotherapy in the western world is 2SLGBTQIA+ affirmative psychotherapy, which encourages people to accept their gender identity and sexual orientation.

**WHAT DOES  
THE BIBLE  
SAY ABOUT  
HOMOSEXUALITY?**

You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.

## Leviticus 18:22

**Some have argued:** These verses do not condemn all homosexual behavior, but only cultic (male) prostitution connected to pagan temples.



If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.

## Leviticus 20:13

**Some have argued:** These laws only apply to the Old Testament.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you **eat or drink**, or with regard to a **religious festival**, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

## Colossians 2:16-17

<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the **sexually immoral** nor idolaters nor **adulterers** nor **men who have sex with men** <sup>10</sup> nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And that is what some of you were.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

**Some have argued:**

Paul mentioned four different kinds of sexual sin:

The sexually immoral (pornoï)

Adulterers (moichoi)

Effeminate (malakoi)

Homosexuals (arsenokoitai)

**THE BIBLE IS  
CLEAR IN  
REGARDS TO  
HOMOSEXUAL  
ACTIVITY**

(even those that are consensual)

WHY DOES THE  
BIBLE RESTRICT  
ME FROM BEING  
TRULY MYSELF?  
AFTER ALL, ISN'T  
IT GOD WHO MADE  
ME THIS WAY?

# Biologically:

- Brain studies
- Twin studies
- Chromosomal studies
- Genome-wide Association Study

**NOT EVEN  
PRO-2SLGBTQIA+  
SCIENTIFIC  
COMMUNITIES CAN  
CLAIM BIOLOGICAL  
DETERMINATION  
FOR THEIR IDENTITY  
OR SEXUAL  
ORIENTATION**



HOW YOU FEEL  
IS WHO YOU ARE

IS IT SO BAD  
TO BE TRUE  
TO WHAT  
I FEEL?

**WHEN "FEELING"  
BECOMES THE  
BASIS FOR  
RIGHT AND  
WRONG**

**THE TENSION  
OF AUTHENTICITY:  
YOUR FEELINGS  
OR GOD'S DESIGN?**

**THE REAL BATTLE:  
DISINTEGRATION  
OF WHO WE ARE**

BUT TO NOT  
ALLOW ME TO  
LOVE WHO I  
WANT OR BE  
WHO I WANT,  
ISN'T THAT  
TOO UNFAIR?

<sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men <sup>10</sup> nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And **that is what some of you were**. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

## 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

**HETEROSEXUAL  
OR BEING  
NON-2SLGBTQIA+  
IS NOT THE GOAL,  
BUT HOLINESS IS**



<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those **sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together** with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> **Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 1 Corinthians 1:2-3