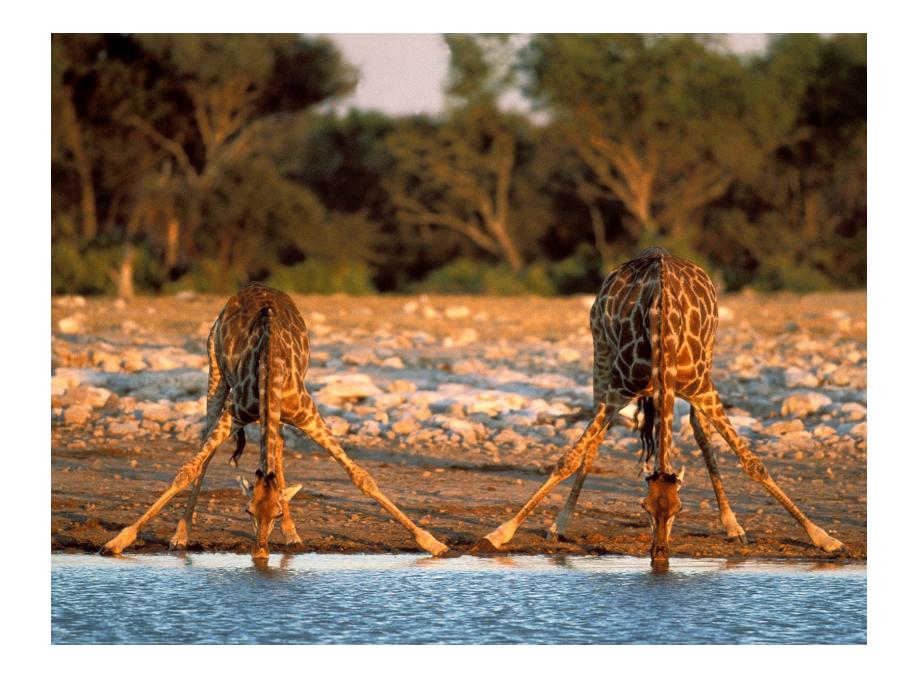
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Alternate sexual lifestyles are <u>offensive</u> to God and <u>equivalent</u> to saying God's design was mistaken.

(Romans 1:28) Since they did not think it worthwhile to retain a knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind to do what ought not to be done. (speaking of homosexuality)

Leviticus 18:22... "detestable"

Roman 1:26... "unnatural"
Roman 1:27... "perverted"

1 Corinthians 6:9... "wicked"

1 Timothy 1:10... "rebellious"

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and birds of the air... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them and said... (Genesis 1:26-27)

• Let us... let them > plan

image/likeness > <u>design</u>

rule over > <u>task</u>

male/female > <u>product</u>

The male/female phenomenon is part of God's <u>self revelation</u>. It is a profound glimpse of God's glory and complexity made visible in human biology and psychology.









### This is God's **blueprint** for **human life**

I ask myself if this so-called gender theory is not simply an expression of frustration and resignation that seeks to cancel out sexual difference because it no longer knows how to confront it. We risk taking a step backward. The removal of difference in fact creates a problem, not a solution.

R.C. Pope Francis (2015)

Transgenderism has become an <u>ideology</u> [system of thought... socially/politically significant basis for cultural decisions and policies]

\*The Bible does not address transgenderism specifically. In those days no technology was available by which a man could permanently resemble (and therefore pretend to be) a woman. Etc.

### **U.B. Doctrinal Statements**

- The church must guard against demeaning or trivializing individual suffering related to struggles with gender identity.
- The church cannot celebrate or support the choice to alter one's sex or gender because this harms individual identity.
- A distinction between sexes needs to be honored and maintained.

## R.C. <u>Congregation for the Doctrine</u> of the Faith (2015)

"Transgender status reveals in a public way an attitude opposite to the moral imperative of solving the problem of sexual identity by using the truth of our own sexuality. It is evident that such a person does not possess the requirement of leading a life according to the faith and is therefore unable to be admitted to the position of godfather or godmother."

# R.C. <u>Male and Female He Created Them</u> (2019)

"The idea that people can chose or change their gender is a confused concept of freedom and momentary desires. The church officially rejects the term <u>transgender</u>."

# Bishop Burbidge (Arlington, VA) <u>A Catechesis</u> on the Human Person and Gender Ideology (2021)

"Show love to transgender persons, reminding them of their value and listening to their struggle. But avoid misguided charity and false compassion" \*He urged R.C. folks to reject the use of "gender affirming terms or pronouns" as being inconsistent with church/Biblical teaching.

Parents should <u>affirm</u> their children's biological sex as God given and <u>teach</u> them how to honor and serve God as a man or woman.

Parents should <u>not</u> (in the name of love) support or encourage their children to embrace sexual atlerations.

God's grace and power enables a person to **deny** sinful desires and **overcome** harmful habits.

### **Christian RESPONSE:**

 We cannot reject the <u>person</u> or trivialize their <u>struggle</u>.

We must honor the sexual **boundaries** and gender **distinctions** that God has designed, revealed, and blessed.