

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Transgender is ‘Mental Disorder;’ Sex Change ‘Biologically Impossible’

(CNS News.com) - Dr. Paul R. McHugh, the former psychiatrist-in-chief for Johns Hopkins Hospital and its current Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry, said that transgenderism is a “mental disorder” that merits treatment, that sex change is “biologically impossible,” and that people who promote sexual reassignment surgery are collaborating with and promoting a mental disorder.

Dr. McHugh, the author of six books and at least 125 peer-reviewed medical articles, made his remarks in a recent commentary in the *Wall Street Journal*, where he explained that transgender surgery is not the solution for people who suffer a ‘disorder of assumption’- the notion that their maleness or femaleness is different than what nature assigned to them biologically. He also reported on a new study showing that the suicide rate among transgendered people who had reassignment surgery is 20 times higher than the suicide rate among non-transgender people. Dr. McHugh further noted studies from Vanderbilt University and London’s Portman Clinic of children who had expressed transgender feelings but for whom, over time, 70% - 80% “spontaneously lost those feelings.”

While the Obama administration, Hollywood and major media such as Time magazine promote transgenderism as normal, said Dr. McHugh, these “policy makers and the media are doing no favors either to the public or the transgendered by treating their confusions as a right in need of defending rather than as a mental disorder that deserves understanding, treatment and prevention. “This intensely felt sense of being transgendered constitutes a mental disorder in two respects. The first is that the idea of sex misalignment is simply mistaken-it does not correspond with physical reality. The second is that it can lead to grim psychological outcomes.”

The transgendered person’s disorder, said Dr. McHugh, is in the person’s “assumption” that they are different than the physical reality of their body, their maleness or femaleness, as assigned by nature. It is a “disorder” similar to a “dangerously thin” person suffering from anorexia who when he or she looks in the mirror thinks they are “overweight,” said McHugh.

This assumption, that one’s gender is only in the mind regardless of anatomical reality, has led some transgendered people to push for social acceptance and affirmation of their own subjective “personal truth,” said Dr. McHugh. As a result, some states – California, New Jersey and Massachusetts– have passed laws barring psychiatrists, “even with parental permission, from striving to restore natural gender feelings to a transgender minor,” he said.

“The pro-transgender advocates do not want to know”, said McHugh, “that studies show between 70% and 80% of children who express transgender feelings “spontaneously lose those feelings” over time.” Also, for those who had sexual reassignment surgery, most said they were “satisfied” with the operation “but their subsequent psycho-social adjustments were no better than those who didn’t have the surgery.

“And so at Hopkins we stopped doing sex-reassignment surgery, since producing a ‘satisfied’ but still troubled patient seemed an inadequate reason for surgically amputating normal organs,” said Dr. Hugh.

The former Johns Hopkins chief of psychiatry also warned against enabling or encouraging certain sub-groups of the transgendered, such as young people “susceptible to suggestion from ‘everything is normal’ sex education,” and the schools’ “diversity counselors” who, like “cult leaders,” may “encourage these young people to distance themselves from their families and offer advice on rebutting arguments against having transgender surgery.” Dr. McHugh also reported that there are “misguided doctors” who, working with very young children who seem to imitate the opposite sex, will administer “puberty-delaying hormones to render later sex-change surgeries less onerous – even though the drugs stunt the children’s growth and risk causing sterility.”

Such action comes “close to child abuse,” said Dr. McHugh, given that close to 80% of those kids will “abandon their confusion and grow naturally into adult life if untreated...”

“Sex change” is biologically impossible,” said McHugh. “...people who undergo sex-reassignment surgery do not change from men to women or vice versa. Rather, they become feminized men or masculinized women. Claiming that this is a civil-rights matter and encouraging surgical intervention is in reality to collaborate with and promote a mental disorder.”

—Dr. Paul R. McHugh

Placed Membership

We want to give a warm welcome to **Rynn & Daisha Smith** and their family. Last Sunday they expressed a desire to be a part of this congregation of the Lord’s people and work under the guidance of our elders. The Smiths have three small children, Ellie, Caroline and Rylan. We encourage you to get acquainted with this new family if you have not already done so.

Prayer Requests

Trina Plyler, George and Jurlean’s daughter, will undergo cancer surgery on the 28th in Ft. Worth, TX. Please continue to keep Trina in your daily prayers that all will go well and that she may have a speedy recovery.

Justin Young (son of Tyler and Kim Young) has enlisted in the military and they have requested that we keep Justin in our prayers that he may keep safe during his military duty. Tyler served as our Youth Minister a few years back. Keep Tyler and Kim in your prayers as well.

Concerns Update

Jennie Fuls (Nancy Easlon’s sister) had a post-surgery appointment in Lubbock, Thursday, March 23rd to see how the healing progress is coming along. Continue to keep Jennie in your prayers. She has a long ways to go.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Marie Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Betty Burns; Crystal Card; Glynn Chandler; Linda and Sonny Coggins; John Cole; Barbara Crowder; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Urisonya Flunder; John Ford; Shane Ford; Marjorie Foster; Melida Frazier; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Kenny & Lynn Howard; Lon Howard; Charles Jones; Janis Laminack; Jody Langford; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Jason Moore; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Carolyn Morrison; Jim Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Ivan Rigsby; Cynthia Schulze; Andrew Schwarz; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Stephens; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Jack Wright; Paula Wyatt; Toya Zambelli.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was directed by the Lord. Every plea had gone unheeded, but God continuing His mercy, we hear these urgent words to Lot, “Arise, take thy wife and thy two daughters, which are here lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.” Who is speaking?

Last Week’s Bible Quiz answer...

Both Zadok, the Priest and Nathan, the Prophet anointed Solomon as king of Israel.

Wedding Shower...

Hannah Weakland’s **“Wedding Shower”** is tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. at Bonnie Sorenson’s home. Her selections are at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Amazon and Walmart. All the ladies are invited.

Events

20th & Birch Avenue Church of Christ in Lubbock has invited us to attend their upcoming **“5th Sunday Fellowship for the Area Churches of Christ”** on Sunday, April 30th. The sermon topic will be “Standing for Truth, While Fighting against Error”. Their invitation is on our bulletin board.

Sunday, April 30th is our **“Fifth Sunday Services”**. We will have a noon meal after our morning service followed by the evening service. All our visitors are welcomed.

Watch **“In Search of the Lord’s Way”** every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the **“Speaking the Truth in Love”** program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Office News

The **“New Mexico Children’s Home”** will be back in Odessa June 6th, 2017. They are requesting **Juices (all kinds)**. Monetary donations also accepted.

STF—Group #3 will have their luncheon today following our morning service. All our visitors are invited to join them.

Food for Thought...

One advantage in traveling the straight and narrow way, no one is trying to pass you.

March 26, 2017
Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.
Jeff Wesson
Denny Wilson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Jr. Munoz
Larry May
Bill Tolbert

P.M.
Jeff Wesson
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Josh Weakland
Jr. Munoz
Denny Wilson

Lord's Supper

West...

Rudy Ochoa
Tom Sorenson
Dylan Straw
Josh Wells
Larry May
Josh Weakland

Bill Butler
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 561-5302 *Deacon:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 *Pulpit:* Scot Straw 368-7852 *Table:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Tony Marrs 553-7349 *Collections:* Scot Straw & Chris Butler

Sunday AM

"Conditions of Blessedness"

(Romans 4:9-15)

Sunday PM

"They Beheld His Majesty"

(Matthew 17:1-9)

Our Records

Bible Class... 76

Morning Worship...127

Evening Worship...60

Wednesday...69

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