

## **PERSPECTIVES I HAVE LEARNED FROM MY GENDER ALTERED FRIEND**

I list the salient points in this one page summary. Further details follow on subsequent pages.

- **In the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Questioning, Agender, community, LGBTQIA, T is a different category.** I refer to “transgender/intersex” as “gender altered” since this is reality in myriads of varieties. TIA is “who am I?”, LGB and H(heterosexual) is attraction. They may be altered by the chemicals we (unwittingly) sprayed on our church lawns or serve in our dining halls, where these souls are often unwelcome.
- **The gender altered community is much MUCH larger than commonly believed.**
- **The gender completion process often but not always, relieves the dysphoria a lot, but family and friends usually desert them, which creates significant loneliness and heartbreak.**
- **The suicide attempt rate among gender altered people is around 42%, and 1/3 are successful.**
- **When the bathroom bills became a political football the suicide hotline calls tripled!**
- **The bathroom bills exacerbate gender altered peoples’ TRUE fear of arrest or physical danger/murder.**
- **Gender altered people are much more likely to be murdered than the general population.**
- **In most states of the USA, if someone murders a gender altered person, they can use the “transgender panic” defense to avoid or downgrade the murder charge.**
- **Gender altered people do not attack women in bathrooms, they claim nearly none on record! Meanwhile, priests, pastors and teachers cannot boast such a record.**
- **Laws for public family bathrooms, or single stall men’s and women’s rooms make a lot more sense than multiple stall gender neutral restrooms.**
- **Sadly, with altered gender, anatomy, genes, identity, and hormones, and without Biblical teaching or a caring home church these people have little support to learn or live Biblical lifestyles or have worthy projects and goals that distract them from their condition. They may carry a great deal of anger toward abusive Christians but still want Christ. Mentoring them takes patience, understanding and a commitment to bring to them the grace and purity of God’s ways in a manner that will attract them to Him and support those who are already Christians.**
- **Gender altered persons are a field “white to harvest”, a largely untouched, hungry, suffering outcast field.**

**IS THERE A MUCH BIGGER AND MORE SINISTER PICTURE EMERGING FROM THE BATHROOM CONTROVERSIES THAT MAY HAVE LITTLE TO DO WITH GENDER ALTERED PEOPLE?**

The gender altered community is being spun stories that Christian leaders and well-funded Christian groups are out to exterminate or passively drive them to suicide! This is a weak spot for Christians already. Christian leaders’ articles and speeches on bathroom issues/denouncing transgender, already uninformed and badly spoken to begin with, are being further manipulated to worse hate speech. The manipulative spin fed to the trans people manifests when the quotes are examined, vice versa. And a few pastors do preach to shoot them!! Shameful!

**Are the bathroom bills and resulting furor a TRAP!!...aimed at a very weak spot of the Christian community? The gender altered are being pimped by the far left because they have real needs the church denies them due to lack of information. They are pawns and victims also, but might Christians be the final target?**

**THIS COULD BACKFIRE INTO GENOCIDE OF CHRISTIANS AS A MURDEROUS, DANGEROUS COMMUNITY**

## Further details of the summary above:

In the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer community, LGBTQ the T is a different category in most cases. In many gender typical ("cis") folk's minds, "transgender" conjures up a disturbing image of a perverted individual. Due to physical male/female characteristics, yes there may be differences, but that image is in most cases cruel and inaccurate. Transgender is not behavior. It is who the person IS. Most individuals who are hermaphrodite/transgender/intersex are quiet, law abiding and insightful persons who suffer and try to get through life as best they can with their injuries, with very little comfort or support other than in their own communities. For that reason I will use the term "gender altered" in this paper. This is accurate and avoids the "perception of perversion" that the term "transgender" often evokes.

**The gender altered community in general did NOT appreciate Bruce/Caitlyn Jenner especially at first.** They state that this person inaccurately represents who they are, and has plenty of money for bodyguards, medical treatments, and to look pretty and has no idea what most of the rest of them suffer. This perception may change with time.

**The gender altered community is much MUCH larger than commonly believed.** Many of them are not recognized at birth, as my friend was not, because the injuries may be internal and/or functional in the endocrine system or possibly other systems that are not yet discovered or understood. In Chicago the official numbers are 56,000 and real numbers are probably around 150-200,000. Many themselves do not understand that they are gender altered and may not have money to have medical attention for diagnosis or treatment. Many of those people are very miserable, do not know why and may suicide eventually. Many more are feminized males or masculinized females. Many who think they are cross dressers are in fact actually transgender/intersex/hermaphrodite.

**The attempted suicide rate among the gender altered is in the 42-46% range, 33 % of those attempts are successful.** They really do experience gender dysphoria, and are often rejected socially due to their socially unusual mix of male and female characteristics, with or without the completion process. If they complete one gender or the other medically they may be very much relieved in many ways, but their family and friends usually desert them, most churches reject them, and now they cannot even use the bathroom safely. They trade significant physical and psychological relief only to become worse social outcasts.

**When the bathroom bills became a political football the suicide hotline calls tripled.** My friend helps work the phones, and has talked people off bridges, called the police, and spent up to 18 hours with a suicidal person. She grieves very much when she loses a caller. A few weeks ago her best friend committed suicide. She believes the bathroom bills were the final straw for her friend.

**The completion process often but not always relieves their dysphoria.** Often it does help very much, but not completely. They are still both male and female and still experience a measure of dysphoria. In most cases the completion process helps them tremendously but like all other processes in life, not in every single case. But Christians are being told by Walt Heyer that there is a 30% regret rate and that is not accurate at all. Walt himself did not meet the medical requirements for gender change so it is not surprising that his transition did not stick. No one I know who works with this community sees even close to a 30% regret rate. It still remains though that these people suicide much more often than persons who are "cis"(fully male or female). Loss of family and friends adds to their misery but supportive family and friends normalize the suicide rate.

**Gender altered people are much more likely to be beaten or murdered.** In most states someone who murders a gender altered person, is allowed to use the "transgender panic" defense to avoid or downgrade the murder charge!

**Statistically gender altered persons do not attack women in bathrooms, they claim nearly none on record!**

They want to use the bathroom matching their persona and leave quietly without being “clocked” (recognized) for their own protection. They live in fear of being murdered. Unfortunately peeping toms (and perverted priests, pastors and teachers) have always been around but with heightened awareness, and cell phones, might this crime be less probable. Maybe women should wear whistles!

**The bathroom bills exacerbate gender altered persons’ true fears of arrest or physical danger.** Gender altered persons may not have the funds to physically or legally complete transition, and even if they do the process takes time, so they may carry identification that does not match their persona. This is dangerous for them as they are often jailed or worse if someone clocks them. A gender altered person was recently jailed when the person simply checked into a hotel and a clerk noticed a discrepancy in the driver’s license.

Unfortunately some gender altered people struggle to survive financially. Trans women of color are at high risk. True, some may turn to prostitution, as “cis” persons may also, but most do not. In some cases, they do not even possess working anatomy and are certainly not a threat in a bathroom. .

**Mandating public family bathrooms, or lockable single stall rest rooms make a lot more sense than multiple stall gender neutral ones.** Small businesses already are so equipped. Larger facilities with multiple stall restrooms can afford renovations if necessary. When the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed years ago, it cost to convert public spaces, curbs, parking lots, but America got it done. **Sadly, with dual gender, anatomy, genes, hormones, attraction, identity, and roles, and without Biblical teaching or a caring home church these people have little support to learn or live Biblical lifestyles or have worthy projects and goals that distract them from their condition.** Their injured bodies and souls are so paramount in their lives that, they may be much occupied with their condition and earthy anatomical matters. On the flip side, they often are very insightful, perhaps due to their dual natures. They contribute greatly to society in the military, medicine, science and many service and academic professions.

**Trans people are a field “white to harvest”, an untouched field.** In spite of the hurt and anger they direct toward Christians, whom they believe are hypocrites and a physical threat, many gender altered people are hungry for God and fear hell. In attempting to reach them it is wise to first “sit with the captives”, sense their misery, and model and lead them to Christ. Be patient as their grave clothes slowly unwind.

**THERE IS A MUCH BIGGER AND MORE SINISTER PICTURE EMERGING FROM THE BATHROOM CONTROVERSIES THAT HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH “HERMAPHRODITE/TRANSGENDER PEOPLE.**

As I have watched the bathroom issues unfold it has been a mystery why the politicians chose this arena to pick on??? But now is it becoming clearer? and only a demon would think of this!!!!

Due to lack of knowledge of the chemical piece behind the intersex/transgender condition, Christians have fallen over themselves attempting to uphold Scriptural family values, and “protect” women in bathrooms. They have made unfortunate and inaccurate statements to the gender altered community that denies their actual physical plight or any relief strategy! (It’s true that God made us male and female, but man’s fraudulent science and the devil did not). Christians often acknowledge in their articles that there is a very small percentage of folks who are truly “hermaphrodite”, but then they offer no hope or help for those persons and denigrate every real need they have. This has frightened and further angered the gender altered community. But the Christians are wrong on the numbers. There are many MANY more

persons who are gender altered “in some way” than is recognized. Christians publicly and unwittingly miss Christ’s mandate to reach out to them. (No, it’s not always easy!)

Furthermore examination of articles reporting various Christian leaders’ reactions to the political bathroom games, demonstrate a clear MANIPULATIVE SPIN that misrepresents already weak Christian motives.

Christians unwisely say that “in the Old Testament transgender persons and homosexuals would be put to death”, (Kevin Swanson) or that “if the bathroom bills had been put in place 100 years ago people would have been shot” (James Dobson). Those comments are being **spun** into “Christians should shoot “transgender people” as a group, or “There is a 5 point plan to passively eliminate/exterminate transgenders” (Family Research Council). Important qualifying phrases are being misquoted or simply cut out of the messages that the gender altered community hears from many Christian leaders. This heightens their angst and fear of Christians.

Scripture does NOT say “*... , aka eunuchs*” should be killed. The LAW commanded to put those who commit *homosexual acts* to death, under the LAW. But untaught gender altered people do not understand the difference between law and grace, so this is hate, murderous speech to them. Gender altered people who DO understand the difference know that Christians are not fulfilling Scripture. For example Kevin Swanson preached the Old Testament principles of “death for homosexuals and supposedly transgenders” at an Iowa Republican event. BUT his final comments that “TODAY we should NOT kill transgenders/homosexuals” was edited out of the YouTube videos that was circulated among the gender altered/LGBQ communities!!!!

Scripture speaks of “eunuchs from the womb” and “eunuchs of men” (physical mutilation or chemical injury). Yes they clearly, provably, exist, and there is no Scriptural injunction in the Old Testament law or under New Testament grace anywhere to kill them. And Isaiah 56:1 very clearly states that if they follow the Lord they have a place within the walls of our churches and a name and a place among us ABOVE male and female sons and daughters. Some claim eunuchs are men with injuries but gender altered people are all partly male AND female.

**Is THIS A TRAP??!!** This political mess may be a masterful trap to tempt Christians into pretty close to TRUE HATE SPEECH against the gender altered, and that could eventually backfire into *literal genocide for Christians* in this country. The real goals of these bathroom bills may have little to do with gender alteration. They may be, among other purposes, to trap Christians into implicating themselves as radical, murderous zealots.

Let’s rethink our perceptions of the gender altered community, and LGBQ also, and find ways to reach their hearts for Christ. Might we need to repent (change), restate our stance, ditch the chemicals at least at church, and/or in some cases, um... apologize? It’s hard when many Christians are connected to the chemical industry ie, farmers, scientists, food prep, etc.

As we face increasing gender alteration in our own Christian families and churches let’s consider chemical injury as we prayerfully evaluate each case, each small child, young or older gender altered person who may appear in our path.

“Lord, we repent of our serious, often unwitting, mistakes, and ask for mercy for ourselves and our children.”

Here is an article by Mark Wingfield in BaptistNews.com. It echoes the same perspectives my friend taught me. <https://baptistnews.com/2016/05/13/seven-things-im-learning-about-transgender-persons/>