

A top-down view of a wooden desk. In the top left is a small potted plant with green grass-like leaves. In the top right is a white computer keyboard. In the bottom right is a white coffee cup with dark coffee. In the bottom center is a black spiral-bound notebook with a pen resting on it. Two black binder clips are on the desk near the center. A white, hand-drawn-style border frames the central text area.

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Sharing the Gospel and Dispelling the Lies

What Does Scripture Teach?

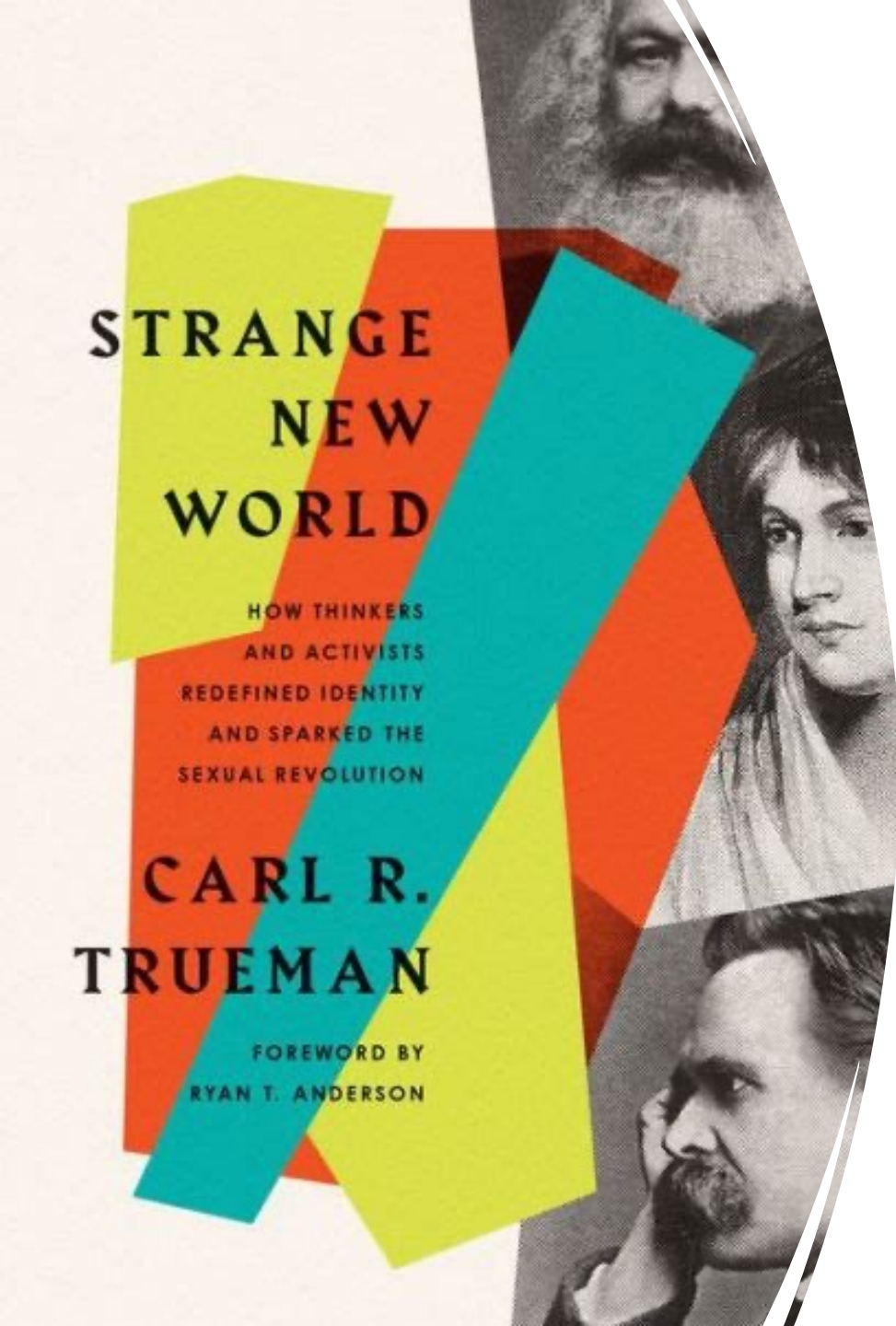
- Man and Woman
- Gen. 1:26–27 "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness...so God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created male and female"
- Gen. 2:7 "Then the Lord God formed the man out of the dust the ground..."
- Gen. 2:18–21 "Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him. Then the Lord God made the rib he had taken from the man into woman and brought her to the man."

What Does Scripture Teach?

- Man and Woman
- Matt. 19:4-6 "Haven't you read," [Jesus] replied, "that he who created them in the beginning made them male and female, 5 and he also said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."
- 1 Corinthians 7:1-4 "Now in response to the matters you wrote about: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." 2 But because sexual immorality is so common, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman should have sexual relations with her own husband. 3 A husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise a wife to her husband. 4 A wife does not have the right over her own body, but her husband does. In the same way, a husband does not have the right over his own body, but his wife does. -- 1 Corinthians 7:1-4 (CSB)

Is Homosexuality a Sin?

- Leviticus 18:22, 20:13
- 1 Corinthians 6:9–11
- Romans 1:26–27
- Jude 7
- 1 Timothy 1:10
- Genesis 19:1–38



STRANGE NEW WORLD

HOW THINKERS
AND ACTIVISTS
REDEFINED IDENTITY
AND SPARKED THE
SEXUAL REVOLUTION

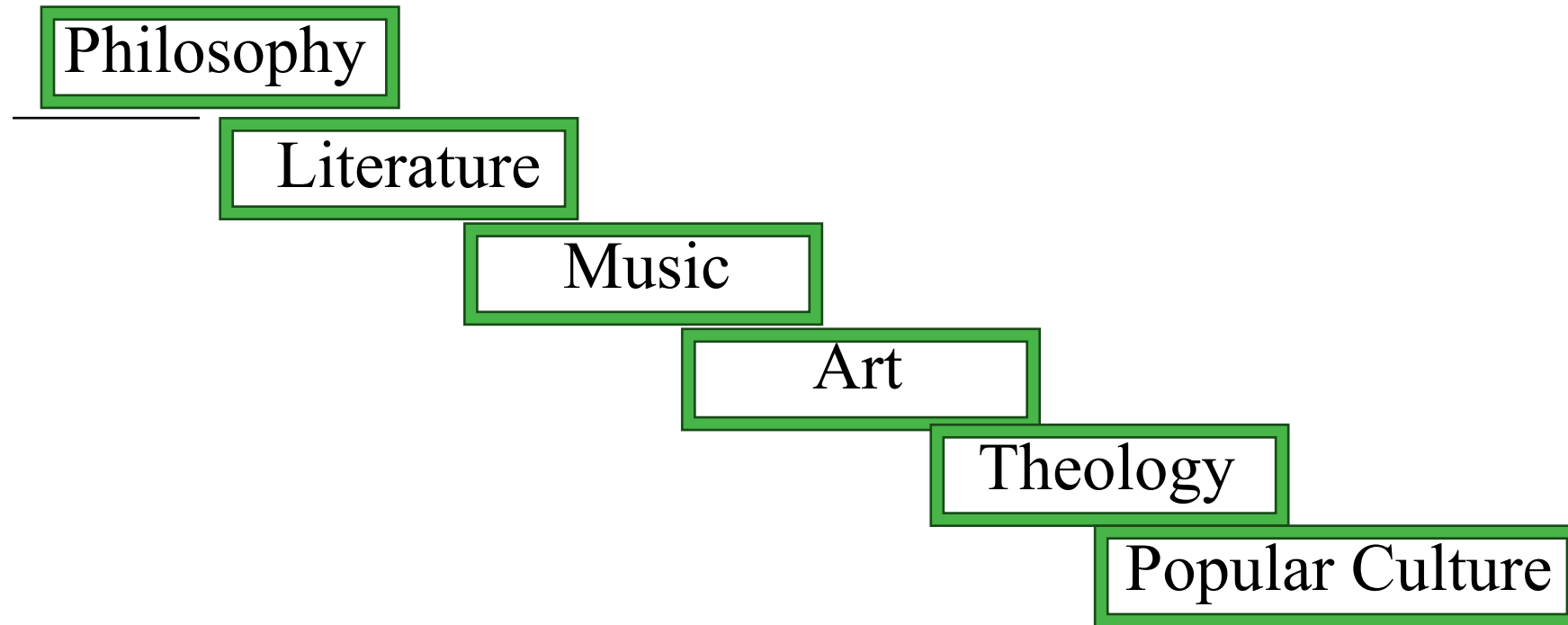
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FOREWORD BY
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Understanding the Problem

- Expressive Individualism
- Charles Taylor writes "The culture of authenticity is one where each one of us has his/her own way of realizing our humanity and that it is important to find and live out one's own as against surrendering to conformity with a model imposed on us from outside, by society, or the previous generation or religious, or political authority." p. 23

Schaeffer's Cultural Progression



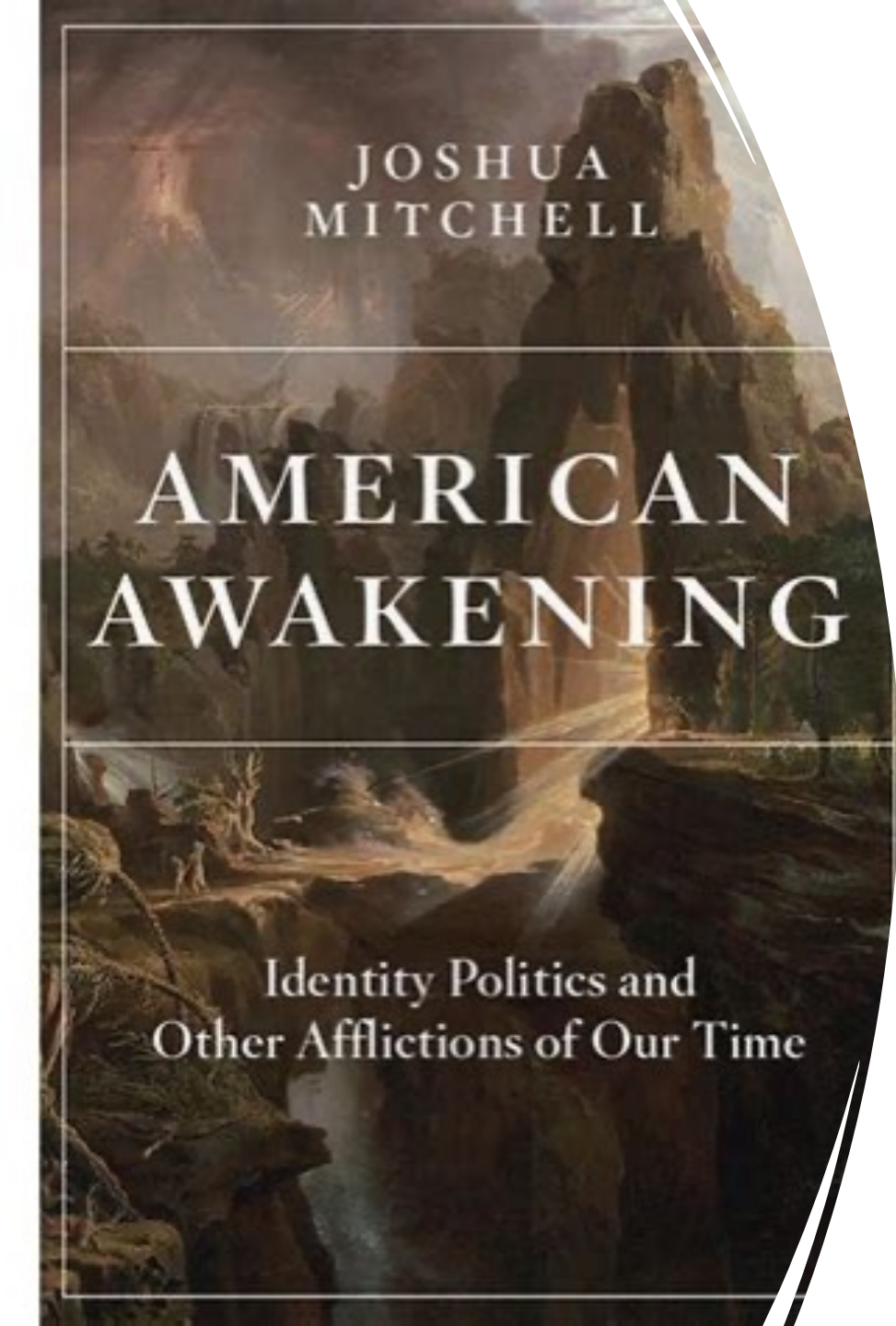
From Francis Schaeffer, *The God Who Is There* (1968)



“If humanism were right in declaring that man is born to be happy, he would not be born to die. Since his body is doomed to die,” *his task on earth evidently must be of a more spiritual nature.*

–Alexander Solzhenitsyn

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- **Why are we here and what does that mean for how we live our lives?**



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AMERICAN AWAKENING

Identity Politics and
Other Afflictions of Our Time

The Religion of the SELF (identity politics)

- Identity Politics and Sexuality
- "Because we are a sex-obsessed society, the political parties have already rejected this sublime answer [erotic love is a Divine summons and it is an invitation to the true, the good, and the beautiful], and they disagree only about who may rightly possess and be possessed...Identity politics declares that conventional generative marriage is no inclusive, and as such, is a prejudice that must be ousted..." p. 85-87

Five
Lies of Our
Anti-Christian
Age



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Foreword by Kevin DeYoung

Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age

1. Homosexuality is NORMAL
2. Being a spiritual person is kinder than being a BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN
3. Feminism is good for the world and the CHURCH
4. Transgenderism is NORMAL
5. Modesty is an outdated burden that serves MALE DOMINANCE and HOLDS WOMEN BACK

Homosexuality is Normal

- Homosexuality is a sin
- Just like any other sin, it must be repented of.
- There is no such thing as a gay Christian.
 - "The actual phrase 'sexual orientation' became the twentieth-century articulation that who you are is determined by the objects of your sexual desire." p. 66
 - Side A Movement - gay affirming Christianity as practice in a monogamous relationship
 - Side B Movement - gay "non-affirming" Christianity as identity and not practiced
 - SSA - identity a sin that is struggled with and to be dealt with (whether by singleness or overcoming)

Being a Spiritual Person is Kinder than Being a Christian

"spiritual"

1. Morality is relativized by varied person or social connections
2. Honesty means being true to one's inner commitments and longing more than to external expectations or objective facts
3. Acceptable models of sexuality and family allow various combinations of persons and genders
4. Marriage is often functionally indistinguishable from mutually convenient cohabitations.
5. Motherhood is celebrated in the same breath with abortion on demand.

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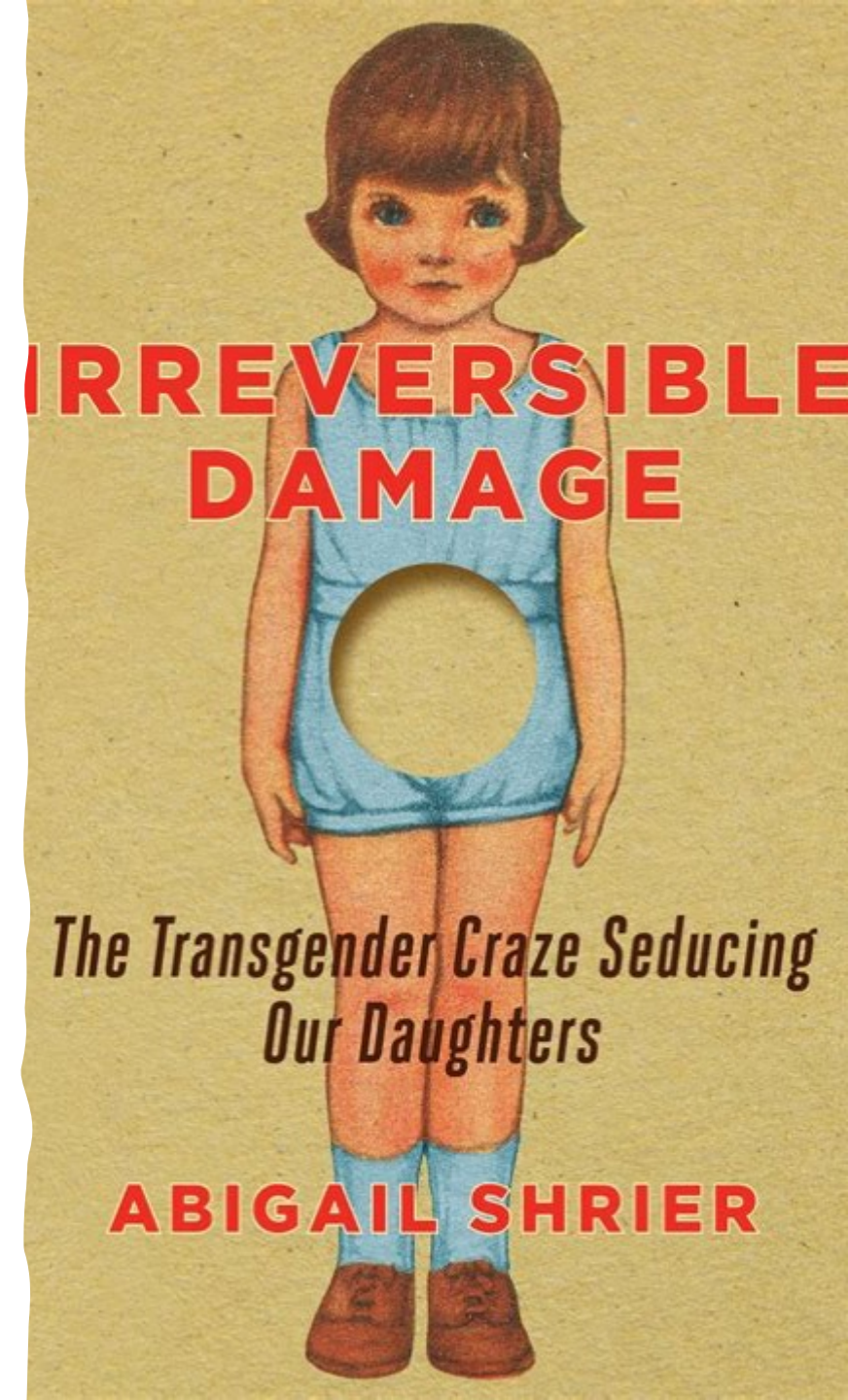
1. Scripture the true source of morality and it is NOT SUBJECTIVE
2. The Bible knows me better than I know myself
3. God made 2 genders and 1 marriage
4. Marriage is a covenant made between bride and groom and God. (Eph. 5:22-23)
5. Motherhood is to be celebrated and life is to be valued

Transgenderism is Normal

- NOPE

Gender Dysphoria and Social Contagions

- “In fact, they turned out to be unprecedented. In America and across the Western world, adolescents were reporting a sudden spike in gender dysphoria—the medical condition associated with the social designation “transgender.” Between 2016 and 2017 the number of gender surgeries for natal females in the U.S. quadrupled, with biological women suddenly accounting for—as we have seen—70 percent of all gender surgeries.¹ In 2018, the UK reported a 4,400 percent rise over the previous decade in teenage girls seeking gender treatments.² In Canada, Sweden, Finland, and the UK, clinicians and gender therapists began reporting a sudden and dramatic shift in the demographics of those presenting with gender dysphoria—from predominately preschool-aged boys to predominately adolescent girls.”



How do we love our neighbors?

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- Teach the Whole Council of God!
- Don't Adopt the Methods of the World.
- Worship Properly "the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." -WSC Question 1

Allberry - *Is God anti-gay?*

- Do not reject them (but do not accept sin)
- Listen to them
- Pray for them
- Spend quality time and with clarity teach them that the gospel is FOR EVERYONE.
- Be a credible witness.