

"[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so." —Acts 17:11

The Word of God—Part Two

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"Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

—JEREMIAH 2:12-13

THOSE VERSES INCLUDE a warning from the Lord for His people—and the reason for the warning. They are the consequences of His followers forsaking Him by turning from "the fountain of living waters." Although addressed to the Jewish people during the time of Jeremiah the prophet, God's words of admonition also seem to be directed at the Christianity of our day.

In Part 1 of this series, questions were asked in survey form for the reader to evaluate where he (or she) stands in regard to his fundamental beliefs in the Word of God. The survey centered on the *inerrancy*, the *authority*, and the *sufficiency* of the Scriptures, and concluded that the sufficiency of God's Word is "the tell-tale indicator as to where the reader actually stands regarding the inerrancy and authority of the Bible." That is the case, because if you claim to believe in the inerrancy and authority of the Word of God but look to other sources for help with your spiritual issues of life, you are indicating that Scripture is no longer sufficient for you; it is no longer your authority, thereby making a belief in biblical inerrancy pointless—and worse.

Thus this article will focus primarily on the sufficiency of God's Word, which the Bible claims is totally, absolutely, and unequivocally sufficient (2 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; and many more)! Yet most of the evangelical church, which claims to be Bible-believing, has blinded itself to Scripture's clear teaching. Of course, this hasn't happened without help. Leaders in the church, not wanting to be pigeonholed with the fundamentalists (labeled as ignorant and narrow-minded), have therefore turned to the "wisdom" of the world [which the Bible calls "foolishness"—(1 Corinthians 3:19)].

Two of the most obvious and destructive examples of not adhering to the sufficiency of God's Word have to do with the fact of man's turning to the pseudosciences of evolution and psychology. In the mid- to latter part of the 1800s, some influential Christian leaders were impressed with the theories of Charles Darwin. They wanted their Christianity to be respected by the world as being in tune with the latest scientific theories and "discoveries" of their day. However, not all the preachers of that day were so inclined. C. H. Spurgeon wrote, "If God's word be true, evolution is a lie." To that completely accurate observation, he added the handwriting on the wall: "The age is getting worse and worse, and man, by a process of evolution, is evolving a devil. Within fifty years children in the school will read of extraordinary popular delusions, and this [evolution] will be mentioned as one of the most absurd of them."

One might excuse the church for its ignorance in thinking Darwin had it right, were it not for the fact that his theory is diametrically opposed to the Genesis account. But what of the church today? It not only has God's Word, but it also has access to ministries that show

in great detail the delusion of evolution. Even so, evolution has been solidified throughout academia, even though there is not a shred of scientific evidence to support it. Nevertheless, any teachers in secular schools who do not support it are shown the door, and they have great difficulty securing teaching positions elsewhere. Evolution is one of Satan's major successes. The lie he's sold to Christendom is that the Word of God knows nothing about science, especially regarding how the world was formed. Scientifically speaking, we're told, the Bible is not sufficient.

Does Spurgeon's scathing but true characterization of evolution as "absurd" come to mind here? So, the Creator of everything is clueless as to how He went about His creation process? Really? But don't be concerned about the Bible not keeping in step with "science." Some religious-minded folks have stepped in to help God, Christianity, and science. They came up with the theory of theistic evolution! The idea is that God, through billions of years, used the evolutionary process up to the time that a humanoid male and female evolved, and into which God placed a soul and a spirit. That idea is a joke to evolutionists, but the Catholic Church, liberal Protestant theologians, and many Christian universities and seminaries teach it.

How destructive is the increasing belief in evolution to the biblical faith of millions of Christians? If billions of years of death preceded the sin of Adam and Eve, then what is stated in Genesis 2:17, Genesis 1:31, and Romans 5:12 cannot be true. If the Bible didn't get it right about the consequence of mankind's sin, can it be trusted in what it says about mankind's salvation? Atheists seem to understand better than professing (and, sadly, some true Christians) how the belief in evolution does away with the sufficiency of the Scriptures and destroys the gospel in the process. *The American Atheist* journal declares, "Christianity has fought, still fights, and will fight science to the desperate end over evolution, because evolution destroys utterly and finally the very reason Jesus' earthly life was supposedly made necessary. Destroy Adam and Eve and the original sin, and in the rubble you will find the sorry remains of the son of god. You will take away the meaning of his death. If Jesus was not the redeemer who died for our sins, and *this is what evolution means*, then Christianity is nothing!"

Similar to evolution, which poses as science, psychological counseling pretends to be scientific as well and has destroyed the lives and beliefs of many Christians. Although there are Christian authors with science degrees and seminary professors with Ph.Ds who teach various aspects of evolution that undermine the Word of God, they do not compare numbers-wise with the host of those involved in Christian psychology. That army is led by Christian psychologists along with the multitude of Christians who have been credentialed with degrees in psychological counseling.

First of all, what is Christian psychology? It is an attempt to shore up the Bible where it is insufficient regarding the mental, emotional, and behavioral problems that afflict Christians. To that end, those seeking counseling degrees study the theories of psychiatrists and psychologists such as Sigmund Freud, Carl Jung, Abraham Maslow, Carl Rogers, and a host of their disciples, all of whom are antichristian to the core and whose theories are diametrically opposed to the teachings of the Word of God. Like evolution, psychotherapy has no scientific basis whatsoever. Yet, since the 1960s, the rise of Christian psychology has sounded the death knell for Christians who look to

the Scriptures for “all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge” of the truth of God’s Word (2 Peter 1:3).

Dr. J. Vernon McGee met with Dave Hunt and me a few months before he went home to be with the Lord. He had read *The Seduction of Christianity* and it confirmed to him what he had personally observed taking place throughout evangelical Christianity. He told us it was symptomatic of the decreasing biblical content and the increasing humanistic content that we are getting from Christian TV, Christian radio, and Christian books and pulpits. He added that if this trend continues, Christian psychology will be the destruction of the evangelical church.

Psychotherapy’s chief teaching, which is central to the more than 500 different psychological therapies, is its view of “self.” Self is said to be the key to resolving all of humanity’s mental, emotional, and behavioral problems. The erroneous teaching about self-love became the chief therapy of Christian psychologists to which they added self-esteem, self-image, self-worth, self-belief, positive self-talk and all the other selfisms.

The most influential leader among Christian psychologists has been Dr. James Dobson. He declares: “If I could write a prescription for the women of the world, it would provide each one of them with a healthy dose of self-esteem and personal worth (taken three times a day until the symptoms disappear). I have no doubt that this is their greatest need. Whenever the keys to self-esteem are seemingly out of reach for a large percentage of the people, as in twentieth-century America, then widespread ‘mental illness,’ neuroticism, hatred, alcoholism, drug abuse, violence, and social disorder will certainly occur...” (Dobson, James, “What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew about Women,” Tyndale House, 1975, 60). Not true. Extensive studies by research psychologists studying their own field has proved the exact opposite. High self-esteem, not low self-esteem, is the problem...just as the Bible teaches.

But don’t miss my point here. Christian psychologists have been the Adversary’s unwitting instrument in undermining the belief in the *sufficiency* of God’s Word.

What did believers in Christ do for 1900 years or so before the new psychological “clergy,” led by the godless occultists Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung, came along? Well, according to the Psalmist, God and His Word provided all they needed for life’s troubling issues: “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word” (Psalm 119:9).

Think of what Joseph, the eleventh son of Jacob, went through. He was hated by his brothers who sought to kill him, then sold by them as a slave in Egypt, then falsely accused by Potiphar’s wife and sent to prison. Was he “hung out to dry,” i.e., left without God’s support, given all that he had to endure? Read chapters 30 through 50 of Genesis. You won’t find a *hint* of his seeking out “counselors” for therapy among the Egyptians because of what his brothers did to him. But you *will* find God cleansing his heart of any bitterness and enabling him to forgive them! He said to his brothers, “Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life” (Genesis 45:5). Isn’t the same grace available for all of us who love Jesus Christ and are born of His Spirit? Is Jesus not the same yesterday, and today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8)? Or was there a gap of insufficiency until Christian psychology came along?

I’ve been told too many times in my 35 or so years of ministering the Word of God to brothers and couples who professed to know the Lord, “Well, we’ve tried what the Bible says, and it’s never worked out for us.” So, that must mean that the Holy Spirit’s instruction in Psalm 119 doesn’t work for believers today. It isn’t practical. It’s insufficient. Therefore, according to them, 2 Peter 1:3 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17, and especially Hebrews 4:12, must be mistaken regarding the sufficiency of God’s Word.

What we are now told to do, as more and more pastoral

shepherds are doing with their sheep, is to turn away from God’s Word and look to “professional” help. In other words, we are to turn to those who have been trained in humanist and occult psychological concepts, who the Scriptures tell us “...receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Corinthians 2:14). Pastoral shepherds are turning their sheep away from the One who is called “Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God” (Isaiah 9:6), who is *the Truth*.

The redirecting of believers from God’s Word to godless counselors (whose schooling is antichrist) is unconscionable for those pastors who profess to believe in the sufficiency of God’s Word.

In giving believers “all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him” (2 Peter 1:3), the Holy Spirit must have left some of the “all things” out for a later time to be supplied by a field that is atheistic to the core. That would be laughable if not for the fact that evangelical churches that profess to be following God’s Word act as a *major referral service* for the psychological counseling industry! What does psychological counseling supply? Mostly the lie that *self is the solution* to all their problems!

There is another development of late that is overwhelming Christendom and denying the authority and sufficiency of the Scriptures. I’m referring to the movie series called *The Chosen*, which we’ve addressed in part in previous newsletter articles—and its popularity is growing exponentially. You may ask, “How does the film series deny the authority and sufficiency of God’s Word?”

First of all, it creates scenes featuring Jesus and his disciples conjured up by a screenwriter who provides dialogue for them (words that were never spoken in Scripture). The screenwriter and film director have the actors portraying Jesus and his disciples doing things they never did. The Bible claims to be our authority regarding what Jesus said and did. That which the screenwriter writes, and the director directs, therefore subverts the authority of God’s Word. As viewers fill their minds with the endless unbiblical scenes that *The Chosen* presents visually, that is what becomes their authority.

What then of the sufficiency of God’s Word, or lack thereof? The intent of *The Chosen*’s producers was to supply for audiences that which evidently the Holy Spirit was unable to communicate effectively through words actually contained in the Bible. Just as Christianity had to wait nearly 1900 years for the arrival of Christian psychology to meet the psychological needs of Christians, the church had to wait nearly the same amount of time for the invention of motion pictures in order for Christians to relate to the personal character of Jesus.

The medium of film was also necessary in order to make the Jesus of Scripture more acceptable, more human, and less “stoic,” as *The Chosen*’s producers claim. Make him “more authentic.” We’re told by *The Chosen* Mormon producer, Derral Eves, that “The whole purpose of the show is to have people experience an authentic Jesus.” Written words that have to be read were obviously not sufficient for one to get to know the *real* Jesus. A common response from the millions of viewers (this one from a Mormon student cited in a BYU magazine) was that “she loves the show because it helps viewers see Christ as a real person. It helped me recognize that he was a regular (though perfect) guy who likes to joke with his friends, loves his mom, and has a special connection with the little children.” Those “authentic insights,” however, were supplied not by the Holy Spirit but by the series’ creative production people. Although the writer/director of the series, Dallas Jenkins, claims that God had told him regarding the production of *The Chosen* that He wouldn’t let him “screw it up,” Jenkins has done that and worse.

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Scripture warns us to *try the spirits* “whether they are of God...” (1 John 4:1). *The Chosen*, from beginning to end, is a lie (Proverbs 30:6), and it adds man’s ideas to God’s Word, especially the Person of Jesus Christ, which is condemned (Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32, and Revelation 22:18). Its content is at odds with and contrary to what the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, has communicated in the Word of God. Furthermore, the Bible makes it absolutely clear that those who add to what is written in God’s Word have not the Spirit of truth, nor can they receive the things of God, neither can they know them, “because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Corinthians 2:14). Those things are clearly contrary to what the true Author of the Scriptures has communicated, the very One whom Dallas Jenkins claims had spoken to him.

This series of articles began as a survey of what we think and where we stand regarding the Word of God. If our thinking

about God’s Word misses the mark by any degree, we have to that degree slipped away from God’s truth. We have certified from the Scriptures (which are self-authenticating) that God’s words are just that—the words of God communicated to humanity by the Holy Spirit. They are inerrant, they are our authority, and they are sufficient for every believer’s life in Jesus Christ. Mankind has contributed *nothing* to God’s Word. Therefore, any attempt to add to the Word of God is *resolutely condemned*.

When Jesus’s disciples questioned Him about the days prior to His return, He responded by indicating that those days would be a time of great apostasy and deception (Matthew 24:4; 24:11). Pray for those who have been called to be shepherds of God’s sheep, that they would not lead the people away from *the fountain of living waters*, which is the Word of God.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: When I read 1 Peter 4:17 (“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”), it seems to me that this applies to persecution of the church. I’m aware of wholesale persecution of believers in places like China, Pakistan, Sudan, and other foreign countries, but I don’t think that has ever happened in the US. Are we exempt for any particular reason, or do you think it’s going to take place here?

RESPONSE: We believe that the judgment referred to in 1 Peter 4:17 is a judgment of persecution that God allows His church to go through for the purpose of purifying and strengthening it. As the process takes place, believers are supported by His grace and mercy. It has value for them, and it glorifies Him—even when it ends in the death of the saints. The contrast is judgment *without* grace and mercy, which takes place against those who reject God’s salvation and will suffer eternal punishment.

Consider the record of the persecuted believers in Hebrews 11. Their testimony has been an encouraging witness to those who followed after them. Persecution has caused the church to grow just as a pruned fruit tree increases in its fruitfulness. History confirms that the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church, and as Tertullian noted, “The more we are cut down, the more we persist.”

Certainly, believers in the US have never suffered persecution—as a body—such as we’ve seen in other parts of the world down through the ages. Yet America has been subjected to something of a more spiritually destructive nature that few countries have experienced: seduction. In Satan’s game plan of attempting to destroy the church, seduction has been by far his most successful tactic.

It may be that the consequences of seduction, which have resulted in a church that has drifted away from the Word of God “in the latter times” and is “giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” and will “not endure sound doctrine,” will foster a condition of persecution in this country (1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 4:3-4). Some have already been subjected to it as they have been thrown out of their “seeker-friendly, purpose-driven, marketing, and/or psychology-oriented” churches for simply questioning the biblical basis for such programs.

As believers, we simply and with meekness hold fast to God’s Word and reflect its truth in our lives. Be aware, however, that we will invite persecution from both the world and from a professing church that regards us as intolerant, racist, bigoted, self-righteous, lacking compassion, arrogant, and on and on. As

the apostasy increases in the US, there is every indication that persecution will also increase.

QUESTION: I am hearing more and more, lately, that we are surely living in the last of the Last Days. How can we know for certain that time as we know it is winding down, and what should we be doing in our own lives?

RESPONSE: People often ask what are some of the signs that would indicate that the end of time as we know it is near. Jesus actually gave us a number of them. In speaking of the events that would precede His Second Coming, He warned of a time of unprecedented destruction that would be so severe that “except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved...” (Matthew 24:22). Such a statement was a puzzle to past generations: How could the destruction of all life on earth be threatened through bows and arrows, swords and spears, or even the conventional weapons of World War II? Our generation, however, has developed and stockpiled arms unknown in the past and which actually have the potential to destroy all of life on this planet. So we are essentially the first generation for whom this particular prophecy no longer awaits some future development to make it possible.

In the vision of the future given to Him by Christ, the apostle John saw a world ruler controlling the whole earth not only politically and militarily, but economically. No one would be able to buy or sell without Antichrist’s mysterious “666” stamp of approval embedded in his hand or forehead to indicate his loyalty to him (Revelation 13:16-18). While past generations took this threat seriously, there was no way that all commerce and banking on earth could be controlled from a central location. Today there is. We have the computers, communications satellites, and worldwide electronic banking networks that make such control feasible. Moreover, everyone knows that it is only a matter of time until such a system will be in place and enforced.

John also saw that the entire world would worship Satan along with the Antichrist: “And they worshiped the dragon [that old serpent the devil, or Satan—(Revelation 12:9)] which gave power unto the beast [Antichrist]; and they worshiped the beast” (Revelation 13:4). Such a prophecy would have seemed unbelievable to previous generations, but not so in our day. Hard-core satanism has been called “the fastest-growing subculture among American teens.” Satanists have their own chaplains in the US Armed Forces and are protected under freedom-of-religion laws. The acceleration of satanism worldwide is a phenomenon peculiar to our time making the thought of the world worshiping Satan far more plausible than in past generations.

LETTERS

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Dear TBC,

I was thinking you were being a tad hard on *The Chosen* in your latest publication. Didn't quite understand the reference to Mormon producers. Then I watched the latest prophecy update from JD Farag. Oh my!!!! At timeline 36:28-39:50 min.

Incredible!!! Why on earth would Jenkins partner with unbelievers to portray Jesus?? We are sooooo in the end times. Lord Jesus, "COME QUICKLY!!" So, more than ever, we are to only preach the pure word because we are in a time when it is so easy to be led astray. Maranatha! TK (email)

Dear TBC,

Please close my account and remove me from your mailing list. Your attempt to persuade me into the *TBC cult* has no power. I am a born again believer, Jesus is my Lord and my personal Savior. He is the Son of God and I only serve Him.

May your lives be forever radically changed when you follow The One. RM (AZ)

Dear TBC,

I just would like to express my gratitude for your ministry and your newsletter. "As cold water to a weary soul, so is good news from a far country" (Proverbs 25:25).

There is always a refreshing feeling to read, meditate, and digest the truth—which is the Word of God. So thank you for shedding

light on the Scriptures and helping me to understand them from an apologetic perspective. So, continue to stand firm regarding the Bible as the truth. DM (prisoner, IL)

Dear TBC,

Greetings in the Mighty name of the Lord. There could be many people who have access to churches on every corner there where you are. In Nigeria there is not a deep hunger and thirst for the truth as many live in remote towns and villages, but it is our prayer that the Lord will reveal Himself to them and make it possible for them to receive teachings for further Christian growth in their lives. Perhaps the reason many professing Christians do not have a deeper hunger for Him is because they have not had their souls satisfied by Him.

Their appetites have been "stuffed" by the pleasures of this world instead of feasting upon His word. When we are truly satisfied in Him He will be most glorified and that is the only thing that will bring victory in our lives (Hab 3:18-19). No matter what comforts we enjoy, when they are gone, we have this hope, that God is ever faithful, may we never take for granted those things that the Lord gives us to enjoy, and may we not abuse them, but always remember "HE is the Giver" of all that we have. Our joy does not come from the things of this world, for they will vanish away one day, but the joy we have in the Lord is our strength and sustenance from day to day. PB (Nigeria)

Dear TBC,

I have believed that watching movies about God has allowed me to discern and polish God's truth in my mind. I see These Movies as the modern version of "eating meat sacrificed to idols." But your points are biblical and have given me clearer insight to the deceptions used by Satan during these last days. I thank you and have asked God to speak more to me about this. MP (email)

Dear TBC,

Thank you for this much needed wakeup call concerning apostasy in the Church. However, I do not think you treat those who believe in the doctrine of election fairly. Charles Spurgeon believed in such and his teaching brought me into a greater understanding of the believer's responsibility to passionately evangelize wherever they can, and that it is the Holy Spirit's responsibility to bring the knowledge of salvation to life in the soul that is dead. Here there is election and I fail to understand how this can be linked to apostasy. DM (email)

Dear TBC,

I wanted to let you know that I am most supportive of the *What Love Is This?* book and also other efforts and projects.

Thank you for continuing to run this race. BTW, [*What Love Is This?* is an] excellent reader on the podcast version. SS (email)

QUOTABLE

Paul was not the inventor of Christianity, as some have claimed, nor even was Jesus. Christianity is the fulfillment of hundreds of prophecies—not only that there would be multitudes of Gentile believers, but also the specifics of the doctrines of salvation were laid out clearly in the Old Testament. Christ himself pointed to these prophecies, and Paul made them the basis of the gospel he preached (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). This is absolutely unique. There is no comparable verification for any of the doctrines of any of the world's religions.

—DAVE HUNT

TBC NOTES

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Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

—PROVERBS 4:7

If you're not aware, "Get Biblical Understanding" is the name of our on-line program as well as the exhortation from the Book of Proverbs. The full title is *Get Biblical Understanding Along With T. A. McMahon*. The "along with" is important because I simply read the verses that address a certain topic. There's no commentary or teaching from me. The teaching comes from the Holy Spirit. I and the program's listeners are getting understanding from the Word of God itself through the enablement of the Holy Spirit.

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in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

LEFTIST INDIFFERENCE TO CHRISTIAN GENOCIDE

FRONTPAGEMAG.COM, 1/27/22, "LEFTIST INDIFFERENCE TO CHRISTIAN GENOCIDE" [EXCERPTS]: A recent and ostensibly insignificant "label change" by the U.S. Department of State sheds light on both President Joe Biden and Barack Obama, as well as potential presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

On November 17, 2021, the State Department removed Nigeria from its list of Countries of Particular Concern, that is, nations which engage in, or tolerate violations of, religious freedom. It did this despite several human rights organizations characterizing the persecution meted out to Nigeria's Christians as a "genocide."

According to an August 2021 report... more than 60,000 Christians have either been murdered or abducted during raids. The kidnapped Christians have never returned to their homes, and their loved ones believe them to be dead. During the same time, approximately 20,000 churches and Christian schools have been torched and destroyed. Nigeria was also the nation with the most Christians murdered (3,530) for their faith in 2020.

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WHAT IS A WOMAN?

INTELLECTUALTAKEOUT.ORG, 1/21/22, "WHAT IS A WOMAN?" [EXCERPTS]: The bumbling began after Matt Walsh, a commentator at the Daily Wire, threw out the question "What is a woman?" to his debate opponents on Dr. Phil. None of those arguing for the idea that men can become women could answer the question.

It's a good question for us to explore in this age when men can supposedly become women and women become men as if by alchemy. So how do we define a woman?

When no one on Dr. Phil's panel replied to the question except by beating around the bush, Walsh defined a woman as "an adult human female," journalist and author Megan Fox reports. Walsh went on to say, "What you want to do is appropriate womanhood and turn it into basically a costume that can be worn."

At this point in her article, Fox explodes in agreement: "That was straight fire. As a woman, I'm offended when a man puts on a dress and pretends to know what my struggles have been as a biological woman. The h--- you do. A woman is biology. It is experience. It is not a costume. And any man attempting to put on that experience without having lived it is appropriating my sex."

"We are told that cultural appropriation is

wrong and racist. Appropriating the appearance of a woman and then gaslighting other women to accept you as one of them is sexist. Get out of here with that. Stop trying to take over women-only spaces. We need protection and safety from men. We need places to go where no men are allowed. Our girls need their sporting events to be segregated for their safety and fairness....

"I do find it strange that the three people...arguing for transgenderism can't define womanhood. Instead, these panelists offered such rejoinders as 'Womanhood is something that I cannot define. I cannot define what a woman is because I do not identify as a woman. Womanhood is something that is an umbrella term—it includes people who identify as a woman.'

"Sorry, folks, but your subjective definitions don't hold water. I don't identify with Sphinx, my daughter's cat, but I can tell you what a cat is. I don't identify with the poor doe who limps through my yard from time to time, but I can tell you what a female deer is. (Don't get me started, or I'll be singing my way through 'Do-Re-Mi' from *The Sound of Music*.)"

[TBC: "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain." 1 Corinthians 3:19-20]

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GENETIC TESTS ARE WRONG 85% OF THE TIME

ANSWERSINGENESIS.ORG, 1/27/22, "MANY PRENATAL GENETIC TESTS ARE WRONG 85% OF THE TIME" [EXCERPTS]: More than one-third of pregnant women in the United States will opt for a simple blood draw fairly early in their pregnancy. That vial will be sent off for prenatal genetic testing to screen for a wide variety of chromosomal abnormalities, including extremely rare conditions. Sadly, some women will make life-ending decisions for their babies based on these screens—but, according to a recent exposé by the very pro-abortion *The New York Times*, many of these tests are wrong 85%–95% of the time!

Every human life has value...because each life is created in God's image (Genesis 1:27), fearfully and wonderfully made (and, yes, that includes those with a chromosomal abnormality as a result of the effects of our sin in this now fallen world). Abortion at any stage is taking the life of a person made in God's image and it is murder. And God hates hands that shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6:16–19).

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