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# David's Great Sin



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# Even Godly People Can Sin

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- Even godly people can sin greatly when they aren't careful
- 2 Samuel 11, 1 Corinthians 10:11–13
- This chapter describes the snowball effect of David's bad choices.
- It started with his decision not to go to war with his army.
- The text emphasizes that it was “the time when kings go out to battle.”
- But David didn't go; he sent Joab instead (11:1–3).



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- David's first choice indicates a huge shift.
- He was starting to behave more like the kings of the pagan nations than a king of Israel.
- God's design was that a king should see himself as a servant to the people, not as being above any of them (Deuteronomy 17:20).
- In God's design, the king would go into battle with his army, not lounge around the palace.



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- As David lounged around, he saw a beautiful woman bathing on her roof.
- At this point, he could have chosen to look away and nothing more would have happened.
- God provides a way out of temptation for us (1 Corinthians 10:13), but David didn't take it.
- David, a man with several wives and many concubines, was told that Bathsheba was already married to Uriah the Hittite. Uriah was off fighting in the battle, which is where David should have been.



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- After Bathsheba became pregnant, David used Uriah as a pawn in his scheme to try to cover up his own sin.
- But Uriah showed more honor and integrity than David by refusing to sleep with his wife while his army was off at battle.
- Everything Uriah said and did in this story illustrates an intentional contrast to the way David acted.
- At this point, Uriah's integrity should have exposed to David his own lack of integrity and sense of entitlement.



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- Godly people can get sucked into sin when they are given unlimited power, money or status, especially if they haven't established good boundaries for themselves and have no one keeping them accountable.
- David lacked strong boundaries. Those around him did whatever he said. No one challenged his actions until it was all over, and Uriah was already dead.
- How might things have been different if David had possessed good boundaries? He could have stopped himself so many times, but he didn't.
- He kept trying to cover up his sin. And things just kept getting worse.



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- David's story is a grim reminder that all of us are capable of committing horrible sins.
- Paul tells those who think they can withstand temptation to “take heed lest he fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12).
- None of us is immune to sin.
- We must put boundaries and accountability in place and lean on the Lord's strength to stand.



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# Godly People Confront

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- Godly people confront their loved ones when it is needed
- 2 Samuel 12:1–9, Ephesians 5:8–13
- The Lord sent the prophet Nathan to rebuke David. Nathan used a creative approach to make David understand the impact of his actions. He told David a story in which he would have identified with the injured party.
- Storytelling is a powerful medium to help us understand other people's experiences and points of view and help us empathize with others because stories help us experience what another person is going through.



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- Jesus often used storytelling in His teaching.
- Stories help us get past our conscious biases about a topic because all our emotions and reactions to a story are instinctual.
- When you experience a story, such as watching a movie or reading a book, you may find yourself crying or laughing without thinking about it.
- You don't stop to think about whether something is sad or funny; you just cry or laugh. This is how Nathan was able to catch David off guard and help him see the damage he had done.



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- David became very angry at the story and declared that this rich man deserved to die, not only because he did this evil thing but because he “had no pity” (12:5–6).
- Just like this man, David had acted with no concern for the people he had hurt. He had thought only about himself, first his sexual desires and then his desire to hide his sin.
- It’s amazing how we can so clearly see the sin in someone else yet not see the same thing in ourselves – as Jesus said about seeing the speck in our friends’ eyes when we have a log in our own (Matthew 7:3–5).



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- Nathan started with a story, but once David got the point, Nathan confronted him boldly.
- Nathan knew the Lord was with him, but it took courage to confront David.
- David had just demonstrated that he had no qualms about having Uriah killed; he could have easily had Nathan killed as well.
- Yet confronting kings with God's Word was one of the responsibilities of the prophets.



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- As believers, we have a responsibility to confront one another when we sin, not to be critical but to help one another (Matthew 18:15–17; Luke 17:3–4; 1 Corinthians 5:12; Galatians 6:1–2; 1 Timothy 5:20; 2 Timothy 4:2).
- It's not pushy or nosy to speak truth into friends' lives to try to prevent them from hurting themselves or others.
- Paul tells us to expose the unfruitful deeds of darkness (Ephesians 5:11). Like turning on a light for someone in a dark room, exposing someone's sin can be a gift to that person.



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# Godly People Repent

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- Godly people repent and accept the consequences of their sin
- 2 Samuel 12:10–23 and Psalm 51
- God made it very clear that He did not approve of David's actions.
- Many of the stories of the Bible show us what not to do.
- David's sin not only hurt many other people, it also “scorned” God, His Word and His standards for sexual purity, honor, honesty and the sanctity of life (12:9, 10, 14).



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- As punishment, God raised up evil against David from his own family.
- One of his sons would rape his daughter, and another son (Absalom) would kill him for it.
- The sword would “never depart” from his house (12:10).
- God was specifically saying here that David’s son Absalom would sleep with his concubines in broad daylight (16:22), which was not only hurtful but also had a political meaning, symbolizing Absalom taking David’s throne and power.



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- The heading of Psalm 51 tells us that David wrote it when Nathan confronted him about his sin.
- David did not challenge God's judgment (51:4). He confessed that his sin was "always before me" (51:3), even his original sin from birth (51:5).
- But he did not despair. He knew God could cleanse him, renew his spirit, and create a pure heart in him (51:7–10).
- David knew that the heart (inner person) is key to rightness with God.



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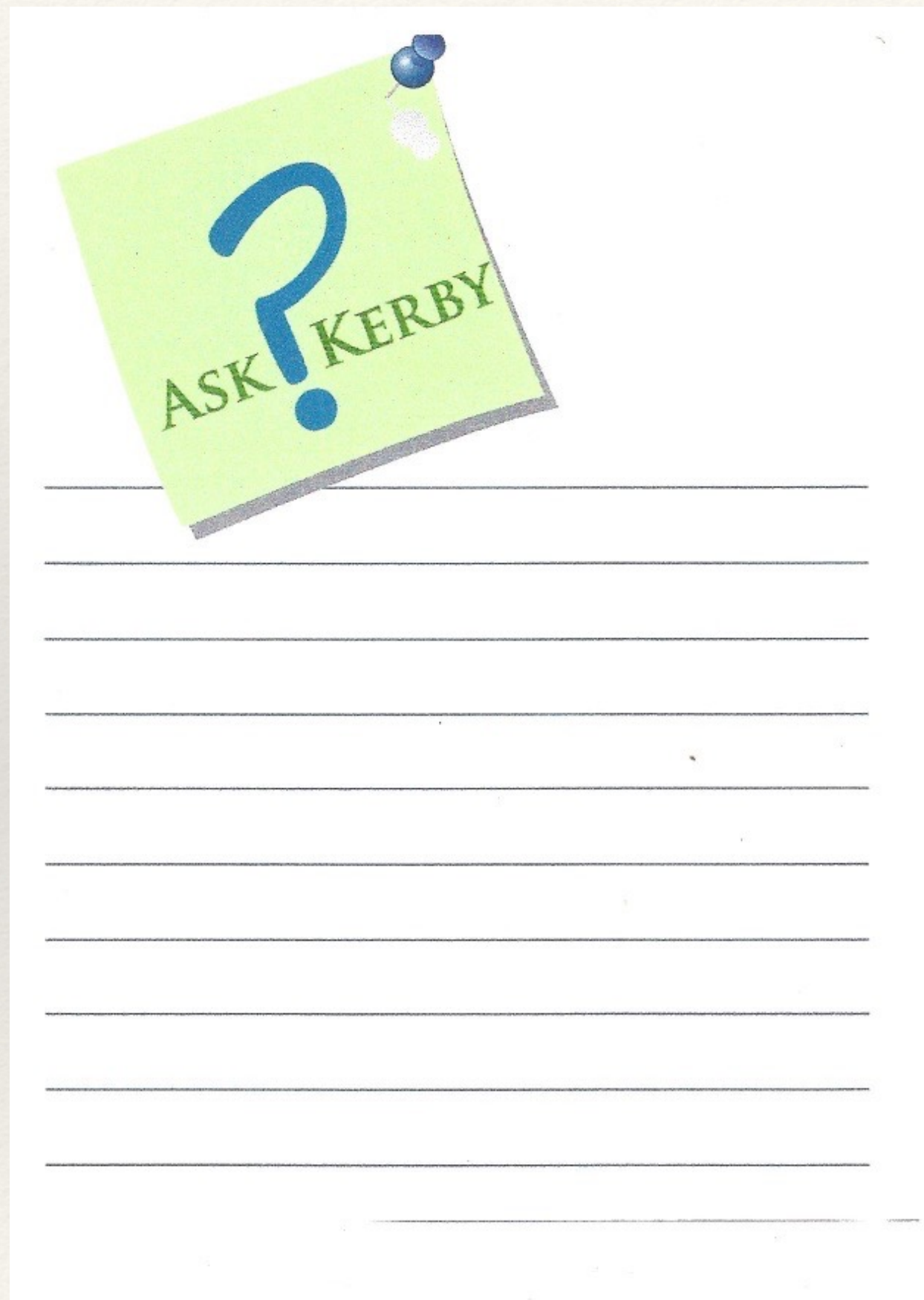
- He also knew that only God could change his heart. He didn't try to figure out how he could make it up to God; he asked God to make him new.
- David said that when God forgave him, saved him, and restored him, he would be able to tell his story of God's grace to others, "so that sinners will turn back to you" (51:13).
- A Bible that is full of perfect, sinless people would not only be fictional, but it would also never help us understand the greatness of God's love, mercy, and grace that are the heart of the Gospel.



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the transgender shooting?

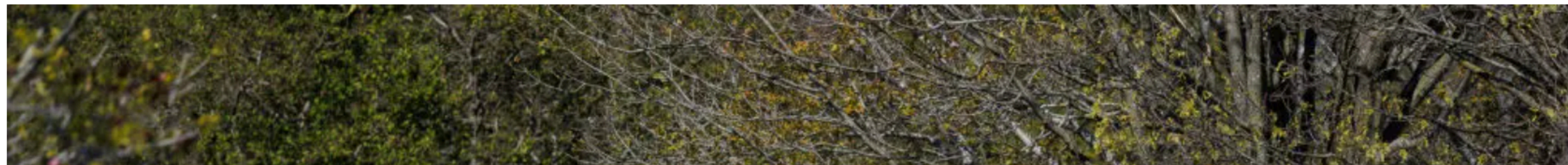


# Nashville Shooting – Justification?

## The Nashville school shooting brings out the worst in our media

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## Therefore What?





# Nashville Shooting - Misgendering?

## Legacy Media Struggle to Characterize Trans Shooter's Sex

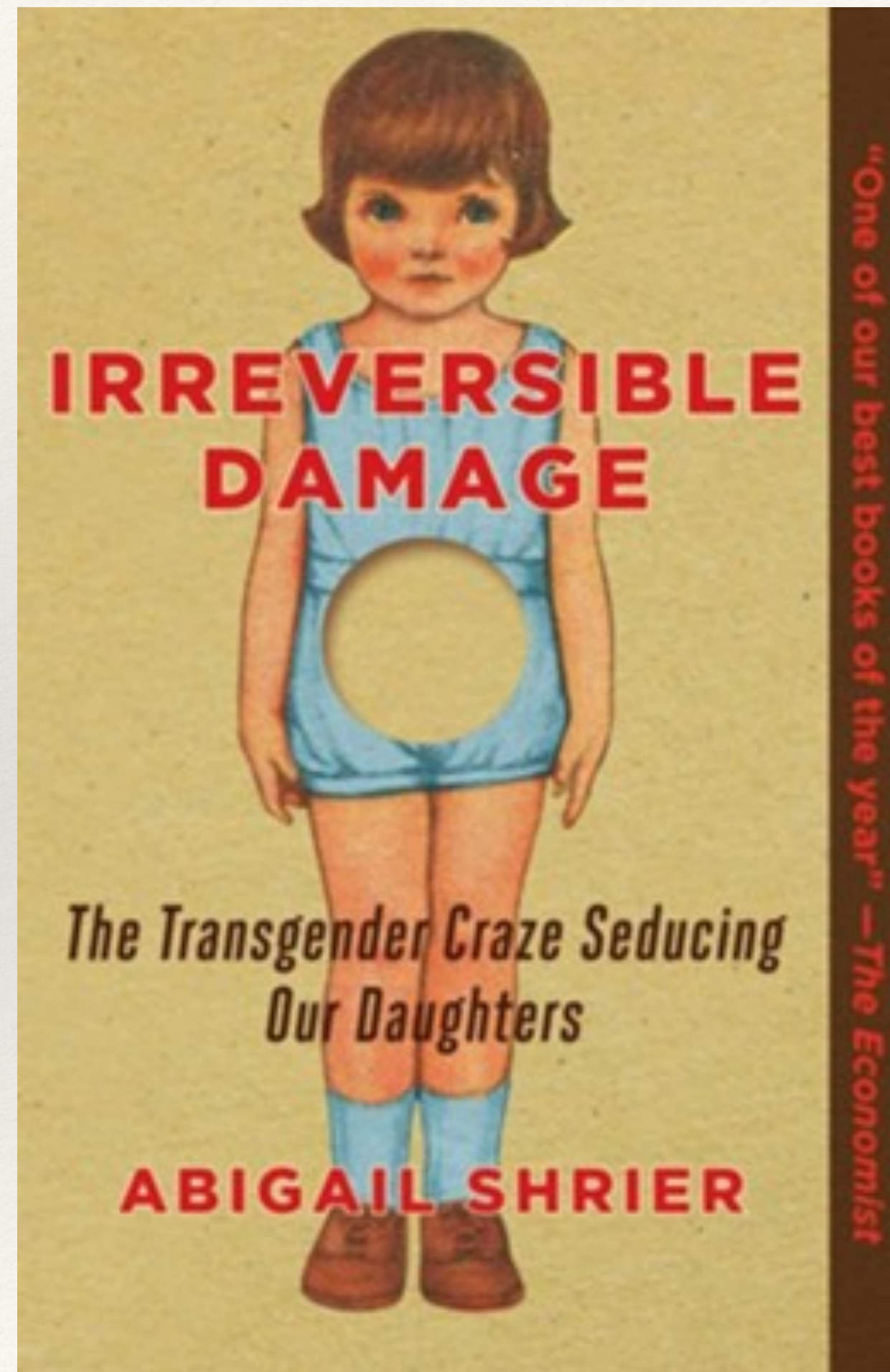


## Humanizing Mass Killers to Vindicate Progressivism





# Transgender Craze



- Abigail Shrier documents the phenomenon of transgender contagion.
- Girls who never experienced any gender discomfort rush to undergo irreversible treatment and surgery.



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- Gender dysphoria, formerly known as “gender identity disorder” is characterized by severe and persistent discomfort in one’s biological sex.
- It typically begins in early childhood and afflicted a sliver of the population (roughly .01 percent) and mostly boys.
- Before 2012, there was no scientific literature on girls (11-21) every having developed gender dysphoria at all.
- The Western world has seen a sudden surge of adolescents claiming to have gender dysphoria and self-identifying as “transgender.”



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- In 2016, Lisa Littman (ob-gyn, public health researcher) noticed that several adolescents (mostly girls) from a small town all came out as transgender.
- She interviewed 256 parents whose kids had not met the criteria of gender dysphoria in childhood, but suddenly identified as transgender.
- The vast majority has zero indicators of childhood gender dysphoria. A majority had one or more psychiatric diagnosis and almost half were engaged in self-harm prior to the onset of dysphoria.
- Over 60 percent said the announcement brought a popularity boost.



# Social Contagion

Yes, We Are Making Kids Trans



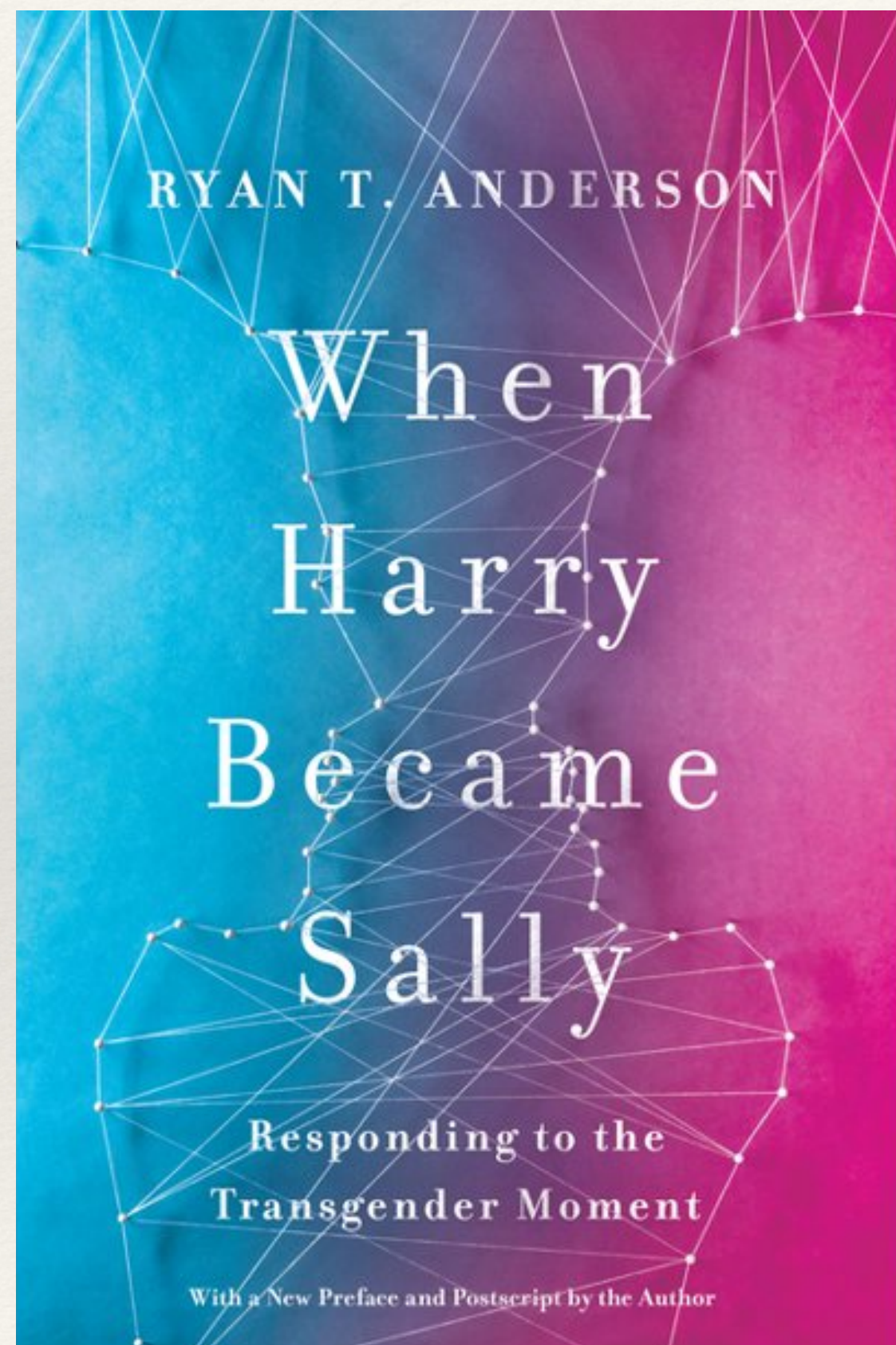
Trans and Teens: The Social-Contagion Factor Is Real



- Internet searches for anorexia declined while searches for transgenderism have soared.
- “Young people in California identify as trans at a nearly 38 percent higher rate than the national average.”
- “In the Davis Joint Unified School District, in a heavily progressive city outside Sacramento, the rate is three times that of California as a whole.”



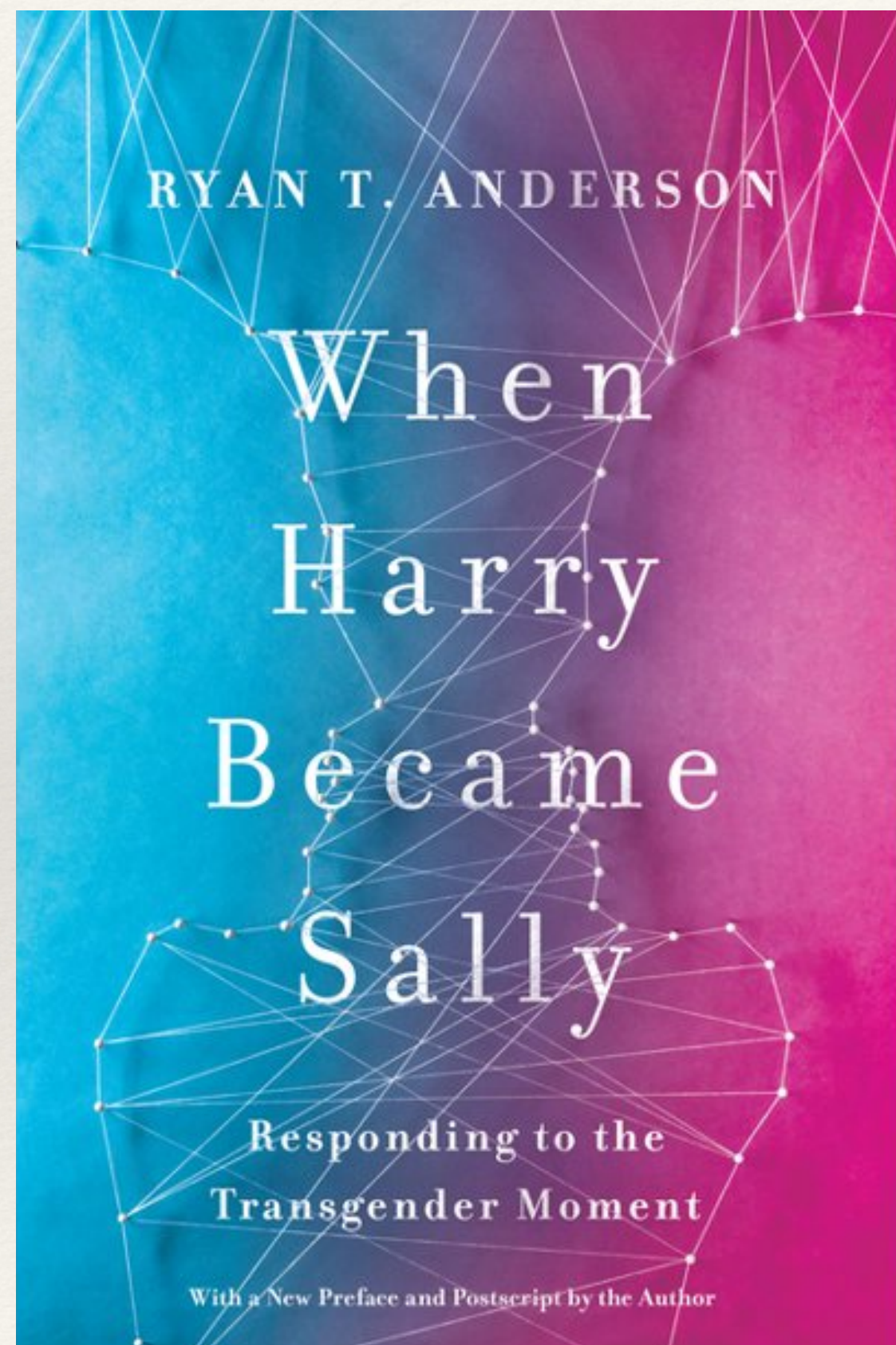
# Transgender Moment



- Dr. Ryan Anderson believes we are in a transgender moment.
- The claim that someone is trapped in the wrong body emphasizes a body-self dualism found in Gnosticism.
- It implies that a person is not the body, but inhabits it and uses it as an instrument.
- The best biology, psychology, and philosophy support an understanding of sex as a bodily reality.



# Transgender Moment



- The best studies of gender dysphoria have found “that between 80 and 95 percent of children who express a discordant gender identity will come to identify with their bodily sex if natural development is allowed to proceed.”
- He reminds us that we should be tolerant and loving toward people who struggle with their gender identity. But we should also be aware of the potential harm when transgender identity is normalized.



## A Heresy for Our Times

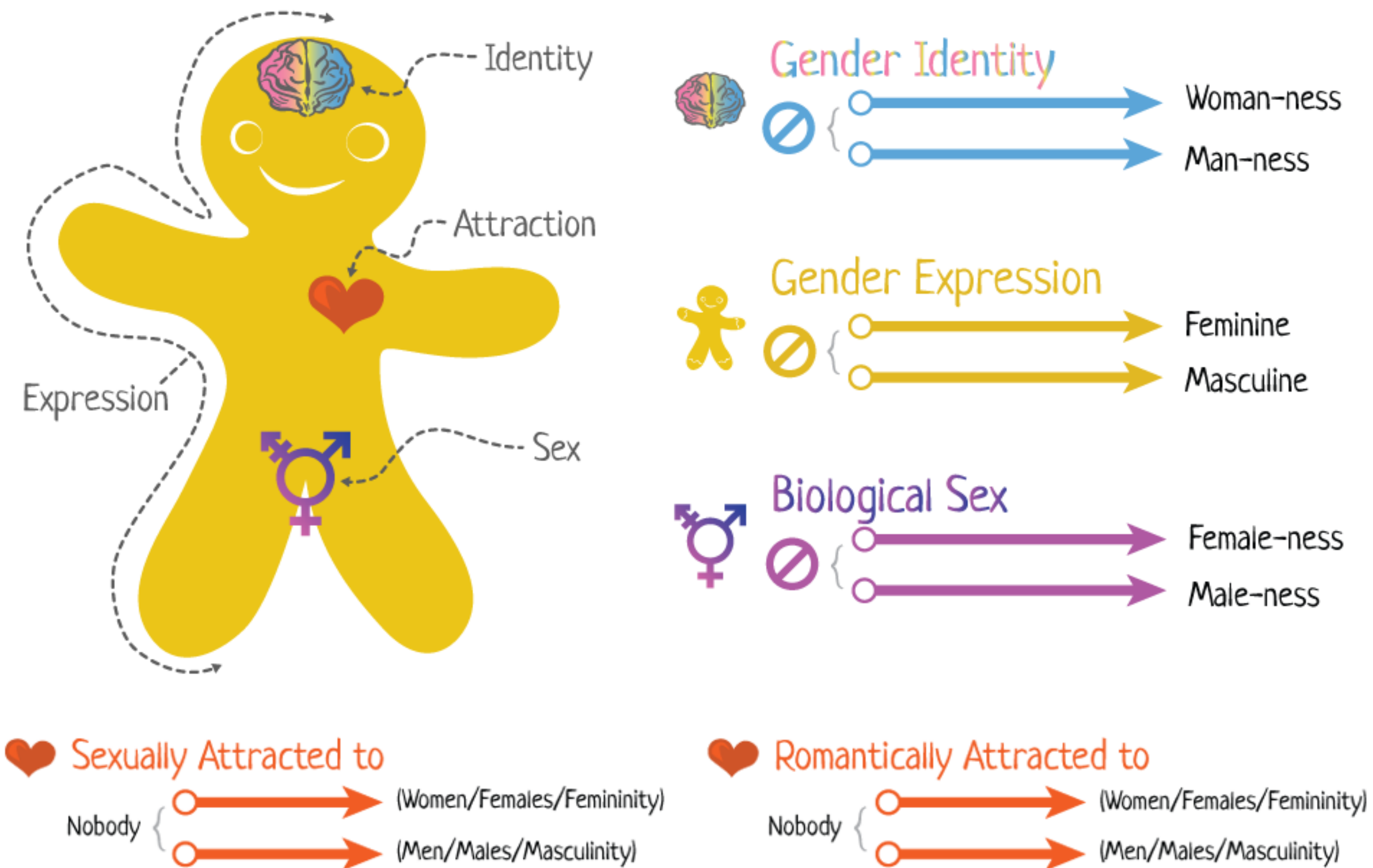


- Have you ever stopped and asked yourself: How, in the year 2023, did humans begin to debate propositions like “Can men become women?”
- How can a society that invents vaccines and sends vehicles to other planets start to doubt the sexual dimorphism of humanity? Or begin to wonder whether our children were routinely “born into the wrong bodies”?



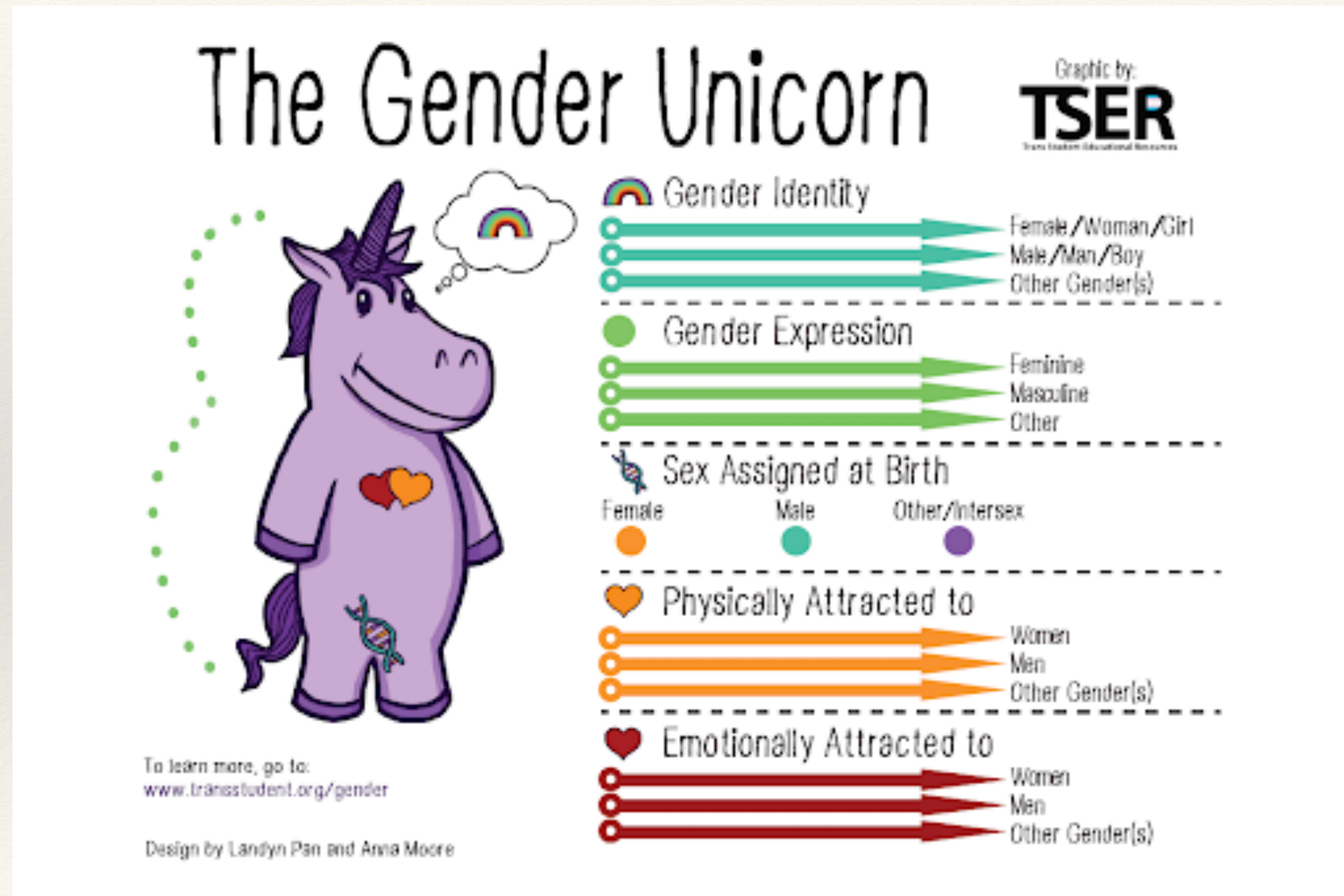
# Transgender in Schools

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# Transgender in College

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- Imagine dropping your daughter off at a Christian college and then learn that her roommate is a male.
- That is the scenario that attorney Julie Marie Blake describes. She, and other ADF attorneys, are representing Missouri's College of the Ozarks.
- Their lawsuit is challenging the Biden Administration rule that added sexual orientation and gender identity to the Fair Housing Act.
- The case is now before the 8th US Circuit Court of Appeals.



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# Biblical Response

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- We believe God is responsible for who we are and what we are.
- Each one of us is created in God's image (Genesis 1:26).
- When God created the first humans in His image, he created them male and female (Genesis 1:27).
- He made woman to be a complement and help to the man (Genesis 2:18-22).
- We can celebrate girls and boys and encourage them to use their gender and their gifts to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 1:31).



