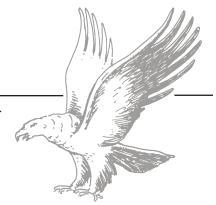


"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31



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It's in Our DNA

The sexual confusion that is roiling our society is neither natural nor benign. It's the rejection of a fundamental component of our nature as human beings. The outcome will not be pleasant.

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply'" (Gen. 1:27-28).

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Last week I attended a conference devoted to Smith-Magenis Syndrome (SMS), a rare genetic disorder. One of the sessions ("Genetics 101") caught my attention—but not quite for the reason the presenter may have intended.

The presentation, delivered by a well-respected researcher in the field of genetics, began with an overview of how genetics works. Every cell in our body is a combination of genetic material from our parents. The potential combinations of that material account for all the variations seen in children born to the same parents. In rare cases, a chromosome will develop a mutation or deletion at conception, resulting in SMS, Downs, or similar disorders.

It was all very interesting, but it is not my purpose here to dwell on the technical details of SMS. As the speaker went through her description of genetic science, I couldn't help but see applications to two controversies that are currently tearing our society apart.

The first is gay marriage. Again and again, the speaker used the terms "father" and "mother" to describe the two sources of genetic material that combine to create each one of us. It is a basic biological fact that neither parent can replicate without the other.

The second controversy is transgenderism—the idea that a person can self-identify as whatever gender he/she/it chooses. With this behavior becoming mainstream, we now have men self-identifying as women, and insisting on the right to use women's restrooms. Decades of feminist activism dedicated to empowering women has now led to an awkward new world of "never mind, gender doesn't matter anyway."

The presentation reinforced a fact of life that was once common sense, but now is scientifically explainable, namely, that the human race is a binary biological phenomenon, requiring two different genders to replicate. The comple-

mentary nature of our species is literally in our DNA. It's the way we were designed, and for thousands of years societies have been organized around that basic biological fact.

So when gays insist that their samesex relationships are no different from that of straight couples, or transgender people call for society to accept their self-identification as normal, we have to recognize what we are dealing with. It's not a civil rights issue; it's a psychological disorder, an abnormality that is being sold as a valid alternative to traditional biology-based pairing.

Our society's headlong rush into sexual confusion is not a natural evolution toward a more enlightened way of life. It is a deliberate and dangerous rejection of our nature as human beings. The effects of this distorted thinking are already bearing destructive fruit.

Our task is to help—with gentleness and compassion—those who are caught up in these behaviors accept the truth that is programmed in their DNA—and to help them turn back to the God who created this amazing design.

- David King

