

An Apple in Modern Eden: The Biblical and Emotional Truths About LGBT Issues

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True or False?

1. Homosexual/Transgender feelings are a choice.
2. Gay marriage is about love & marriage.
3. There is a Gay gene and a Transgender gene.
4. The highest at risk group for disease is age 18-25.
5. Safe sex prevents diseases.
6. Homosexual Christians were in the early church.
7. LGBT persons are mentally ill.
8. Temptations are sinful.
9. Repentant homosexuals are fully accepted in the church.
10. Transgenders are defined as intersex.

TRUE or false?

1. Women can be genetically born in men's bodies.
2. Transgenderism is about being true to one's self.
3. Early trauma in gender identity can cause T.
4. Trans population at much higher risk for drugs/violence.
5. Transgenders are mentally ill.
6. Trans persons come from mentally ill families.
7. Other profound emotional issues attend T.

Scripture

1st Corinthians 6:9-11... Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

Romans 1:25-27... They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-- who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

What's the LGBT answer to these scriptures?

Homosexuality

The Basics – 3 Causes

- 1. Severe Gender Inferiority or Dysphoria**
- 2. Severely Unmet Needs...**
 - Affirmation, Approval, Affection**
 - Early relationship insecurity**
- 3. Sexual Abuse**

Sexual Abuse

- **Yes...It happens**
- **50%-75% of Gay men were sexually abused**
- **Yes, It happens...even within the Church**
- **1 in every 4 girls...1 in every 7 boys**

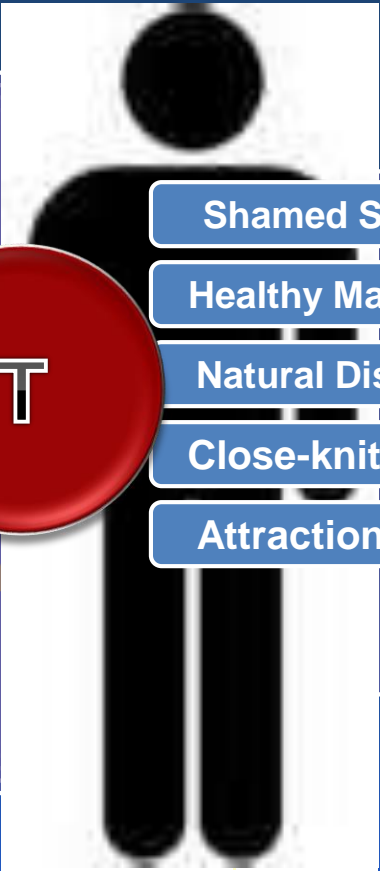
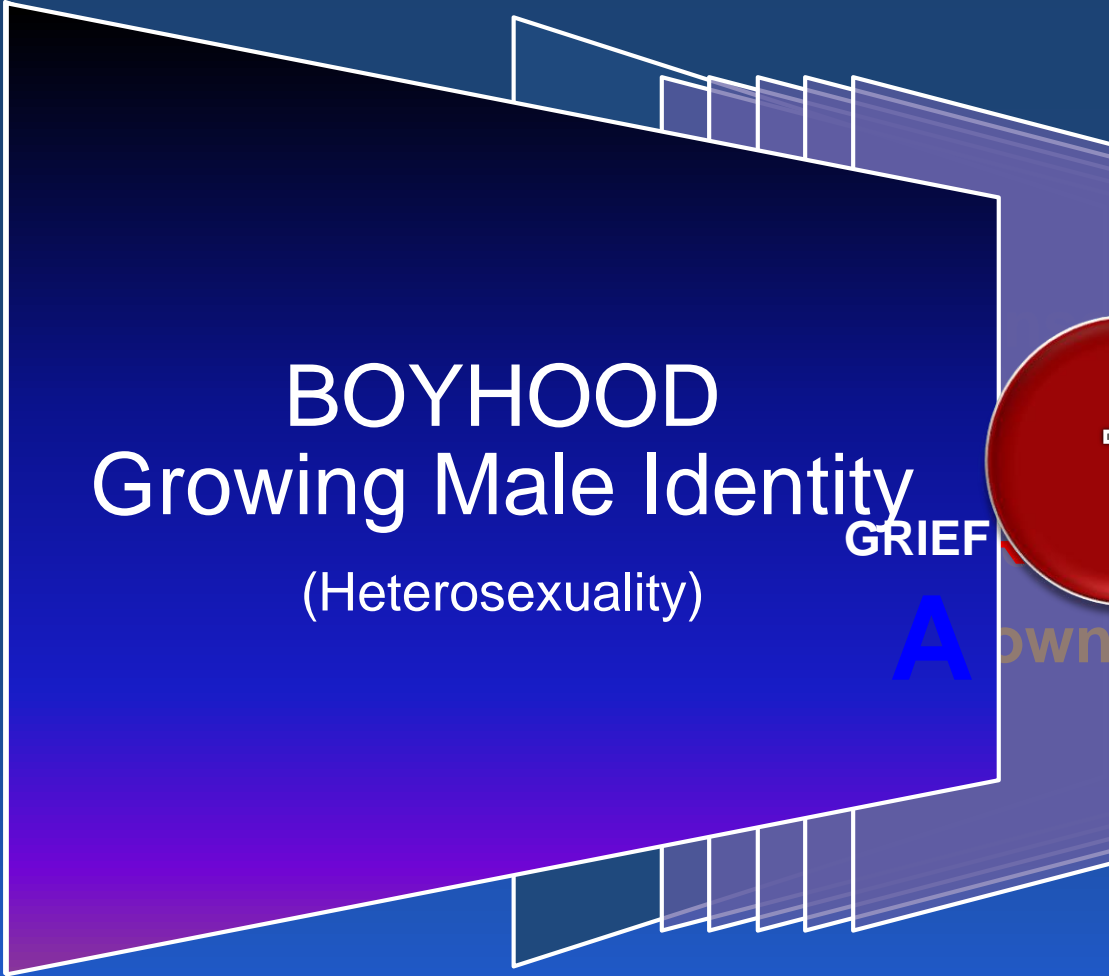
What's supposed to happen



Gender Identity Inferiority...Unmet Needs



Understanding the Root Causes of Homosexuality



- Shamed Self into A-Self
- Healthy Male Self-esteem
- Natural Dissipation of H.
- Close-knit Male Friends
- Attractions for Women

LGBT Issues are Overtaking our Country & Churches: What Do We Do?

Approximately 2.5% of Americans identify as homosexual

Where did the LGBT movement come from?

1972...DSM II

AIDS in the 80's

1960s, Movies, TV, Internet, Universities, high schools,
Wealthy advocates, elected officials, the President, judges &
American denial

Who's next? What's next?

The homosexual agenda contains only a 3 tier foundation:

1. Born that way theory 2. It's all about love 3. Civil rights.

In their own words: Ted

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give to myself. The road was long and very painful, but as with every aspect of life, nothing of real value comes easy. That motto has been my driving force and my guiding light through times of darkness and despair. If something is difficult to do, the level of difficulty was my indicator to do exactly that which I wanted to avoid. It takes courage, honor, grits, and character to do the deep emotional work that can cause one's sexual attractions to shift. And it is no mistake that those are the same characteristics that make a strong man.

I grew up with five siblings. I was second in line, and the first-born son. My father did not physically abandon our family, but he was an alcoholic and totally emotionally absent. There was no connection between my father and me. There were no hugs, putting me on his shoulders, or other affirmations that a boy naturally wants from his father. In response, I defensively detached from my father at a very young age. Until I started my reparative therapy, I had under-estimated the profound "father wound" I carried inside.

My mother's relationship with my father was defined by constant strife over his alcoholism, gambling, and coming home late. My father was the "bad guy" in our household. We all took my mothers' side. We were all triangulated into the relationship between her and my father. She was "safer," because she was present and provided more comfort and attention than he. However, my mother always suffered from migraines, sudden mood swings, and other problems. I am sure raising five kids on her own took its toll on her emotionally and physically. My mother was both physically and emotionally abusive. She screamed and yelled a lot. She would leave all of us home by ourselves as she went out looking for her husband in bars. In her bursts of anger and frustration she beat us with coat hangers to settle fights and squabbles us kids had. There were no healthy boundaries set in our home. She could not handle us. And she hung on to an unhealthy relationship at all odds.

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shame I had about myself, and yet I had a fascination about them at the same time. It did not take long before my feelings turned to lust. I did have a first girlfriend; the relationship was sexual, but not healthy. I was emotionally unable to love her, and only used her for my own gratification. I did not touch her very much, and needless to say, she broke up with me out of her frustration over a very one-sided relationship.

My first year of college was very scary for me. I was not attracted to girls at all, and at the same time, I was fearful of my male peers. I carried a lot of fear and shame. I kept safe by keeping my nose in my studies. Over time I became comfortable with my college roommate, and we began to fool around. For him it was a passing curiosity, but for me, it became an obsession. It was my first sexual relationship with a man. He saw my neediness and became guarded. He asked me point blank if I was gay. I denied it, figuring he would be repulsed. Soon we stopped. Later in life he married and had three kids.

A second girlfriend entered the picture during my second year of college. We were sexually intimate during those years, but I had this deep hunger for the men in the dorms and on campus. It plagued me. I came out to her because we were so close and talked about everything. She handled it surprisingly well, and we both took it on ourselves to make it our mission to get to the bottom of my sexual confusion. She was a psychology major, and I was sociology, so we knew how to do research, but the task before us was daunting.

There were volumes of literature on homosexuality. It was nurture versus nature, in a nutshell. But the truth was, my attractions to men were so strong, it didn't matter what the research said. I determined that my sexual attraction had to be genetic since it was so strong. And it turned out that three of my siblings also had same-sex attraction.

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I got my degree. My girlfriend and I went our separate ways. I could not deny my attractions to men. I was free. I began to act out and embrace the gay life style. The first two years I had many openly gay friends. A good time consisted of us going to West Hollywood, getting drunk, and picking up guys.

Over the next 10 years, I had two five-year relationships with gay men. The first was a "cheater," and I thank God that I never contracted AIDS. I was totally sexually obsessed with this man, and it was a difficult thing to break off

the relationship. The second was an awesome man. I love him to this day, but now in a deeper way, as a brother. We built a home down in Mexico. I had found what I was looking for!

But soon this nagging feeling started to surface -- that there was still something missing in my life. I had everything, yet my soul seemed empty. I did not feel complete. I denied and suppressed the feeling for almost a year. Then one day, my heart literally started to speak to

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fear in my eyes and asked me if there was something troubling me. There was. I was dying of emptiness. Yet, I continued to deny my heart, though I knew the truth. I guess I learned from my mother to just hang on at all odds.

Then about two and half years ago, one day back home I was listening to the radio. Dr. Laura was talking about this book by Socarides called "Homosexuality: A Freedom Too Far." She talked about how homosexuality is not genetic in nature, and how it was taken off the list of deviant behavior in the world of psychology under pressure from a radical group of gay psychologists. She explained that Socarides had worked with hundreds of homosexual men, and that in his clinical studies he found that homosexual behavior is a core identity and emotional issue.

The topic intrigued me, so I bought Socarides book. The book spoke to my heart directly. It took three months to read, because with each passing chapter I began to realize the truth about homosexuality, its causes and meanings. With each chapter, my heart told me that I would have to break up with my boyfriend. If I were to truly find happiness in life, I would have to become a man in all his power, and start addressing some heavy emotional baggage that I had been carrying around since childhood.

I broke up with my boyfriend. It was the hardest thing I have ever done in my life, but I could no longer deny that there was indeed something more for me to discover about myself. I hate to read, but I had this insatiable hunger for the truth. I read Richard Cohen's book, "Coming Out Straight." I read "Battle for Normality" by Van Den Ardwig. I read Nicolosi's books and countless articles. I could not stop seeking out the truth. Every book had my story in it. I became well versed in father wounds, mother wounds, triadic relationships, defensive detachment, and missing steps in core identity development. My homosexuality was just a symptom of profound and deep emotional arrest. It

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connection to the world of men to which I belong and had not been a part of before. Many of these men are my New Warrior and Journey into Manhood brothers. They helped to initiate me into a more authentic manhood. With this healthy connection to men, I have learned what men do, how they act, feel, and express themselves.

I have become transformed. I have experienced physical changes in my voice, and most importantly, I have experienced emotional changes. I am more at peace with myself than I have ever been in my whole life. Gone are the manic energies I used to have. I am much more on an even keel. My energy is real, and I feel more connected to my body. I am comfortable in my own skin. I have the male friendships that I have always desired. My relationship with my father is the best that it has ever been. More importantly, my attraction to women surfaces more each day. I have indeed become a man.

Now, I am on a new journey. I put out my hand to same-sex attracted men who are open to the possibilities of change, men who are just starting on the path of healing. My mission is to be a mentor and role model for these brothers. I want to give back what was so generously given to me. I have healed to the point where my cup is running over.

I have started an SSA healing ministry at my church. I serve as a volunteer staff member on Journey into Manhood and New Warrior weekends. I helped create a local support group for same-sex attracted men seeking change.

Sometimes I find myself asking where do I stop? Well, the world needs to hear the truth. This work is the only answer to the "genetic" lies portrayed in the media -- the lie that I once bought into. With the increasing acceptance

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The Wave of LGBT Issues has taken over our country!

What's a Christian to do?

I Peter 1: 6-9

...though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

What's a Christian To Do?

What's changed?

Gay Marriage/Homosexuality & Transgenderism are normal

Federal laws that require churches to accept immorality.

LGBT philosophy and sex education from kindergarten – universities

National leaders, including Hillary Clinton, to pass bans on therapy

5 states banned therapy for children with unwanted SSA

Television/film/media embracing LGBT philosophy

Obama-Adoption of transgender policies in every school system in US

Supreme Court & judges increasingly ruling pro-LGBT philosophy.

American companies instituting LGBT philosophy into all levels.

We are one step away from a lawsuit and persecution.

What's a Christian to do?



https://www.yahoo.com/news/m/d1f79a75-bd67-38f0-9e66-e02db77fc3a8/ss_civil-rights-commission%3A.html

(CNSNews.com) –

A new report by the United States Commission on Civil Rights supports the majority on the federal commission, who say that efforts to protect religious liberty and freedom are really a way for individuals and entities to discriminate against people who don't share their beliefs. "The phrases 'religious liberty' and 'religious freedom' will stand for nothing except hypocrisy so long as they remain code words for discrimination, intolerance, racism, sexism, homophobia, Islamophobia, Christian supremacy or any form of intolerance,"

Who are these people who have changed the world?

What's a Christian to do?



I Peter 2: 11-12

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul:

Having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Matt 9:10- 13

As Jesus was having a meal in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Jesus and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 When Jesus heard this he said, "Those who are healthy don't need a physician, but those who are sick do. 13 Go and learn what this saying means: 'I want mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Who now are the people of love...of goodness?

What's a Christian to do?



2 Peter 1:4-8

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

How do we add all this?

What's a Christian to do?



I Peter 2: 11-12

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore of sound mind, and be sober unto prayer: above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covereth a multitude of sins:

How do we be fervent in love with each other?

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How Do We Help the LGBT Struggler?

The Greatest of these is Love...1 Cor. 13:13

...Have to talk about it...Reality, scripture, love.

...Demonstrate compassion.

...Learn how shame creates homosexual feelings.

...Educate church members and your family.

...Offer need fulfillment to the needy.

...Get them help, therapy, groups, etc.

...Be a part of their lives...mentorship

If you don't, other men & women WILL.

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Authentic Reparative Therapy...

...Reflects sound biblical principles

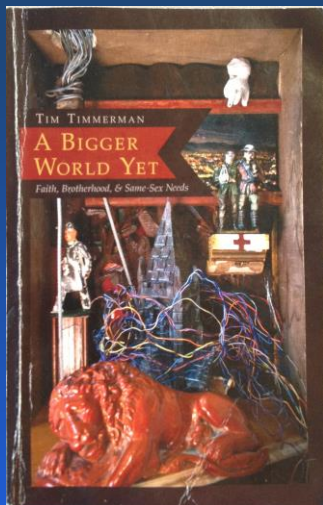
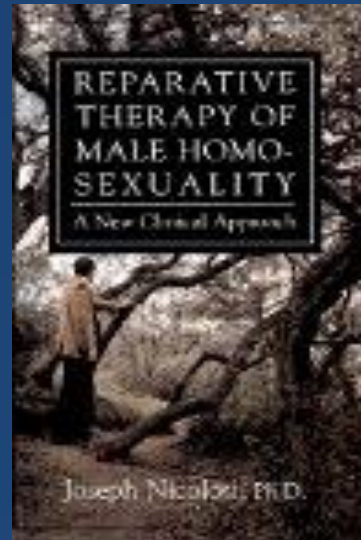
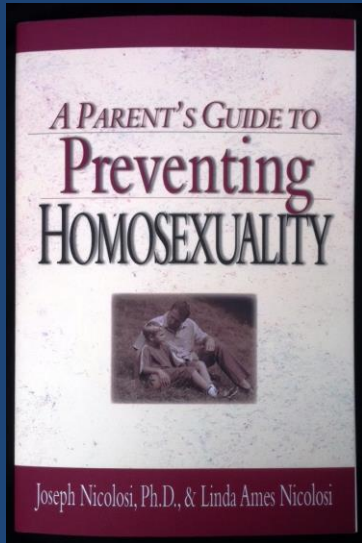
...Is not a “magic pill” and doesn’t “trump” the Word

...Works because it feels and deals with causes

...Reflects compassion (Agape)

God is in it all...He is the great Physician!
In the New Testament...Love is the answer.

RESOURCES



www.voices-of-change.org, www.narth.com

www.davidpickuplmft.com

<http://www.breakpoint.org/2017/03/breakpoint-the-silent-suffering-of-gay-men/>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/two-minute-clip-homosexuality-every-christian-should-watch>
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/you-are-not-your-sexuality>,
<https://youtu.be/ptNHDclmFSE>

Transgenderism in Children and Adults:

*Traumatic Causes, The Healing Power of God,
and Successful Therapy*



Transgender...The Basics

- 1. Severe Gender Identity Dysphoria...**
Intense unsettling family dysfunction
- 2. Severely Unmet Needs...**
Affirmation, Approval, Affection
- 3. Medical abuse/Media abuse/Activism**

The research says...

- 1. 75% of gender dysphoria persons resolved by adulthood.**
- 2. 20% suicide rate**
- 3. Johns/Hopkins and others closes transgender clinics**
- 4. Current research says “We don’t know” causes**
<http://thefederalist.com/2016/04/26/7-questions-about-transgender-people-answered/>
- 5. DSM5 change – Gender ID Disorder to Dysphoria**

The testimonials...

1. Walt Heyer –

- <http://www.sexchangeregret.com>
- <http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/04/14905/>
- **"Sex Change" Surgery: What Bruce Jenner, Diane Sawyer, and You Should Know** by [Walt Heyer](#) within [Culture](#), [Sexuality](#), April 27th, 2015

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Bruce Jenner and Diane Sawyer could benefit from a history lesson. I know, because [I suffered through “sex change” surgery and lived as a woman](#) for eight years. The surgery fixed nothing—it only masked and exacerbated deeper psychological problems.

The beginnings of the transgender movement have gotten lost today in the push for transgender rights, acceptance, and tolerance. If more people were aware of the dark and troubled history of sex-reassignment surgery, perhaps we wouldn’t be so quick to push people toward it.

The setting for the first transgender surgeries (mostly male-to-female) was in university-based clinics, starting in the 1950s and progressing through the 1960s and the 1970s. When the researchers tallied the results and found no objective proof that it was successful—and, in fact, evidence that it was harmful—the universities stopped offering sex-reassignment surgery.

Since then, private surgeons have stepped in to take their place. Without any scrutiny or accountability for their results, their practices have grown, leaving shame, regret, and suicide in their wake.

The testimonials...

“The Founding Fathers” of the Transgender Movement - The transgender movement began as the brainchild of three men who shared a common bond: all three were pedophilia activists. Kinsey, Benjamin, Money, Walker in the 50's through recent.

1. Dr. Kinsey experiments, Dr. Benjamin recommendations of surgery and hormones, accident. Money believed gender changeable in early childhood through surgery; Dr. Walker, (Heyer's doctor) created Walker Standard of “Care.”

Walt – “Eventually, I gathered the courage to admit that the surgery had fixed nothing—it only masked and exacerbated deeper psychological problems. The deception and lack of transparency I experienced in the 1980s still surround gender change surgery today. For the sake of others who struggle with gender dysphoria, [I cannot remain silent](#). It is intellectually dishonest to ignore the facts that surgery never has been a medically necessary procedure for treating gender dysphoria and that taking cross-gender hormones can be harmful. Modern transgender activists, the descendants of Kinsey, Benjamin, and John Money, keep alive the practice of medically unnecessary gender-change surgery by controlling the flow of published information and by squelching research and personal stories that tell of the regret, unhappiness, and suicide experienced by those who undergo such surgery. Negative outcomes are only acknowledged as a way to blame society for its transphobia.”

The Greatest Testimonial – How Do We Help?

Genesis 5:2...Mark 10:6

“...from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.”

Truth & Compassion works!

Compassion is not compassion without Truth

ALWAYS emotional disturbance within the parental and child relationship...intense insecurity, and dissociation to compensate. For example...

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Spiritual compassion, walking *with* a struggler without judgmentalism.

Intense professional therapy...knowing how to reveal the emotional abandonment/dissociation...reset of family structure, also complementary to God's design...Joy to experience wholeness of bio gender.

Stand up in the church...in society

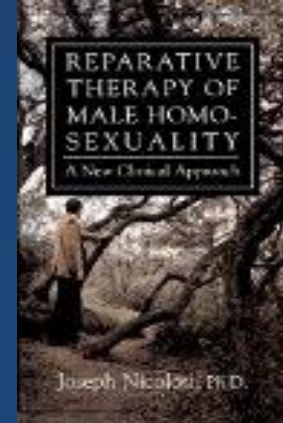
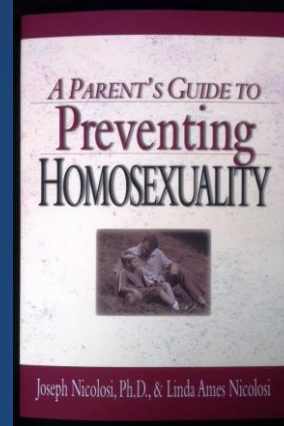
For your children

For your children's children

By revealing biblical truth, the research, the false evidence and compassionate relationships and therapy that works.

Most school boards, lay persons and many professionals do NOT know the evidence!

RESOURCES



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narth.com

ReparativeTherapyCenter.com

sexchangeregret.com

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Saturday

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2:00 PM: The Wave of LGBT Issues has Overtaken our Country and our Churches: What Do We Do?

3:00 PM: How Do We Help the LGBT Struggler?

Sunday

10:30 AM: Causes of LGBT Issues: Spiritual and Emotional Underpinnings

11:30 AM: How Parents Can Prevent LGBT Issues in their Children & How Can the Church Minister to Strugglers