#### Series: **Aliens 3.0** Today's Title: *"Sexual Fluidity"*

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Objective: To help people know the truth behind the trans movement and the Bible's teaching on human sexuality.

# **Opening** prayer

As we consider and study the issues of sex and gender in our culture today, we need to realize this is not simply a matter of choices people are making in their lives.

It certainly boils down to that individual level and each of us is responsible and accountable to God and others for the attitudes we hold and the choices we make.

But we need to realize there are forces at work – physical and spiritual forces at work behind these movements, philosophies, and ideologies.

**Physical forces:** Political activists – social activists – radical activists who want to push / advance their views, beliefs, and ideology onto the culture.

Gerry Blumberg sent me a link to an article – which details 2 Chinese billionaires – 1 of them a co-founder of **Alibaba** (essentially a state-controlled technology entity in China) – who have poured more than \$100 Million into various activist and protest groups who are working to infuse trans-ideology and other gender ideologies into American culture. The article states they are funding these groups to advance a Marxist agenda in the United States, which will weaken and destabilize the nation.

https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2024/03/04/blood-money-two-of-the-biggest-funders-of-the-radical-transgender-movement-inthe-u-s-are-china-linked-billionaires/

There are certainly others – not just foreign investment – but others who are funding groups which promote a transideology or DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) standards and

practices into every large corporation in the United States.

CEI (Corporate Equality Index) – scoring system set up by HRC (Human Rights Campaign) – spent millions lobbying Congress to legislate DEI standards.

The HRC is owned by the Open Society Foundation (OSF) – which is funded by George Soros.

Another wealthy activist is Jennifer Pritzker – who was born James Pritzker in 1950.

In 2013 he announced he would transition to female – and he was celebrated in the press as the *"first trans billionaire"*.

The Pritzker family wealth is from inheriting a sizable part of the Hyatt Hotel fortune.

His cousin is J.B. Pritzker, the Democrat Governor of Illinois, has signed numerous pieces of legislation since 2019, one of which was to inject gender theory into the state education curriculum used in Illinois public schools and to direct Medicaid funds toward transgender surgeries.

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In our own backyard, although he is now retired from the University of Arizona, Professor Susan Stryker, a transwoman – has been a powerful force in the transgender movement.

Excerpts from a speech he gave in 2008 make it clear the transgender movement is about more than sex and gender. He described his work as, "...a secular sermon that unabashedly advocates embracing a disruptive and refigurative genderqueer or transgender power as a spiritual resource for social and environmental transformation."

In one of his best-known essays, he wrote, "The transsexual body is a technological construction that represents a war against western society. I am a transsexual, and therefore I am a monster...and this monster is destined to channel its rage and revenge against the naturalized heterosexual order; against traditional family values; and against the hegemonic oppression of nature itself."

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I could share more examples...the infusion of millions from people and groups who are investing so much money to fund college chairs, Gender Studies Departments, Think Tanks, Research Groups, etc.

**Spiritual Forces:** In addition to the physical forces at work, there are also spiritual forces behind these movements. I believe the spiritual forces – as Paul describes them...

"We don't wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12

These spiritual forces are behind the physical forces. We must realize this is a spiritual battle.

A battle against the things of God – the standards of God and the image of God in each and every person.

Today, I want to discuss what is known as 'Sexual Fluidity' - and help us understand this issue from a Biblical perspective.

The term sexual fluidity comes from the research of *psychologist and professor Dr. Lisa Diamond*, who drew attention to the concept with her 2009 book, "Sexual Fluidity: Understanding Women's Love and Desire."

Why is this important for us to spend the time talking about it?

Because our culture is embracing these ideas – they are being taught to kids in elementary school – and these are issues our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers are dealing with either personally, or through their various relationships.

Ignorance is never a good option for us as Christians.

Sexual Fluidity simply means that one's sexual identity can change – a number of times.

Generation Z has become sexually and relationally amorphous or vague. Consider the influential statements by outspoken young celebrities such as Kristen Stewart and Miley Cyrus.

Stewart, when asked about her sexuality said: *"I think in three* or four years, there are going to be a whole lot more people who don't think it's necessary to figure out if you're gay or straight. It's like, just do your thing."

And from Miley Cyrus: *"[I don't] relate to being boy or girl, and I don't have to have my partner relate to boy or girl."* 

(Eric Sasson, "Kristen Stewart, Miley Cyrus and the Rise of Sexual Fluidity," The Wall Street Journal, August 17, 2015, read online.)

What is being revealed is an increasing "sexual fluidity" that refuses either the homosexual or heterosexual label.

The idea is that both labels are repressive. Sexuality should be set free of any and all restrictions and allowed to follow its desire, moment by moment.

Sexual Fluidity means a person is not 'fixed' in their sexual or gender identity.

They don't want any labels or limits to their expressions or actions.

They want to be whatever they desire in the moment – for a night – a day – a month – a few years...

Asexual – Pansexual – Heterosexual – Homosexual – Bisexual – Cisgender – Genderqueer – Nonbinary – Omnigender – Polygender – Agender – Androgyne – Bigender.

## Why is this believed?

Because the greatest value for this generation is individual freedom, which translates into a full-throated moral relativism.

What we're actually seeing is not simply a rising tide of people who identify as homosexual, trans, pansexual, or bisexual, because that's not the real, foundational problem.

The real problem is the rise of *autonomous individualism*.

In reviewing the past 500 years of Western cultural life, historian, and author Jacques Barzun (1907-2012) concluded that one of the great themes is **"emancipation,"** the desire for independence from all authority.

Barzun concludes that for the modern era, it is perhaps the most characteristic cultural theme of all.

(Jacques Barzun, From Dawn to Decadence: 500 Years of Western Cultural Life, 1500 to the Present.)

The value of "**autonomous individualism**" maintains that each person is independent in terms of destiny and accountability. *Ultimate moral authority is self-generated.* 

The French existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre (1905-1980) once observed, "Man is the being whose project is to be God."

(Jean-Paul Sartre, Existentialism and Human Emotions.)

But why these issues of gender / sexuality?

**Physically:** These disrupt and weaken marriage.

They weaken and destroy families.

They promote individualism – and individual freedom.

These are ideals based in Marxism – and their intent is to disrupt and dismantle the societies of the West.

They believe any restrictions or moral constraints will limit personal happiness.

If they can get rid of all the restrictions and moral constraints regarding sexuality – which they believe is due to the social construct, they believe there will be no more guilt or shame.

**Spiritually:** These issues attack / mock / rebel against the image of God in each person. They reject the design of God for human sexuality, enjoyment, purpose, and responsibility. They reject God's authority and His commands about sex and marriage.

They remove God and replace Him with self.

But freedom and liberty – freedom from guilt and shame – are not the reality or experience of those who live in this manner.

What does the Bible say about our bodies? What does it say about men and women? What does it say about these issues?

I don't want to repeat what I covered last Sunday. And the issues here – as wide and vast as they are – I want to focus on 3 things – 3 topics that are larger than the trans issue.

## God's *intentional* work of *creating* us.

When God created Adam and Eve (humanity), He gave us a divine fingerprint, divine purpose, and intention. Scripture is clear on this.

We are the only part of creation that has the *"fingerprint of God"* in our makeup.

Genesis 1:27

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

The <u>"image of God"</u> is what gives humanity it's

incredible worth – value – significance – and

ultimately a purpose well beyond ourselves.

Every person is fearfully and wonderfully made by God.

#### Psalm 139:13-14

"For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

God was aware and involved with our coming into being – our conception – and our in-utero creation and growth.

Our bodies are ultimately created for God.

Our culture says, "Be true to yourself." "Live your true self."

*What if* the foundation of these statements is totally wrong.

What if we are not the center of the universe...

*What if* we are not the primary or ultimate authority...

*What if* we are in fact the problem?

What if God is the center of the universe????

*What if* everything revolves around God – and not us or our interests and desires?

*What if* the purpose of our bodies is not selfgratification, but the purpose of our bodies is Godglorification??

Our culture tends to think the Christian / Biblical view of sex and marriage is greatly offensive. In fact, the Bible is much more offensive than its view on sex and marriage!

The greatest offense in the Bible is the stated reality of God!

"In the beginning, God ... " - Genesis 1:1

If that verse is true...

Then God is the center of it all.

Our existence is due to Him alone.

Therefore, our purpose as creatures – the created ones – is to honor, worship, and obey the Creator and Sustainer of the universe!

God – who has created us – has authority over us – and to whom we are accountable.

We are NOT called to *"Be true to ourselves."* We are called to be true to God – to obey God – to honor God – for our life and lifestyle to glorify God! *What if* this truth about God is the key to having satisfaction with our bodies?

Every one of our bodies is supernaturally designed by God to be satisfied in God.

Psalm 63:1 - NLT

"O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for You. My soul thirsts for You; my whole body longs for You in this parched and weary land where there is no water."

1 Corinthians 6:13

"The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body."

We often question whether our body is a good thing. We might dismiss God's design – and think it's not good.

We may think our body is an accident or a mistake. But the Bible clearly teaches that God took great, meticulous care to create you and your body. Psalm 139:14

"I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well."

Every one of our bodies is sexually defined by God for our good and for the Gospel.

Genesis 1:28

"created male and female..."

Your sexed body is not only for human sexuality.

In **Ephesians 5**, Paul makes it clear that our sexuality as expressed in marriage between a man and a woman is also a reflection of the beauty, intimacy, sacrifice, submission, and unity of the Triune God.

Our marriage relationship – including the sexual union between a husband and wife – is to be a reflection of Him.

### The *universal* fallenness of humanity.

We are all prone to sexual confusion, deviation, and rebellion against God.

We see this recorded multiple throughout the Bible. Every single one of us is guilty of some sort of sexual sin.

Our sexual thoughts and desires have betrayed

us, as Jesus teaches in Matthew 5:27-30.

Our culture preaches that if you have a desire, you should pursue it – fulfill it.

You have a right to fulfill it and nobody should prevent you from this desire.

You were made to have this desire – and this is who you are.

Many years ago, Time Magazine's cover featured an article that said, *'Infidelity may be in our genetic makeup.'* 

So, if we have a desire – even one that can be traced to our genes – is it a 'right' – is it recommended and healthy and productive to fulfill that desire?

# Absolutely not!!!

# BTW – infidelity is not genetic.

It's a behavior – a choice.

- But one person may have more of a craving / appetite for certain types of behavior...

- Another person has an appetite for other types of behaviors.

But we are all – each one of us – still called to submit those desires to the rule of Christ!

Each of us is born with evil inclinations – evil desires – sexual confusion and deviation from God's perfect design.

But these inclinations don't give us the freedom, permission, or right to pursue these desires.

You can trust God and what He has created – and what He has commanded about sex and our relationships.

We are all guilty of sexual sin and separated from God. Romans 3:23

"...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ..."

The universal need for *reconciliation* and *redemption* is found only in Christ.

We are all desperately in need of reconciliation with God.

Nobody can claim righteousness or holiness apart from Christ.

Psalm 51:10-12

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

Our greatest joy is not when we rebel and reject God's commands and guidelines for our life, but when we are reconciled to God.

Sexual freedom and liberty to do as we want is not the key to happiness and joy.

Sin - including sexual sin - will result in bondage, not freedom.

Jesus has made a way for all of us to enjoy our ultimate identity in God.

When a person puts their faith in Christ as their Savior, they don't only receive forgiveness – but forgiveness PLUS a new identity!

Colossians 1:13-14

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Colossians 3:5, 9-10

5 "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

...put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator."

#### Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

We experience a new life -a new identity when we put our faith in Christ.

1 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Our new identity if not based in us.

It's not based in who we used to be.

It's not based in what we do.

## It's based in the person of Christ and His very nature!

It's based in what He has done – which overrides what we have done and continue to do.

Our culture equates 'Identity' with one's 'sexuality'.

There are all sorts of labels people put on - and in this label is where they source their identity.

But Jesus is so much more powerful than our lowly labels.

The labels we have in Christ:

- We are loved.
- We are fellow heirs with Christ.
- We are redeemed cleansed.
- We are liberated set free from sin!
- We are called justified sealed with the Holy Spirit.
- We are forgiven.
- We are part of the family of God.
- We are a new creation <u>"in Christ"</u>.
- Christ is in us!
- We have been taken from darkness to the Kingdom of Light!
- We are at peace with God.

## Apply it...

Know the physical and spiritual forces at work.

True freedom and joy are found in Christ, not sexual expression, or identity.

Pray & Invite – Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

Close in prayer