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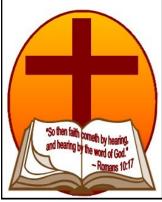
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### By Pastor Alfred B. Davis

Recently, I had a two-hour conversation with a doctor who was fired from the hospital where he worked due to his refusal to engage in transgender procedures. He expressed his concern that we are endangering children through unproven, risky hormone therapies, puberty blockers, and irreversible surgeries. His words to me: "I am a doctor, not a butcher." As a biology major myself in college, I can understand the doctor's frustration with being forced to perform what are ultimately futile medical procedures that carry great risk of chronic infections, permanent disfigurement, and as yet unknown long-term adverse mental and physical side effects.

I say ultimately futile because no amount of hormonal treatment, puberty blockers, or surgical intervention can change the underlying genetic condition. All human beings possess, from the moment of conception, either an XX or an XY sex gene pair. XX is the female gene pair. XY is the male gene pair. It is a biological fact. No amount of hormonal treatment, puberty blockers, or surgical intervention can change that. Consequently, it makes no sense to drastically alter and maim healthy bodies to remedy what is essentially a mental, not physical, disorder called gender dysphoria. This also helps explain why children who undergo transgender procedures are 19 times more likely to commit suicide than those who do not and 85-95% of those who do not undergo transgender procedures eventually identify with their biological sex.

As a pastor I have been asked for guidance and advice in dealing with the frustration and confusion of parents and children affected by gender dysphoria. My advice is guided by the Bible's statement in Genesis 1:27, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Since, biology reflects this biblical truth by showing that we are all either genetically female (XX) or genetically male (XY), my understanding is that gender dysphoria is not a physical problem but a spiritual, mental, and/or emotional problem. Consequently, treatment should address the underlying spiritual, mental, and emotional problems causing gender dysphoria rather than seeking to maim or alter a healthy body or interfere with the natural physiological development that a child goes through during puberty.

So why is it that so many people insist on dras-(Continued on page 2)





## Foreign Mission Work at Home By W. W. Gaines, 1908

Many of our people are convinced the great stress in all our missionary effort should be laid upon Foreign Missions. Perhaps it should. But Foreign Missions has a much wider significance than you may have supposed. In a very proper sense all persons who have never had an adequate opportunity to know Jesus Christ are heathen. It does

not matter where they live they are heathen and work among them is Foreign Mission work. If such people live in Texas, work among them is Foreign Mission work. If they live in Kentucky, they are subjects of foreign missionarv endeavor. The emigrant who comes to our

shores and who has never had an opportunity to know Christ is just as much a heathen as he was before he left his native land. The Catholic among us is just as much a subject of foreign missionary work as is the Catholic in some foreign land. There is just as truly a need of work among the Catholics of New Orleans as there is among the Catholics of Italy and one is just as truly a Foreign Missionary territory as the other. Work in Cuba is just as truly foreign missionary work as is work in Brazil or in Mexico. Work among the Mormons in our homeland is foreign missionary work. And so is work among the non -Christian Indian tribes.

We owe as great a duty to the heathen among us as we do the heathen in China or Japan. We are under the same obligation to the thousands of Greeks and Italians who have come to make their homes with us as we are to the Italians and Greeks in their native lands. And work among the millions of emigrants who live in our cities and upon our Western plains is just as essentially Foreign Mission work as is the work of our missionaries in the countries of Continental Europe from whence they came. If work

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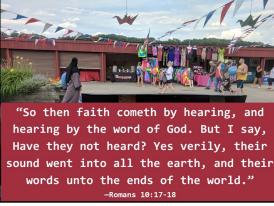
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here that we owe to them elsewhere. Indeed, we may owe them a greater duty here, and we certainly have a much better opportunity to serve them.

The soul of a person out on our broad prairies, who has never had an opportunity to know God in the forgiveness of his sins is just as precious in the sight of the Lord as is a soul similarly benighted who dwells in the cannibal islands or in the mountains of Tibet.

A great deal of our Home Mission work is really Foreign Mission work.

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# Mental Dysphoria

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tically altering or maiming otherwise healthy bodies of those suffering from gender dysphoria first? Wouldn't it make more sense to begin with looking at the underlying spiritual, mental and emotional issues causing gender dysphoria first instead?

Consider, for instance, a related disorder known as xenomelia or Body Identity Integrity Disorder (BIID). BIID generally involves an overwhelming desire to amputate a healthy limb or, more rarely, it involves a desire to be paralyzed, blind, or deaf. Those afflicted with BIID sometimes seek out doctors who are willing to amputate a healthy limb. If unable to find a willing doctor, they sometimes force the issue by damaging the unwanted limb severely enough so that it must be amputated. In extreme cases they may even attempt to remove the unwanted limb themselves.

Now, most people understand that an overwhelming desire to amputate a healthy limb is not normal. Consequently, counseling those with BIID to paralyze, bind, or immobilize healthy limbs to simulate their loss, let alone amputating them, is not generally the first approach. Instead, there is usually an attempt at discerning the underlying reasons causing the person to suffer from BIID. So why is the first approach to helping those suffering from gender dysphoria often to push them in the path of hormone therapy, puberty blockers, and the removal of healthy body parts rather than looking for the underlying reasons first? And why the insistence on circumventing parental authority while preventing, banning, or even making illegal efforts to provide counseling to determine and address the root causes of gender dysphoria instead?

It makes no sense, unless those pushing the transition agenda are suffering from a dysphoria of their own, a mental dysphoria. A mental dysphoria that, I believe, is caused by an underlying spiritual problem: the curse of sin.

In Romans 5:12, the Bible says, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," referring, of course, to Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden when he chose to disobey God and eat from the forbidden fruit. Genesis chapter 3 relates how Satan tempted Eve in the guise of a serpent, caused her to doubt God and His Word, and beguiled her into eating from the tree of the (Continued on page 4)

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"In regard to Bible versions many contemporary Christians are behaving like spoiled and rebellious children. They want a Bible version that pleases them no matter whether it pleases God or not." —Edward F. Hills

"I think it is up to preachers to let people know, and help them understand the difference between the things of God and the counterfeits of Satan...If God's men don't do this, many people won't know the difference."

—Michael D. O'Neal

"Direct my thought, words, and work, wash away my sins in the immaculate Blood of the Lamb, and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit...Daily frame me more and more into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ"

–President George Washington

"As I've said before, politics is simply a reflection of the moral corruption of our culture. Prayer is a powerful tool, if we use it! It will not be easy, but it can and will change the course of history if we are faithful to use it." —Roger Helle

"If we work on marble, it will perish; if on brass, time will efface it; if we rear up temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and the love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten for all eternity" —Daniel Webster (1782-1852)

"There are nearly 7.5 billion souls alive today but only a few thousand missionaries on foreign fields to tell them of Christ. If ten thousand Bible-believing missionaries were evenly spaced throughout the world, each missionary would need to reach nearly a million people. This would be like one preacher trying to reach the entire population of Ft. Worth, Texas. We simply need more laborers, thousands more!" —Rex Cobb

"No subject commands and demands such serious consideration and attention at this hour as Ministerial Integrity. At no time in the history of our church have we been in greater need of ministers of integrity, men to occupy the pulpit in all the churches of this land, especially Baptist churches, men of intense, honest purpose." —W. H. McRidley (1881-1932)

"The subject of the inspiration of the Bible has been too much disregarded among Christians; many have not attended to it at all, while others have ventured to indulge in vain speculations respecting it. But like every other doctrine, the nature of Divine inspiration ought to be carefully inquired into, and the truth respecting it received with the most unreserved submission."

-Robert Haldane (1764 - 1842)

# MINISTRY FOCUS

# **Tract & Literature Ministry**

In Mark 16:15 Jesus said to His disciples, "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." One way we can follow the Lord's command in by sharing good gospel tracts and Christian literature. Evangelist Scott Pauley recently wrote:

"Gospel literature is one means of communicating the message of Christ to great numbers of people one at a time. Imagine how many people could be reached if every believer simply carried tracts and gave them out as they went about their normal routines! The power of the literature is not in the words of men, but in getting the Word of God into the hands and

hearts of those who may not otherwise receive it.

- **Tracts remind the believer to be soul conscious.** Just carrying gospel literature encourages us to think of eternal things. We must live like followers of Jesus if we intend to share Him. We must constantly be on the lookout for people who need a Christian witness. Beginning each day with a handful of gospel tracts helps us to consider the Lord's business as our most important work.
- **Tracts open doors for gospel conversations.** Last night a man who I had little conversation with took a tract from me on an airplane. Without a word he read all of it. When he finished he began to tell me his background and where he is spiritually. The literature opens the door for much more!
- **Tracts stay when you leave.** Very often there is only a brief moment to give a word for Christ. All eternity may rest on that moment! When you give a clearly written gospel explanation the person has the opportunity to read more and consider more carefully their need of a Saviour. We may meet many at the feet of Jesus who we saw only briefly here on earth!
- **Tracts go where you cannot.** A gospel piece may end up in many places and be read by many people. We never know what the end result of one witness may be. Sow as much gospel seed as you can and believe that God will give the increase.

"Grab a stack of gospel tracts from your local church this week and try to give some out each day. Jesus told His disciples, 'And as ye go, preach...' (Matthew 10:7). It is more than going on visitation or going to a mission field – it is letting the gospel go everywhere you go.

'The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it' (Psalm 68:11)."



In addition to making gospel tracts available, we also have a variety of pamphlets on a variety of Bible issues and topics, as well as a small lending library of Christian books and videos available. These are provided to help you not only obey the Lord's command to "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel..." but to also "...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear (1 Peter 3:15)".

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." —Psalm 126:6

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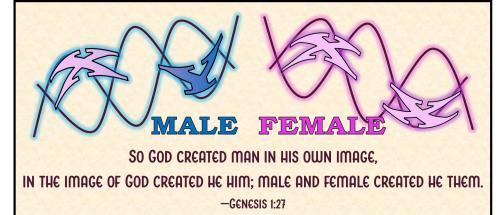
knowledge of good and evil. Eve then offered the fruit to Adam who willingly and deliberately chose to disobey God and eat the forbidden fruit. In that moment he knew, for the first time, evil because he had sinned against God. Consequently, "sin entered into the world" and, a short time later, "death passed upon all men" when God placed a curse upon Adam and Eve and the entire world in Genesis 3:17-19:

"And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saving, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.'

the curse. It is characterized by a rejection of knowledge and a rush to rash actions without fully understanding the consequences or dangers of those actions. Solomon wrote of this in Proverbs 19:2 saying, "Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth." The result, given in verse 3, is that, "The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD."

With that in mind, it stands to reason that, just as we would not immediately pursue cutting off healthy body parts or interfering with their ability to function properly for those suffering with BIID, we should not immediately pursue cutting off healthy body parts or interfere with their ability to function properly for those suffering with gender dysphoria. We should endeavor, instead, to determine what the underlying spiritual, mental, and emotional problems causing gender dysphoria are. To do otherwise is mental dysphoria. And the treatment for that can only be found in God's Word:

*"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth* 



According to Romans 8:22, the curse of Genesis 3 is ongoing and pervasive:

### "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

Sin and death are the obvious results of the curse. However, it is much more than just sin and death. It is the sorrow, toil, decay, and pain resulting in the degradation and decay of God's once perfect creation. The pain and difficulty of living in a fallen, cursed world results in a variety of spiritual, mental, and emotional problems as well as physical ailments, disabilities, and maladies. Consequently, gender dysphoria, as well as BIID and many other psychological disorders, are the natural result of the curse just as are physical disorders.

Likewise, mental dysphoria is a result of

understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her. (Proverbs 3:13-18)"

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"Some people can look at the spirals of our galaxy and not see the hand of Cocl, but I-beg to differ." Dr. William Blair

### The Neglected Sword

There is a sword that never wears out. Its edge is never blunted. On its blade no rust has ever yet gathered. It cuts to heal. It



smites to save. It kills to make alive. It is the sword of the Spirit. Now is the time when it calls for strong hearts to wield it. It has the property of giving skill to the untaught and valor to the once fearful and unbelieving. It can be held by a child and do execution. It may be thrust into the right place, when love directs, and made to flash with light of its own brightness, even when there be the darkness of an almost despairing eye to trace its pathway to its object.

This sword, however, can do nothing while left in its scabbard. It is for use and not for ornament. Soldiers of Christ, Knights of the Cross, what is the world waiting for? Is it not for aggressive action? The battle cry is sounding. Bugles are blowing. Trumpets call. The Great Captain gives the word, "Forward." The Church has been cold, timid, and compromising. Religion has degenerated into a sentiment. It has lost its part in the power of conviction. Ministers and newspapers claiming to be orthodox and religious have surrendered to a false liberality. They have yielded up the very ark of salvation to the Philistines. They have mumbled a pleasing rhetoric as a substitute for the old Faith of Calvary. They have betrayed the Master.

It is high time, when the land is fainting under its heavy burdens, and the people are lost in the tangled wilderness of worldly disappointment, and corruption reeks in high places and in dark places, to bring back the power of the Bible to bear on personal character, on family training, on political morals, and on the Church of the Living God? History has its lessons. When nations have apostatized from faith and lost their way, the Bible has restored and delivered. That has the sovereign virtue. That and that alone can work reformation where all true reformation must begin — in the hearts of the people. Let the sword of the Spirit descend on our land, and our worst foes will retreat.

-T. DeWitt Talmage (1839-1902)

# **Chemtrails...BEWARE!**

### By Alfred B. Davis

I once had a caller on our radio program who brought up the subject of chemtrails and wanted to know what I thought about them.

For those who haven't heard of chemtrails before, the basic idea is that some nefarious group, generally thought to be the United States government, is spraying unknown chemicals out the backs of aircraft flying overhead. The purpose given for this aerial dusting ranges from population control to mind control, and everything in between.

Now there are a number of logical and logistical problems I have with the chemtrail conspiracy. First, the thousands and thousands of people involved in the production, transportation, storage, and dispersal of the chemicals involved would be so great as to preclude the ability to keep the program a secret. Second, the infrastructure and funding necessary to support such a widespread, ongoing aerial spraying campaign would be too massive to hide. Where are the production facilities? The fleets of tankers to transport the chemicals? The massive storage facilities needed at airports across the country? And who pays for it all?

Here's a good breakdown at the what would be needed to dust the American people from on high in an article, *A Million Poisoning Planes* (*http://www.cs icop.org/specialarticles/show/a\_million\_ poisoning\_planes/#footer*) by Kyle Hills:

"If the chemtrail conspiracy were true, millions of pilots would be needed to crop dust the American population. A typical crop duster might use seven ounces of agent diluted in seven gallons of water to cover one acre of land. Chemtrail "people dusters" would use a similar concentration to cover the entire United States, just to be safe. For 2.38 billion acres of land, the pilots would then need--for just one week of spraying--120 billion gallons of these cryptic chemicals. That's around the same volume as is transported in all the world's oil tankers in one year. And such an incredible amount of agent would need an incredible number of planes. Considering that a large air freighter like a Boeing 747 can carry around 250,000 pounds of cargo, at the very least, the government would need to schedule four million 747 flights to spread their chemicals each week--

eighteen times more flights per day than in the entire US.

"Unless a plane could make multiple runs per day, a true chemtrail conspiracy would need 2,700 times as many 747s as have ever been constructed."

Yes, there are conspiracies out there, but I don't think chemtrails should rank too high on the worry scale. In fact, as I told the caller, the master conspirator is identified in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 as Satan, and his plan is to bring about a one world government under the antichrist:

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him. <sup>2</sup>That ve be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. <sup>3</sup>Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; <sup>4</sup>Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. <sup>5</sup>Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let. until he be taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: <sup>9</sup>Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup>And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish: because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."

I believe that the conspiracy, identified in verse 7 as "the mystery of iniquity," is being actively held back by the work of the Holy Spirit. Verses 6-7 tell us that the revelation of the antichrist (verses 3-4) is actively being held back by the work of someone (withholdeth and letteth come from the same Greek word, katecho, which means to hold back, restrain, or hinder: to withhold). Furthermore, I believe that that someone is the Holy Spirit



of God who will be "taken out of the way" when God catches born-again Christians out of the world and the Holy Spirit ends His present ministry. At that time, the work of the Holy Spirit, primarily through believers who are called to be light and salt in this present evil world, will come to an end and the Devil will finally be able to bring the "mystery of iniquity" to fruition and bring forth the antichrist on the world scene.

Until then. I don't think we need to worrv too much about chemtrails or be soon shaken in mind, or be troubled" by any of the myriad of conspiracy theories floating around the internet and talk radio. Instead, we should worry more about our relationship with God. If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, then you need to believe and accept in your heart that Jesus, as God manifest in the flesh, willing went to the cross where He suffered and shed His blood to pay for your sins, that He died, was buried, and rose again victorious over sin and death, and, believing, confess your sin, turn to Jesus Christ and Christ alone as your only hope of eternal salvation. If you have trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, then you need to resolve to yield yourself over to the Holy Spirit to be salt and light in an increasingly dark and tasteless world.

[From an article originally written December 2, 2013, for the LiveWithPastorAl.com webpage.]

"Chou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." —Jsaiah 26:3

*"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)* 



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