

Biblical Sexuality and Gender Bibliography

[* denote primary recommended resources.]

BOOKS

*Anderson, Ryan. *When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment*. Encounter Books, 2018. 264 pp.

- Description: This resource provides thoughtful answers to questions arising from our transgender moment. Drawing on the best insights from biology, psychology, and philosophy, Ryan Anderson offers a nuanced view of human embodiment, a balanced approach to public policy on gender identity, and a sober assessment of the human costs of getting human nature wrong. This book has been banned by Amazon but can be purchased at www.Christianbook.com.
- Recommendation: I am currently reading this book, but it has been strongly recommended to me by reliable sources. As with some of the other resources, this book is extensive in research and may be more than some desire to read or study.

*Branch, J. Alan. *Affirming God's Image: Addressing the Transgender Question with Science and Scripture*. Lexham Press, 2019. 187 pp.

- Description: Dr. Branch provides an excellent resource that includes strong treatment of the study of transgenderism, including history of, vocabulary, and scientific studies, while holding to a faithful view of Scriptural, a robust theological approach, a strong pastoral counsel, all with a passionate gospel appeal.
- Recommendation: I recommend this book for every Christian, as well as those working in the fields of counseling / therapy, psychology, and the medical sciences will benefit from this work as well. I especially recommend the reading of this book alongside Mark Yarhouse's work, if one chooses to read it, as a better approach for Christians than Yarhouse practices.

Branch, J. Alan. *Born This Way? Homosexuality, Science, and the Scripture*. Lexham Press, 2016. 177 pp.

Dallas, Joe. *When Homosexuality Hits Home*. Harvest House Publishing, 2004. 190 pp.

DeYoung, Kevin. *What Does the Bible Really Teach About Homosexuality?* Wheaton: Crossway, 2015. 162 pp. [Kindle]

*Dreher, Rod. *Live Not By Lies: A Manual For Christian Dissidents*. New York City: Sentinel, 2020. [Kindle]

- Rod Dreher is Eastern Orthodox, and Senior Editor at The American Conservative, a non-profit, non-partisan organization based in Washington D.C. Drawing from Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's essay, "Live Not By Lies", published on the eve of his forced exile from Russia by the communist government, Dreher explores the issue of what is happening in the West for us today. Part One introduces Soft Totalitarianism. Part Two of Dreher's book, titled "How To Live In Truth", can be a very helpful and practical guide for Christians.

Ferrer, Hillary Morgan. *Mama Bear Apologetics: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2019. [Kindle]

Gagnon, Robert A. J. *The Bible and Homosexual Practice*. Abingdon Press, 2001. 520 pp.

Gagnon, Robert and Dan O. Via. *Homosexuality and the Bible: Two Views*. Augsburg Fortress, 2003. 117 pp.



Haley, Mike. *101 Frequently Asked Questions About Homosexuality*. Harvest House Publishers, 2004. 217 pp.

Helminiak, Daniel A. *What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality*. Alamo Square Press, 2000. 149 pp.

Kell, J. Garrett. *Pure In Heart: Sexual Sin and the Promises of God*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2021. 189 pp.
[Kindle]

Pluckrose, Helen and James Lindsey. *Cynical Theories: How Activist Scholarship Made Everything About Race, Gender, and Identity, -and Why. This Harms Everybody*. Durham, NC: Pitchstone Publishing, 2020.
[Kindle]

*Roberts, Vaughan. *Transgender: Christian Compassion, Convictions and Wisdom For Today's Big Questions*. The Good Book Company, 2016. 83 pp. [Kindle]

*Robinson, Beth, and Latayne C. Scott. *Talk With Teens About Sexuality*. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 2021. 192 pp. [Kindle]

- Description: Written by two authors with extensive experience, this resource provides great information on a vast array of topics and situations, very hard ones, that teens and young adults face today, but most parents do not want to acknowledge or deal with. There is strong citation for research in both the scientific and social / cultural fields. Best of all, the authors write in a style that is very engaging and resourceful for parents to use practically. This includes a section titled "EXPLORATION" at the end of each chapter with exercises for parents to conduct with their children.
- Recommendation: Every parent of a elementary age through college age student, and anyone who works with them.

Shrier, Abigail. *Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters*. Regnery Publishing, 2021.

*Sprinkle, Preston. *Embodied: Transgender Identities, The Church, and What the Bible Has to Say*. Colorado Springs: David C. Cook, 2021

- Description: Preston Sprinkle deals extensively with the issues surrounding gender dysphoria and transgenderism from a theological and scientific / medical perspective. I appreciate his work, even though I found myself frustrated with him at several points. He provides a strong, comprehensive handling of the issues. My objections were more in response to the way he seemed to weight all sources equally, the Bible, science, and the felt experiences of people. In the first part of the book I felt as though his desire to not offend seemed to make him hesitate on clarifying Biblical convictions. I did, however, find his writing approachable, especially since I am not a professional in any of the respective scientific fields. It might be most helpful to read this book alongside Alan Branch's "Affirming God's Image", or Andrew Walker's "God and the Transgender Debate" to maintain a stronger gospel-narrative alignment with the issues. In the end, I agreed with most of his conclusions and positions, except his position on pronoun hospitality.
- Recommendation: I recommend this book primarily for professionals in the respective fields, or those interested in deeper research of the issue in these fields.

Strachan, Owen and Gavin Peacock. *The Grand Design: Male and Female He Made Them*. Christian Focus Publications, 2016. 173 pp.

Strachan, Owen and Gavin Peacock. *What Does the Bible Teach About Homosexuality?* Christian Focus Publications, 2020. 149 pp.



Strachan, Owen and Gavin Peacock. *What Does the Bible Teach About Lust?* Christian Focus Publications, 2020. 155 pp.

Strachan, Owen and Gavin Peacock. *What Does the Bible Teach About Transgenderism?* Christian Focus Publications, 2020. 163 pp.

*Trueman, Carl R. *Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity And Sparked The Sexual Revolution*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2022. [Kindle]

- Description: Trueman takes his landmark work, The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self, and condenses it to make more accessible and non-academic while maintaining the basic arguments, for more readers to better understand our current historical moment.
- Recommendation: This book is essential reading for anyone engaged in ministry, culture, politics, business, and raising the next generation.

*Trueman, Carl R. *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self: Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to Sexual Revolution*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2020.

- Description: This is an excellent philosophical survey of the roots, assumptions, and implications of the sexual revolution. This is an academic work and landmark resource for our times socially and essential reading for people who are engaged in dealing with this issue publicly.
- Recommendation: This resource is strongly academic, but essential for anyone who wants to understand the historical and philosophical developments of these ideologies.

*Walker, Andrew T. *God and the Transgender Debate: What Does the Bible Actually Say About Gender Identity?*, Second Edition. The Good Book Company, 2022.

- Description: Andrew Walker, scholar and theologian in public policy at Southern Seminary, KY, writes this resource for people who want to consider what the Bible says about transgenderism, how that applies to situations they'll likely face, and what that means for the struggles they or their loved ones may experience. Walker maintains a strong faithfulness to Scripture coupled with a passionate gospel witness.
- Recommendation: I recommend this book for all Christians.

Walsh, Matt. *What Is a Woman?: One Man's Journey to Answer the Question of a Generation*. Nashville, TN: DW Books, 2022.

White, James R. and Jeffrey D. Niell. *The Same Sex Controversy*. Bethany House, 2002.

Yarhouse, Mark. *Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture*. IVP Academic, 2015. [Kindle]

- Description: Yarhouse is a Christian Psychologist who can be helpful in assessing some research and studies but holds one fundamental weakness. He states his personal position on Scripture and claims the Bible can be a helpful resource in this discussion / debate, (see Gender Dysphoria, p29f).
- Recommendation: I recommend this resource primarily for those in the fields for the research he covers, counseling, psychology, medical, but with careful discernment of his inadequate emphasis on the normative status of the creation narrative in Scripture regarding discussions of gender. I highly recommend this be read alongside Dr. Alan Branch's, *Affirming God's Image*, which also includes strong scientific study alongside a faithful view of Scriptural creation narrative as normative.



BOOKS: PARENT RESOURCES

Gilkerson, Luke. *The Talk: 7 Lessons to Introduce Your Child to Biblical Sexuality*. CreateSpace Publishing, 2014. 46 pp.

Gilkerson, Luke. *The Talk: Changes: 7 Biblical Lessons to Make Sense of Puberty*. CreateSpace Publishing, 2015. 56 pp.

Gilkerson, Luke. *The Talk: Relationships: 11 Lessons to Give Kids a Greater Understanding of Biblical Sexuality*. CreateSpace Publishing, 2016. 86 pp.

Greene, Carol. *Why Boys and Girls are Different: For Boys Ages 3-5*. Concordia Publishing House, 2015. 32 pp.

Greene, Carol. *Why Boys and Girls are Different: For Girls Ages 3-5*. Concordia Publishing House, 2015. 32 pp.

Hummel, Ruth. *Where Do Babies Come From? For Boys Ages 6-8*. Concordia Publishing House, 2015. 32 pp.

Hummel, Ruth. *Where Do Babies Come From? For Girls Ages 6-8*. Concordia Publishing House, 2015. 32 pp.

Jones, Stan. *The Story of Me: Babies, Bodies, and a Very Good God*. NavPress, 2019. 48 pp.

Machowski, Marty. *God Made Boys and Girls: Helping Children Understand the Gift of Gender*. New Growth Press, 2019. 32 pp.

Nystrom, Carolyn. *Before I Was Born: God Knew My Name*. NavPress, 2019. 48 pp.

Robinson, Beth. *Talking with Teens about Sexuality: Critical Conversations about Social Media, Gender Identity, Same-Sex Attraction, Pornography, Purity, Dating, Etc.* Bethany House, 2021. 208 pp

ARTICLES

Danvers Statement on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood.

- <https://cbmw.org/about/danvers-statement/>

ERLC – Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

- <https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/explainer-appeals-court-blocks-controversial-transgender-mandate-for-healthcare-professionals/>

Shrier, Abigail. “Gender Ideology Run Amok”. *Imprimis*, June/July 2021 | Volume 50, Issue 6/7.

- <https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu/gender-ideology-run-amok/>

Thompson, Jon. “On Becoming a Man.” *Peace Partnership*, 2 May 2022,

- <https://www.peacecounseling.org/post/on-becoming-a-man>.

Walker, Andrew T. “Christians Volunteering Pronouns?” *American Reformer*, 19 August 2022,

- <https://americanreformer.org/2022/08/christians-volunteering-pronouns/>.

“Live Not By Lies.” *The Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn Center*, 12 February 1974,



- <https://www.solzhenitsyncenter.org/live-not-by-lies>.

Nietzsche, Friedrich. “The Parable of the Madman.” Creation Ministries International, 1882,

- <https://creation.com/nietzsche-madman>.

Nietzsche, Friedrich. “The Parable of the Madman.” The History Guide, 1882,

- <http://www.historyguide.org/europe/madman.html>.

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Berg, Luke. “How Schools’ Transgender Policies Are Eroding Parents’ Rights”. American Enterprise Institute, March 2022.

- <https://www.aei.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/How-Schools%E2%80%99-Transgender-Policies-Are-Eroding-Parents%E2%80%99-Rights.pdf?x91208>

“Correction of a Key Study: No Evidence of “Gender-Affirming” Surgeries Improving Mental Health”.

- https://segm.org/ajp_correction_2020

VIDEOS

Alliance Defending Freedom <https://adflegal.org>

- Legal Cases:
 - Meriwether v. The Trustees of Shawnee State University (Portsmouth, OH)
 - <https://adflegal.org/case/meriwether-v-trustees-shawnee-state-university>
 - Vlaming v. West Point School Board (VA)
 - <https://adflegal.org/blog/educator-still-waiting-justice-after-being-fired-over-pronouns>
 - Pamela v. Fort Riley, KS, School District
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kIZfFum6UE8>
- Parental Rights in the Face of Critical Theory: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zNKz6alVVc>
 - Description: Alliance Defending Freedom’s free online training, Parental Rights in the Face of Critical Theory, features our top-tier ADF attorneys and parental rights experts who will equip you to stand up for your children and grandchildren in a hostile culture.

When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VjlxHMwhsA>
- Dr. Ryan T. Anderson, while at the Heritage Foundation, spoke about his latest book, "When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment," at the University of Dallas on Thursday, February 8, 2018. Dr. Anderson is a Catholic scholar, now works for the EPPC (see Websites section), and is a leading voice on the Transgender movement.
- Recommendation: This resource is excellent if you want to understand how the transgender movement has developed, including resources used to teach it in schools.



WEBSITES

Alliance Defending Freedom <https://adflegal.org>

- ADF is an excellent organization providing essential legal defense against attacks of religious liberty and the First Amendment. There are many very helpful resources here, especially in the legal field.

Axis <https://axis.org/>

- A website targeted to parents of children and teens.
- Axis website describes their work by stating: We build lifelong faith by helping parents and caring adults talk with their kids about what they otherwise wouldn't, one conversation at a time.

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention [ERLC] <https://erlc.com/>

- The ERLC is the ethics and public policy branch of the Southern Baptist Convention. They tract social and cultural, as well as legislative activity in consideration of a Christian ethic and worldview.

Family Research Council <https://www.frc.org/>

- Family Research Council's mission is to advance faith, family, and freedom in public policy and the culture from a biblical worldview.

Person & Identity <https://personandidentity.com/the-basics/>

- This is a project of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, an organization of the Catholic Church working to apply the riches of the Judeo-Christian tradition to contemporary questions of law, culture, and politics, in pursuit of America's continued civic and cultural renewal. (Copied from their website; eppc.org.)

Protecting Children by Empowering Parents <https://parentalrights.org/>

- Mike Farris, CEO of Alliance Defending Freedom, founded Parentalrights.org in 2013.
- Website Description: We are concerned parents and citizens who care about children and are concerned by how parental rights are slipping away. We are working to preserve parental rights through a Parental Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as well as through state and federal legislation that will protect children by empowering parents.

WEBSITES – Non-Christian

American Psychological Association <https://www.apa.org/topics/lgbtq/transgender>

Genspect <https://genspect.org/>

- Genspect describes themselves in this way. "We are a non-partisan, independent organization, with members hailing from across the political spectrum and holding a range of personal beliefs. Our interest relates exclusively to the well-being and safeguarding of children and young people, and does not extend to party-political or religious allegiance. We welcome people of all faiths and none."

4thwaveNow <https://4thwavenow.com/>

- The website describes themselves in this way. "A community of people who question the medicalization of gender-atypical youth."

The Trevor Project <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>



Trans Student Educational Resources <https://transstudent.org/gender/>

- Founded in 2011, it claims to be the only national organization run by transgender people.
- This site hosts an extensive form of the Gender Unicorn, a resource designed and widely used to introduce transgenderism in education.

