

TRANSGENDERISM (Part II)

The English word “reality” comes to us from the Latin word “res,” meaning “thing.” Now *things are what we encounter in reality*. Things are not imaginary or make-believe. They are not the stuff of fairy tales or legends. They are not like Dorothy’s ruby slippers or a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. Rather, things are real. Furthermore, a thing is what it is by nature. That means, it was made that way or designed to be that way. So, when we come across a thing, any thing in fact, we must acknowledge the truth about what that thing is. In other words, we must acknowledge the reality of what that thing is by its very nature. Furthermore, we are not free to deny the nature of a thing without serious consequences. For example, if you touched a hot pan thinking it was cold, you will burn your hand. What you mistakenly thought was a cold pan does not change the fact that what you touched was a hot pan. A thing is what it is. It’s true that we can adapt nature to our human condition by making extrinsic changes. For example, we can use an oven mitt to pick up a hot pan. However, we can’t change the nature of the thing itself. A hot pan is still hot even when you pick it up with an oven mitt. Confusion over the fact that we can’t change the nature of a thing is very common today, and that’s because we have become used to denying that things really are what they are. Many people today pretend that things are what they want them to be instead of what they really are. However, behaving that way does not make it so. Pretending a man is a woman or a woman is a man does not make it so. Here it might be good to consider that expectant mothers can now know the sex of their babies even before birth. In fact, many now have gender reveal parties where the sex of the baby is revealed in various ways using blue colors for a boy and pink colors for a girl, and these are the only two options. There are no blue/pink cakes at these parties, nor are there balloons that change color from blue to pink or from pink to blue. Bottom line: The reality is that things are what they are. As I mentioned in part one, God made us male and female, and how He made us at our conception is how we will always be throughout our lives and beyond. That is the nature of things, and those who wish otherwise are living in an imaginary world of make-believe.