

Online Catechism Lesson 17: Against homosexuality and transgenderism, and God does not create men as homosexuals, alcoholics, or as any other kind of sinner

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Against homosexuality and transgenderism

1. Homosexuality, which is men having or desiring sexual relations with men or women having or desiring sexual relations with women, is intrinsically evil and mortally sinful. *“If any one lie with a man as with a woman, both have committed an abomination; let them be put to death; their blood be upon them.”* (Lev. 20:13) *“For their women have changed the natural use into that use which is against nature. And in like manner the men also, leaving the natural use of the women have burned in their lusts one towards another, men with men working that which is filthy and receiving in themselves the recompense which was due to their error...They who do such things are worthy of death; and not only they that do them, but they also that consent to them that do them.”* (Rom. 1:26-27, 32)
2. It is heresy to believe that only homosexual acts are mortal sins and not also homosexual thoughts. The dogma is that mortal sins are committed not only by actions but also by thoughts: Jesus says, *“I say to you, that whosoever shall look on a woman to lust after her, hath already committed adultery with her in his heart.”* (Matthew 5:28)
3. Hence it is heresy to believe that homosexuals are not mortal sinners as long as they do not practice their mortally sinful thoughts. The very fact that they call themselves homosexuals proves that they are mortal sinners.
4. It is also heresy to believe that homosexuals should have the God-given right to promote, defend, or justify their homosexuality. The dogma is that sin has no rights in the eyes of God, for God *“hath given no man license to sin.”* (Ecclesiasticus 15:21)
5. Transgenderism, which is men desiring or trying to become women and women desiring or trying to become men, is intrinsically evil and heresy.¹ *“A woman shall not be clothed with man's apparel, neither shall a man use woman's apparel: for he that doeth these things is abominable before God.”* (Deut. 22:5)
6. However, men who dress like women or a women who dress like men to save a life or evade detection is not transgenderism, as long as they do not desire in their heart to be or look like the other gender.

For example, Roman Martyrology, 4/28: “At Alexandria, the martyrdom of the virgin St. Theodora. For refusing to sacrifice to idols, she was sent to a place of debauchery; but one of the brethren, named Didymus, through the admirable providence of God, delivered her by quickly exchanging garments with her. He was afterwards beheaded and crowned with her in the persecution of Diocletian, under the governor Eustratius.”

¹ An infant who is born with the external sexual organs of a male and a female is either a male or a female depending on its internal organs. If such an infant has the internal organs of a female (a womb and ovaries), then it is a female and the external male sexual organs should be removed. If such an infant has the internal organs of a male, then it is a male and the external female sexual organs should be removed. Hence there is no such thing as a human that is a male and a female.

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I reject and condemn the heresy and blasphemy which states that God created men as homosexuals or alcoholics or drug addicts, which would make God the origin of sin. I believe in the dogma that God made all things to be good and thus the sin of homosexuality or alcoholism or drug addiction comes from men when they abuse their freewill by disobeying God by consenting to the temptations of devils or humans. “*God made man right and he hath entangled himself...*” (Ecclesiastes 7:30)²

I reject and condemn the heresy which states that homosexuality or alcoholism is inherited in the DNA or due to a chemical imbalance or some other physical reason. I believe in the dogma that homosexuality or alcoholism or any other sinful condition is caused by a spiritual sickness of the soul which comes from the abuse of freewill when men consent to these sins and thus become cursed by God.

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² See *RJMI Topic Index*: Heresies: God created some men as homosexuals.