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I don't hate transgender folk, but Pres. Obama's edict is DANGEROUS for little girls!! - GOD Help us all!!

 GORDON WAYNE WATTS · FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016 ·  464 Reads

Dear Pres. Obama and other Federal leaders - re: this Dept of Ed / DOJ joint statement:

[[**3. Sex-Segregated Activities and Facilities**

Title IX's implementing regulations permit a school to provide sex-segregated restrooms, locker rooms, shower facilities, housing, and athletic teams, as well as single-sex classes under certain circumstances. ¹² When a school provides sex-segregated activities and facilities, transgender students must be allowed to participate in such activities and access such facilities consistent with their gender identity. ¹³ ""]]

Citing: [[¹²]]34 C.F.R. §§ 106.32, 106.33, 106.34, 106.41(b). [[¹³]] See 34 C.F.R. § 106.31.

Source: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201605-title-ix-transgender.pdf>

EVERYBODY: Please speak to the president (AND the news media- and all elected leaders everywhere) about this nonsense.

I don't hate transgender people, but preventing this nonsense will not hurt or harm them. ALLOWING it WILL harm others. ((There's enough danger out there for women & girls, who might face rape/assault, etc. - Why make it worse?))

Forcing 9-year-old girls to use the same bathrooms & showers as 14-year-old boys is SICK and DANGEROUS! (Think rape, assault, and worse!)

UPDATE: Here is new information --

"Victimizers Use Any Opening They Can Find

I read these reports, and my heart starts to race. They can't be serious. Let me be clear: I am *not* saying that transgender people are predators. Not by a long shot. What I *am* saying is that there are countless deviant men in this world who will pretend to be transgender as a means of gaining access to the people they want to exploit, namely women and children. It already happens. Just Google Jason Pomares, Norwood Smith Burnes, or Taylor Buehler, for starters."

Source: ["A Rape Survivor Speaks Out About Transgender Bathrooms"](#): There's no way to make everyone happy about transgender bathrooms and locker rooms. So the priority ought to be finding a way to keep everyone safe. Link: <http://thefederalist.com/2015/11/23...>

See also: "Transsexual Returns to Original Gender After Relationship With Christ"

"Walt Heyer says that no one can really change their gender. He should know, too, because he's tried... Today, Heyer says he no longer struggles with his gender identity and uses his testimony to speak out in support of those who have similar struggles and against those who advocate sex reassignment surgery as the solution to the gender identity problems.

A Swedish study published online in February 2011 examined individuals who had sex reassignments between 1973 and 2003, and found that switching sexes can have a significant negative impact on the individual and is not a good solution to someone's gender identity crisis. "This study found substantially higher rates of overall mortality, death from cardiovascular disease and suicide, suicide attempts, and psychiatric hospitalizations in sex-reassigned transsexual individuals compared to a healthy control population," the study's authors write in their conclusion. "This highlights that post-surgical transsexuals are a risk group that need long-term psychiatric and somatic follow-up."

...SRS is cosmetic surgery only, that it is "scientifically, medically and surgically impossible" for a man to actually be changed into a woman, but also says other people need to show compassion toward those who are struggling with gender identity issues.

Today Heyer is married again, and he says that he has found happiness in being the gender that God created him to be."

Source: ["Transsexual Returns to Original Gender After Relationship With Christ,"](#) By Jeff Schapiro, Christian Post Reporter, January 11, 2012 | 4:43 pm

--- My commentary - I agree, and I have degrees in the hard sciences from FSU, so I understand the science. Sex reassignment is futile and wrong, but - as this former transgender man says - we should have love, compassion, and understanding towards transgender folk. We are all different - with different strengths and weaknesses - based on our unique DNA, genetic makeup, upbringing, an environment, but there is hope for ALL - with Jesus.

Gordon Wayne Watts - Lakeland, Fla., USA/--

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Shawn Gilliam Brother Gordon Wayne Watts, how does a person become Transgenderal anyways?

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Gordon Wayne Watts part genetics/DNA - part environment, upbringing - see my other post, or do the research.

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Jerzy Wisniewski



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Kevin Worth Do we have evidence of transgender folks assaulting young people in bathrooms?

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Gordon Wayne Watts Yes - here is but one - see the heading: "Victimizers Use Any Opening They Can Find" in this 1st-hand testimonial:

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Shawn Gilliam People being transgender and forcing respect in these manners just seems to be defiant of Allah (God) brother **Gordon Wayne Watts**. It states in the Quran God made us in 2 parts male and female. They don't get to choose what sex they are only God does. I pray Allah have mercy, and show these transgender people the right path and show them what he has made them, whether male or female so there is no confusion.

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Kevin Worth Sorry I took so long to respond. I'm personally still trying to figure out exactly where I stand on this issue, as both sides raise valid points.

Do we agree that individuals that have undergone the procedure to anatomically become a member of the opposite gender ought to be able to use the bathroom that reflects their new form? I can't see predators undergoing such a procedure in order to victimize women in bathrooms.

If allowing all individuals that identify as transgender to use what bathrooms they are comfortable with would facilitate attacks on women by non-transsexual predators, then what is stopping these predators now?

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Shawn Gilliam This is one reason why in Islam, our woman are required to wear Hijabs and dress modestly, their hair and beauty should only be seen by their husband's, no one else because it creates desire in men, and believing men are also told to lower their gaze when they are around woman, but especially unbeliever woman so they don't commit Zannah (lust) of the eyes upon a woman. The ones who choose this for themselves know in what sex they were born, they have plainly transgressed the limits of Allah in wanting and desiring to be someone who Allah didn't create them to be. They should only use the bathroom for the sex that Allah created them and quit trying to be something they are not

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Kevin Worth** actually, *I* owe *you* an apology for being slow to respond. - Moreover, you raise good points. I agree that people who go to all the trouble to have surgery (of any type) would not likely be predators. Also, probably most transgender (and, for that matter, gay) people are OK - and not predators. But, allowing men and boys into restrooms designated for women and girls is a prescription for chaos: Surely, if rape and assault isn't bad enough, this "surely" won't help: This is plainly obvious to all (except brain-dead liberals) since, of course, any man can pretend to be transgender, allowing even easier access to rape, assault, kill - or worse!

You ask: [""If allowing all individuals that identify as transgender to use what bathrooms they are comfortable with would facilitate attacks on women by non-transsexual predators, then what is stopping these predators now?""] - Well, they may not be 'stopped' by the current laws on the books, but surely, such good laws will slow them down - and, when good laws are allowed to remain in place, then perverted sexual predators who try to "slip in" a women's bathroom (or shower - or locker room) would get a lot more attention (from other who might see them), and thus the good laws resist - even if not eliminate - crime.

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Kevin Worth I understand the point that you're making, but I don't understand the coherence of the narrative in its entirety.

You're saying that allowing transgender folks to use the bathroom of their choice would open the door for male predators to infiltrate women's restrooms (and locker rooms, dressing rooms etc.). Although - as we've agreed - there's technically nothing stopping men from disguising themselves as women and doing the same thing now. While allowing this disguised man to use the women's room wouldn't be illegal under Obama's new order to public high schools, the rape and battery that you fear may follow still would be illegal, thus deterred by the force of the law.

Of course, this man's entry to the bathroom could've been stopped by observers either inside or outside of the bathroom (I'm not sure how many predators carry out attacks in crowded places with witnesses present.) You mention that onlookers would act as a deterrent against such attacks by predators: "...perverted sexual predators who try to "slip in" a women's bathroom (or shower - or locker room) would get a lot more attention (from other who might see them), and thus the good laws resist - even if not eliminate - crime."

Isn't this still true without legally barring transgender individuals from selecting their preferred restroom? I'm confused as to how forcing transsexuals to use the bathrooms assigned to the gender they were born will put any thicker barrier between woman and bathroom predators.

This is an honest confusion. I'm not being facetious, or otherwise attempting to be rude.

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Kevin Worth I'd like to add to my comment above that I do not interpret Title IX of The Civil Rights Act to give Obama the authority to make his most recent demand of public high schools.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Kevin Worth No - you're not being rude. It's an excellent question. Let me answer it this way: "Perception makes a difference - even if not 100%." -- Here is one example: 2 cops were captured by 2 bad guys, and they were thinking about killing them, but when they thought that the death penalty could be imposed, they changed their minds. Likewise, when it's 'legal' to do something, it always makes it less difficult to do than if it's "illegal" with arrest looming large! "Perception, perception, perception..." 😊

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Gordon Wayne Watts Kevin Worth I agree - moreover, it's not only no legal according to Title 9, as some improperly interpret, but, as I say other places, also stupid... in my humble opinion.

Re: [""Kevin Worth {{said}} I'd like to add to my comment above that I do not interpret Title IX of The Civil Rights Act to give Obama the authority to make his most recent demand of public high schools.

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Ron Hornback gordon... this law is a duck blind. the north carolina law has no penalties if a guy is caught. it should make you wonder why a law would be passed if it doesn't do anything. the law is actually about discrimination, legal discrimination. it removes any state help for discrimination cases knowing that taking it to federal court is harder. it even addresses the minimum wage which has nothing to do with bathrooms at all. take this for what it is ... bigotry at its core

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Gordon Wayne Watts Ron Hornback You sound like you are probably right: I have not read the law, and, if indeed, it "smuggles in" unrelated things - and does not offer penalties to the bathroom nonsense, than it is not only a blind duck, but also a Red Herring distraction!! That said, it's still not good common sense to put a "Welcome Sign" for men to enter womens' bathrooms - or invite 14-year old school boys to go to the locker room, showers, and bathrooms with a 9-year-old school girl! (That's a prescription for a country bumpkin @\$\$-whippen by the little girls father to the bad guys - and their family who let this happen! Pres. Barack Obama wants chaos, and this is it! Bad president! He can do better! he knows better... 😂 LOL)

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Ron Hornback Kevin Worth it's not title ten. It's the 14th amendment

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Heather Brown God doesn't make mistakes. All I am saying.

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Gordon Wayne Watts I never said he did, but we all live in a fallen state of sin. See e.g., LUKE 12:48 for but one example of proof of the differential in weaknesses between people. It's a Bible verse where JESUS HIMSELF is the speaker!!

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Gordon Wayne Watts Heather McGill, here is the cite with quote: Luke 12:48 (NIV) Holy Bible, Jesus speaking:

48 But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

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Heather Brown As I said, he doesn't make mistakes and changing your gender is telling God he made a mistake.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Some people are stronger at resisting one temptation -- others stronger at resisting another.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Heather McGill I agree - and this bears repeating:

Heather McGill {{said}} As I said, he doesn't make mistakes and changing your gender is telling God he made a mistake.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Heather McGill proof that you are right:

Genesis 1:31 God saw all that he had made [including PEOPLE, HELLO?!], and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Heather McGill (and all others) - I edited my note, here - plz refresh your page, and see the new information at the very bottom -- which is as follows: (and maybe good to save the page as well)

"UPDATE: Here is new information --

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Gordon Wayne Watts - Lakeland, Fla., USA/--

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Heather Brown How about just standard restrooms like what is in gas stations? Make them all single use. No group restrooms.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Heather McGill good idea, but there is even a danger here that 'regular' bathrooms don't have: Single use bathrooms lock from the inside, and so a guy could grab a woman, drag her inside, and lock the door, and those wishing to save her would have a hard time doing so. (Plus, they would be hidden from plain sight)... just a thought.

Re: [""Heather McGill {{said}}] How about just standard restrooms like what is in gas stations? Make them all single use. No group restrooms.

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Heather Brown It's not hard to open a door wide open and check. I mean, the bathroom would look just like your own bathroom. If someone was on there, everyone standing in line will see.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Heather McGill and the costs might be too much for small, mom & pop businesses to expend funds for 'extra' bathrooms beyond what they've already got.

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Heather Brown They don't need an extra bathroom. Get what I am saying ? Have you been in a little gas station with only ONE restroom?

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Gordon Wayne Watts Heather McGill Even tho I think 'transgender' (e.g., everyone's welcome) bathrooms are DANGEROUS, nonetheless, women also have a duty - to get in shape, train for strength and self-defense, and travel in groups - and avoid known trouble spots. Everyone has a duty to make this world a better place.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Heather McGill Yes, I do recall, but not sure it it would solve all problems...

Re: [""Heather McGill {{said}}] They don't need an extra bathroom. Get what I am saying ? Have you been in a little gas station with only ONE restroom?

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Heather Brown The only problem that needs to be solved is keeping men out of a women's bathroom right?

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Gordon Wayne Watts Heather McGill Well, that is one chief problem we're now facing because our president, his Dept of Ed, and the DOJ are all idiots, but numerous problems exist simultaneously... that being only one of many. 😂 LOL 😂!.. Grr!..

Re: [""Heather McGill {{said}}] The only problem that needs to be solved is keeping men out of a women's bathroom right?

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Brian Duggan Gordon, genetics plays no part in being transgender.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan, the androgen receptor (AR), also known as NR3C4, is activated by the binding of testosterone or dihydrotestosterone, where it plays a critical role in the forming of primary and secondary male sex characteristics. Hare et al. found that male-to-female transsexuals were found to have longer repetitions of the gene, which reduced its effectiveness at binding testosterone.

(source: Hare, L; Bernard, P; Sanchez, F; Baird, P; Vilain, E; Kennedy, T; Harley, V (2009). "Androgen Receptor Repeat Length Polymorphism Associated with Male-to-Female Transsexualism". *Biological Psychiatry* 65 (1): 93–6. doi:10.1016/j.biopsych.2008.08.033. PMC 3402034. PMID 18962445. - link: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3402034/>)

Moreover, a variant genotype for a gene called CYP17, which acts on the sex hormones pregnenolone and progesterone, has been found to be linked to female-to-male transsexuality but not MTF transsexuality. Most notably, the FTM subjects not only had the variant genotype more frequently, but had an allele distribution equivalent to male controls, unlike the female controls. The paper concluded that the loss of a female-specific CYP17 T-34C allele distribution pattern is associated with FtM transsexuality..

(source: Bentz, E; Hefler, L; Kaufmann, U; Huber, J; Kolbus, A; Tempfer, C (2008). "A polymorphism of the CYP17 gene related to sex steroid metabolism is associated with female-to-male but not male-to-female transsexualism". *Fertility and Sterility* 90 (1): 56–9. link: <http://www.fertstert.org/.../S0015-0282%2807.../abstract>)

We all know that genetics influences biochemical processes in our bodies. That is Biochemistry 101...

And, biochemical processes influence personality. (Just ask any person who gets drunk! Yes, chemicals - whether ingested - or produced by the body - influence personality.) This is why 'Twin Studies' on personality find identical twins - twins with the same DNA - have much more similarities in personality - than any other types of twins (fraternal twins) -or even siblings.

I'm not suggesting that genetics is "an excuse," Brian Duggan - God did not make mistakes when He made

humans. (Genesis, chapter 1: All that God made was VERY good.) -- All I'm saying is that Luke 12:48, which shows that some have more talents, and others less talent - and less is expected of those who have less - is merely a Biblical statement of a biological fact: DNA confers strengths and weaknesses.

In like manner, DNA gives some "a potential" to be tall, or heavy, or dark-skinned, but our diet (and, in the case of tanning booths, or outdoor exposure to sunlight, which slightly affect skin colour) play a role. *Both* genetics *and* environment play a role in height, weight, skin colour, etc. -- And, so it is not a stretch to believe the Twin Studies on personality -- and the other research on sexual orientation (be it transgender confusion or simple homosexual preferences).

I'm glad that you beat homosexuality, but it was a mixture of factors that weigh on people. It would be just as wrong, in my view, to tell a person with a very slow metabolism that it's *only* their diet that makes them obese or heavy... While, yes, diet has the final word, some people burn fat at a slower pace, and some people have more sensitivity to hunger pains (both of which would make it harder - but not impossible - to lose weight). -- In like manner, Luke 12:48 tells us that God expects those of us with greater strengths to do more. See the Scripture on the clear standard here:

Luke 12:48 (NIV)

48 But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

The science behind this - if true - is a good gift from God, and thus something He does not want us to disregard, since we must be good stewards of His gifts: Notice the Scripture says EVERY good and perfect gift - not some - not most, but "every" one... is from God. I know some science disagrees, but the weight of the evidence is on the side of partly-DNA and partly-environment. (This will surely make both sides unhappy, but as a true scientist - and an honest Christian - I must call it like I see it)

James 1:17 (NIV)

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

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Gordon Wayne Watts It would be intellectually bankrupt to suggest that DNA only affects physical attributes, but not personality. (DNA is the underpinning of the chemicals that our bodies produce.) -- Anyhow, you're welcome to rebut my duel claims of DNA-and-Environment, ... Have a good evening, and thx again for trying to think these things through.

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Brian Duggan You are suggesting genetics as an excuse. By using science you are taking God out of the equation. God made male and female, not male turn to female or female turn to male.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan good point, but what if - in some job - one guy could not lift as many boxes - as many times - and they were lighter weight before they were too heavy to lift. (Obviously, someone who is a bit weaker in physical strength.) -- Would you, then, say that genetics could never be used as an excuse for his less levels of strength compared to some other co-workers?

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Brian Duggan So you just said I should have went with my feelings and became Brianna. That was whom I believed I should have been.

So I ask you again. Does the Bible say He created them male and female? It does not say any other way.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Huh? No, I don't think I ever said that you should have gone with your feelings. You are a guy, and while life may be difficult, nonetheless: As we both agree, God doesn't make mistakes. We are better off as the gender that God created us than any way otherwise, and, as you & I and God all agree, God created them male and female, distinct and uniquely different.

Re: [""Brian Duggan {{said}} So you just said I should have went with my feelings and became Brianna. That was whom I believed I should have been.

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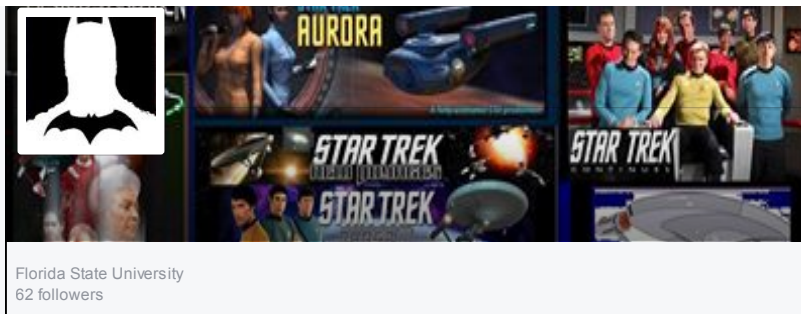
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Brian Duggan If genetics play a role in it anyone who believes that they are in wrong gender does not have a choice, they don't have free will.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan "plays a role" does not mean "totally determines"... For example, some people who are light-weight and skinny are weaker, due to genetic weaknesses, but this can be overcome with diet and exercise. Likewise, someone who is light-skinned, like myself (see my Facebook photos <https://www.facebook.com/GordonWayneWatts/photos...> at this link) would have a harder time being dark-skinned, but exposure to sunlight will make a difference. Why would we expect personality traits to be any different? They, too, are affected & influenced (but not 100%-determined) by genetic makeup.

Gordon Wayne Watts



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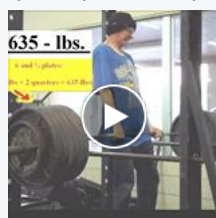
Gordon Wayne Watts If genetics play no role, then we'd all look alike, act alike - and life would be boring! 😊

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Brian Duggan Do we have free will or no? If we have free will, it's not genetics that allows people to be homosexual or transgender.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Did I have Free Will when I began lifting weights?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8ekHA4OU_E Sure... but due to genetic limitations, I could not lift as much as others who might begin training at the same age. Reason? Genetic differences between people. But, I trained hard and, while I did not set any world records, I did get stronger. Why would you think only physical things are affected by genetics, but not personality? Don't both depend on chemicals and hormones produced by the body's biochemistry -- and which are influenced by genetic makeup AND environment?



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Brian Duggan Don't over-analyze the my question. It's either we have free will or we don't. If we have free will, then we choose to be homosexual or transgender.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Well, I have heard a lot of homosexuals (similar, even if distinct from, transgenderism) say that they would prefer to be straight, since they know the almost 100%-certain persecution they would endure. They all testify with one voice and one accord that it's very difficult at the least (and impossible in some cases) to change orientations, even when they've tried.

In the mouth of 2-3 witnesses a fact is established as true. (2 Corinthians 13:1, Deuteronomy 19:15, Matthew 18:16, etc.)

Now, this is not to say that changing orientation is indeed impossible (all things are possible with God!), only that many people are telling the truth when they claim it is very difficult.

They have no reason to lie... nor do they have any reason to be gay, knowing the sure persecution, here: Why would they be gay (suffering persecution) and then lie about it -- if they could be straight, and escape persecution? Sure it's not impossible, but to say it's easy to change orientations is disingenuous and contrary to the known facts. (And, it's more difficult for some than for others, and, probably due to both genetic and environmental factors, as I've described earlier - but at the least, not a cake walk - not a walk in the park - not a pushover easy event.)

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Brian Duggan Most people who believe they are homosexual were abused in some way when they were younger.

Also

<http://www.gotquestions.org/cross-dressing-transvestism.html>



What does the Bible say about cross-dressing / transvestism?

What does the Bible say about cross-dressing / transvestism / transvestites? Is it wrong to crossdress? Is transvestitism a sin?

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Brian Duggan Do you know how many different types of transgender there is out there? The transgender community has so many different beliefs out there, practically anyone can be transgender.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Can I be Trans-Klingon? 😊

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Brian Duggan Gordon, the reason I ask about types of transgender is back when I was a teen there was only 3-5 types. That was over 25 years ago. Today they have enough classes that could make anyone a transgender.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan this reminds me of how we're "making up" diseases, and over-prescribing - and over-medicating - our kids now days (and adults too are abusing prescription medication, looking at symptoms, avoiding causes).

Re: [""Brian Duggan {{said}}] Gordon, the reason I ask about types of transgender is back when I was a teen there was only 3-5 types. That was over 25 years ago. Today they have enough classes that could make

anyone a transgender.

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Brian Duggan Gordon Wayne Watts

let's talk percentages https://www.washingtonpost.com/.../what-percentage-of-...

The homosexual activists are pushing the idea it's 10%, 1 in 10. 1 in 10 was a book written at least 25 years ago. It had stories of teenagers and those in their 20s sharing their story on why they were homosexual.

<http://www.livescience.com/50635-bruce-jenner-transgender...>

Transgender percentage is around 0.3%. That is 3 in 1000. Now if genetics played a part both numbers would be much higher.



What percentage of the U.S. population is gay, lesbian or bisexual?

A new Centers for Disease Control & Prevention study has the data.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** Some genetic diseases are very rare, and those affected are only a small percentage. Genetics plays a role in ALL areas of our lives - physical, mental, and social. But - yes, the small percentage of those affected are burdening the almost 100% not affected. -- As stated in my note, I don't hate transgender people, but forcing little 9-year-old girls to shower and use bathrooms & locker rooms with 14-year old boys hurts more than it helps, and this law is stupid in that sense. (The one comments pointed out some alleged flaws in the law in another thread.)

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** If Bruce "Almighty" Jenner (I mean, "CAITLEN" Jenner) can have a child - THEN I'll agree that HE's a 'SHE' - but not until then, (And, no cheating! Aka no implantation!! 😊😊)

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Brian Duggan You really need to STOP taking God out of the equation

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** I did not take God out of the equation: He's still there and exercises Diving prerogative. But, you're taking genetics out of the equation, when there's no basis for this. This makes no sense.

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Gordon Wayne Watts (God created genetics, and it is what it is!)

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Brian Duggan If genetics played a part the numbers would be much higher, so yes you are taking God out of the equation.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** why should a genetic influence guarantee a certain number of affected individuals. MANY genetics traits and diseases affect only a small percentage - you know that. Think of hemophilia of other genetic diseases, just for a few examples...

Re: [""**Brian Duggan** {{said}} If genetics played a part the numbers would be much higher, so yes you are taking God out of the equation.

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Brian Duggan You have argued in other areas we have free will, that means we have the right to choose. So if we have the right to choose then God did not make us homosexual or transgender.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** God did not make me skinny - but he did make me with a genetic makeup that predisposes me to be skinny. I might be able to be obese, but it's never happened, and I eat all I want. Others - with different DNA - could not be skinny like me - with the same diet. Genetics DOES play a role in our life: Free Will is limited. (Otherwise, Adam & Even would have been able to eat the 2nd fruit and live forever - otherwise the Devil would have won his battles -- Not.)

Re: [""**Brian Duggan** {{said}} You have argued in other areas we have free will, that means we have the right to choose. So if we have the right to choose then God did not make us homosexual or transgender.

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Brian Duggan Do we have free will? If the answer is yes, homosexuality and transgender is a choice.

You are now refusing to acknowledge we have free will, when the other day you were all about free will.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** we have Free Will, but not unlimited Free Will - it is limited. Neither extreme is correct in the description. Both extremes (unlimited free will - and 100% lack of free will) are incorrect.

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Brian Duggan By saying we don't have free will, you have stated that I should have been Brianna.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** No - We *do* have free will - but without limitations? Could you change your bodyweight -- or your orientation - in a matter of seconds? Oh, really?..

Re: [""**Brian Duggan** {{said}} By saying we don't have free will, you have stated that I should have been Brianna.

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Brian Duggan So I can choose to not be homosexual or transgender. Thank you, you proved my point. It's a choice.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Free Will (like all other things) is a gift of God - and He gives gifts to use differently: 1

Corinthians 12:11. - not the same, but differently. Luke 12:48.

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 **Brian Duggan** Deut 22:5

Romans 1:24-27

1 Cor 11:3-15

1 Cor 14:40


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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Luke 12:48b: NIV: "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."


1 Corinthians 12:11: NKJV "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."

Each of us receives different types - and amounts - of gifts - some more, some less. How would faith be any different. Some have smaller faith or free will than others.

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 **Brian Duggan** If you need to jump from translation to translation, your attempt to make a point gets lost

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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Yes, these things are sins: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/...>

Re: [""Brian Duggan {{said}} Deut 22:5

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Deuteronomy 22:5, Romans 1:24-27, 1 Corinthians 11:3-15, 1 Corinthians 14:40 KJV; NIV - The woman...

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 **Brian Duggan** So you are saying God purposely made people to sin?


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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Brian Duggan both translations are accurate. Does it matter which one (or several) is used? If they're accurate, and clear, that is all that matters. Nowhere does it say "use only one translation!" 😂 LOL (All the best preachers use several translations, and some even speak several languages - and dialects.)

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 **Brian Duggan** It actually matters because there are people who believe for example the NIV is the Nearly Inspired Version for example. Next you will tell me the TNIV is accurate.


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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** No - of course not - but God created us differently: 1 Corinthians 15:41 New International Version (NIV) 41 The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.


Re: [""Brian Duggan {{said}} So you are saying God purposely made people to sin?

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 **Brian Duggan** Here's the thing if you acknowledge those that I posted are sins, and people are born that way (genetics), God made people to sin.


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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Brian Duggan well, you're welcome to compare my citations with other translations & versions. most will agree with the ones I chose. (If you find I picked a 'bad' translation, then show me that bad one/ Otherwise, plz accept my pick as Sola Scriptura!)


Re: [""Brian Duggan {{said}} It actually matters because there are people who believe for example the NIV is the Nearly Inspired Version for example. Next you will tell me the TNIV is accurate.

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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Brian Duggan No - *God* made some people with more gifts, and of those people, more is expected. ALL of us sin - all of us live in a fallen world. For ALL have sinned...

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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Where exactly do we disagree: We both are conservatives that agree these things are sin.


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 **Brian Duggan** Stop

Are the verses I posted sins? You already said yes.

You also stated our genetics make people homosexual or transgender. However that has not been genetically proven and most likely never will be. If it ever gets genetically proven, then you are saying God made people that way. If God made people that way, then He made them to sin. You also act like God doesn't make us to sin. So which is it? If God made us to sin, we don't have free will of any kind. We would always choose to sin. If God did not make us to sin, then we have the choice to follow Him or not in all areas.

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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Brian Duggan God made some people with more gifts and talents than others... parable of the talents anyone? Matthew 25:14-30! 😊

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Brian Duggan You are avoiding
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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan ((#1)) all of us are called to righteousness, but ((#2)) those with more talents are expected to do more by God . here and other passages confirm . Would you disagree with either of these 2 axioms.
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Brian Duggan You still are avoiding
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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan avoiding what? Also, are my theological conclusions above ((#1 and #2)) correct?

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Brian Duggan You are avoiding what I had stated. Look before you posted Matt 25:14-30. You liked it, so I would have thought you read it. I guess I was wrong.
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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Yes, of *course* I read it: Like other passages, when one dude has 5 talents, the boss expects more from him than he expects from the dude who has 2 talents . Is that not true?

Re: [""Brian Duggan {{said}} You are avoiding what I had stated. Look before you posted Matt 25:14-30. You liked it, so I would have thought you read it. I guess I was wrong.
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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan ?
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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan if you disagree with me, plz state what statement I made that is wrong, & show me why.
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Brian Duggan You stated they were sins, if they are sins you are now saying God wants people to use their sins as talents
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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan No - sins are *not* talents: Talents are abilities and resources (of different types) which we can use to *fight* sin - to resist it. Faith is but one example: Some people have larger faith than others, and more is expected of them.

Re: [""Brian Duggan {{said}} You stated they were sins, if they are sins you are now saying God wants people to use their sins as talents

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Brian Duggan The verses I posted are sins, you stated so yourself. You are jumping from a plane with no parachute because you are talking about the parable of the talents in regards to the sins previously mentioned.
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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan We resist sin with the various talents God gives us - He gives to every man "severally" - differently, distinctly, and according to His will. This is a Bible truth. You say: "...you are talking about the parable of the talents in regards to the sins..." -- Correct. There is a relation: we fight against the bad things with our talents and gifts from God.

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Brian Duggan You also stated our genetics make people homosexual or transgender. However that has not been genetically proven and most likely never will be. If it ever gets genetically proven, then you are saying God made people that way. If God made people that way, then He made them to sin. You also act like God doesn't make us to sin. So which is it? If God made us to sin, we don't have free will of any kind. We would always choose to sin. If God did not make us to sin, then we have the choice to follow Him or not in all areas.
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Gordon Wayne Watts Re: [""You also stated our genetics make people homosexual or transgender.""] No! I did NOT say that! (Show me where I did...) -- What I *did* say was that genetics confers strengths and weaknesses. God made genetics. It is one of His many gifts and talents. All of us sin, and yet it is not God's fault. So, what of what I actually did say was wrong?
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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan I feel that I made myself clear, and am encountering Internet fatigue, and will sign off for now, but you're welcome to comment (or, if it's really important, call, write, email, etc. -- as are all others). - Have a good evening. 😊👍
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Brian Duggan the reply to kimberly mcqueen
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Brian Duggan You also agreed with Heather McGill when she said As I said, he doesn't make mistakes and changing your gender is telling God he made a mistake.
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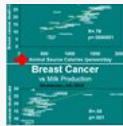
Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Not sure if your reply here was to Kimberly McQueen or me -- but, no, I don't think God makes mistakes, gender or otherwise. -- On a **higher** and more possible note, I was thinking about your comments that genetics has no role in orientation: While, respectfully, I would disagree here (genetics plays a role in ALL aspects of our life! Most know that), I will admit one key thing:

Our genetic weaknesses are much easier to overcome than most might know: Cancer, for one, is easily, EASILY beat: www.GordonWatts.com/consumer.html

www.GordonWayneWatts.com/consumer.html

So is orientation temptations -- no, not overnight (barring a miracle), but more easily beat than we otherwise might think.

In that regard, you are right to emphasise environment and prayer and Godly friends, etc., and minimise the emphasis on DNA-- and, in doing so, [Brian Duggan](#), you offer honour, hope, and a positive word of encouragement. 😊 (This is doubly true since you used to be gay, and are now straight: Living proof that "Change" is positive, and I don't mean the President Barack Obama-type of change!!) 🙌👍👍



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Brian Duggan The reply was to you. You are the one who wrote the note. You are the one who agreed with Heather McGill that God does not make mistakes. You also agreed that changing genders would be telling God He made a mistake. If changing genders happens we are telling God He made a mistake. That means we serve an imperfect God. If God is imperfect that makes Jesus imperfect. If Jesus is imperfect, then there is no need for salvation. However, the New Testament talks about the need for salvation through Jesus Christ. You mentioned Genesis 1:31 earlier. How about in Genesis 1 where God created man in His image, male and female He created them. It does not say he created male to be female or female to be male. Don't hide behind your education, a person's education will make God to be imperfect. Use the knowledge that God gave you in His Word.

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Gordon Wayne Watts [Brian Duggan](#) I agree with all you say, and am at a loss as to where you might disagree except that DNA and genetics play a role. -- Yes, they DO play a role - in granting some people strengths in some areas or resisting temptation to sin -- but sin is still sin -- be is overeating (appetite), smoking, drinking, or sexual temptations outside of marriage (be they straight or gay). -- You think I disagree with you, but, excepting the genetic influence, apparently we agree. That said, weakness in one area is a mitigating factor (Luke 12:48), but sin is still sin - no matter the type of sin. Period. 😊👍

Re: [""[Brian Duggan](#) {{said}}] The reply was to you. You are the one who wrote the note. You are the one who agreed with Heather McGill that God does not make mistakes. You also agreed that changing genders would be telling God He made a mistake. If changing genders happens we are telling God He made a mistake. That means we serve an imperfect God. If God is imperfect that makes Jesus imperfect. If Jesus is imperfect, then there is no need for salvation. However, the New Testament talks about the need for salvation through Jesus Christ. You mentioned Genesis 1:31 earlier. How about in Genesis 1 where God created man in His image, male and female He created them. It does not say he created male to be female or female to be male. Don't hide behind your education, a person's education will make God to be imperfect. Use the knowledge that God gave you in His Word.

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Brian Duggan Wait, you agree with what I said. Yet you are saying God is imperfect. That's what happens if GENETICS play a role. If GENETICS play a role God is not who He says He is and the Bible is false. If GENETICS plays a role, the atheists are right and God is not real.

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Brian Duggan You also stated in your own words "no, I don't think God makes mistakes gender or otherwise." Changing genders is telling God he made a mistake.

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Brian Duggan This is an excellent read.

<http://www.christianpost.com/.../transsexual-returns-to-.../>



Transsexual Returns to Original Gender After Relationship With Christ

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Gordon Wayne Watts [Brian Duggan](#) No, I am not inconsistent: If you are denying that genetics could play a role in God's universe, then you are denying the obvious: Genetic differences give some people the ability to be taller and physically stronger than others. That is a truth - a fact - and James 1:17 supports all that is truth and says it is also from God. Yet, I do not hear you arguing with those who state that genetics gives some people advantages in height or weight. (Note that I said 'advantages' since genetics alone doesn't determine height or weight, but also environment, specifically what we eat, and the quality & quantity of our sleep.)

So, since you are not raising an objection to those who support the theory that genetics confers *physical* differences (advantages or disadvantages, alluded to in Luke 12:48), why, then, do you raise a hackle with regard to this being inconsistent with God's nature in other areas of life? This is not consistent, not true, and, per James 1:17, not Biblical nor from God.

Or, rather, did I misread you: Do you, in fact, claim that genetics plays no role in physical areas of life? (If 'yes', then seek out the 1st college professor to straighten you out -- if 'no', then please state why genetics affects 1 area of life, but not another - proof from the truth.)

Re: [""[Brian Duggan](#) {{said}}] Wait, you agree with what I said. Yet you are saying God is imperfect. That's what happens if GENETICS play a role. If GENETICS play a role God is not who He says He is and the Bible is false. If GENETICS plays a role, the atheists are right and God is not real.

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Gordon Wayne Watts [Brian Duggan](#) You are correct! 🙌😊😄❤️

Re: [""[Brian Duggan](#) {{said}}] You also stated in your own words "no, I don't think God makes mistakes gender or otherwise." Changing genders is telling God he made a mistake.

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Brian Duggan Gordon, if I am correct that God does not make mistakes in gender or otherwise, then people

are not born homosexual or transgender.. Genetics does not play a role in people believing they are homosexual or transgender.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Well, your analogy is unequal: People are not "born fat," nor are they "born tall," however, no one with Basic Biology 101 knowledge disputes the role of genetics in both of these areas. (You are certainly intelligent! I'm surprised you don't get it, here.) Genetics plays a role in influencing numerous biochemical and bioelectrical processes in the human body, and -- just like external chemicals and external electricity affect a person (just ask any drunk whether external chemicals affect his or her mood!!), it is not untenable to accept that internally-produced chemicals and bioelectric currents likewise have some affect on a person. We live in a fallen world, and some of us are taller or heavier than others -- and this is due partly to genetics and partly to environment, but -- in a fallen world, taller people can reach up to high object better. (In a perfect world, we would not have such difficulties!) Likewise, in a fallen world, we are tempted - each in our own way, and Luke 12:48 is not without meaning if all genetic makeups confer equal strengths and weaknesses. (How could it be!?)

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Brian Duggan Gordon, my thinking is not wrong. You stated no I don't think God makes mistakes gender or otherwise. That right there says if a person is born male, then the person is male. If a person is born female, then the person is female. That would also apply to homosexuality. Since God made for man to be with woman and for woman to be with man then homosexuality is wrong. Saying that genetics plays a part in transgender and homosexuality says that God makes mistakes. Since you already stated that God does not make mistakes then genetics does not play a role in either homosexuality and transgender.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan your article, above, was good, and I added a 'Fair Use' excerpt with citation to my my note, at the bottom. While we are all different in our strengths & weaknesses - due to our differences in genetics and upbringing -- nonetheless, there is hope for ALL with God.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan if genetics played no role in "temptations" to "try and be" transgender, then it would play no role in - for example - men lusting after women. The latter is a fact: Some men lust more for women than others -- so, if straight temptations are influenced by genetics, why not gay temptations? Your theory makes no sense. -- Moreover, I think you miss the gist of my assertion: I never said that genetics "made" a person a different gender than their biological gender. I merely said that we all have different strengths in resisting sinful temptations (be they straight sex outside of marriage - gay sex - or overeating) -- Temptation is temptation -- Temptation is not sin: Even Jesus was tempted - yet without sin: Hebrews 4:15. But, all of us differ in our strengths and weaknesses - be they physical, mental, or spiritual - but all of us are created in the image of God, so there is hope. All of us.

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Brian Duggan No, you said genetics played a role in homosexuality and transgender. In order for that to apply they would need to be born with it. You also stated changing gender is wrong. So which is it, if people are born with either that would mean God made a mistake. However, you stated God does not make mistakes. You can't have it both ways, either science is right or God is right. Which is it?

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Yes, it does play a role in homosexuality (the orientation, e.g., the temptation, which - itself - has an influence on the homosexual lifestyle). -- The orientation is not sin -- it is temptation. The lifestyle, however, is sin. Temptation leads to sin, and sin leads to death.

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Brian Duggan Where is the homosexual gene? It has not been proven.

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Brian Duggan In order for it to be genetic there would need to be a gene. So you are taking science over God.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Do some people drink? If yes, then - according to your theory - God made a mistake: Some people get drunk, but this is no more (or less) sin than sexual sin. So, which is it? Did God make a mistake or not? -- If 'no' -- then how do you explain their drinking? Or obesity? Or other things which have a genetic influence? - If, "es," then this contradicts God's character.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Well, where is the "Tall" gene -- or the "Overweight" gene? There isn't one - there are "many". (Many genes have such influence.)

Re: [""Brian Duggan

Brian Duggan Where is the homosexual gene? It has not been proven.

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Gordon Wayne Watts To clarify: Genes don't "make" a person tall, but they influence. Likewise for nonPhysical attributes - of which there are "many".

Re: [""Brian Duggan {{said}} Where is the homosexual gene? It has not been proven.

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Brian Duggan Exodus 34:6-7King James Version (KJV)

6 And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Lastly, Brian Duggan, why do you think genes and DNA would only influence in the physical realm, but no other? (That makes no sense.) - also, since genes influence biochemistry, and chemicals are known to influence personality, mood, etc., why would it be any different here?


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Brian Duggan Show me the homosexual gene, if you can't show the gene you are throwing God out for a false teaching.

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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Brian Duggan, a few posts above, I cited to no less than 2 real scientific studies that showed some genes that influence (but do not determine) gender identity. You have but to scroll up. It's there.
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 **Brian Duggan** I have seen it however, the most recent study is flawed. There is no gene for homosexuality or transgender.
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 **Brian Duggan** <http://www.theatlantic.com/.../no-scientists.../410059/>




No, Scientists Have Not Found the 'Gay Gene'

The media is hyping a study that doesn't do what it says it does.

THEATLANTIC.COM | BY ED YONG


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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Brian Duggan do genetics influence height and weight and skin colour? If 'no', then you argue with numerous scientists. If 'yes', then where is the 'tall' gene, the 'obese' gene, or the Black gene and the White gene? Where are they. tell me if you know. 😊

Re: [""Brian Duggan {{said}} I have seen it however, the most recent study is flawed. There is no gene for homosexuality or transgender.

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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Brian Duggan your article states in part: [""Ngun's study was based on 37 pairs of identical male twins who were discordant—that is, one twin in each pair was gay, while the other was straight—and 10 pairs who were both gay.""] -- OK, let's take a closer look at that, OK?


Homosexuality is VERY rare, what, maybe 2 to 5 percent of the population? OK, for them to have so many pairs of twins with both gay is quite unusual... statistically improbable. This does not say whether it's genetics - environment - or both... But: Identical twins are known to be MUCH more similar in ALL areas -- physical - and emotional - than fraternal twins. (If genetics played no role, the fraternal twins would be the same in result... not.) "just by chance?..." - I think not.

So, genetics plays a role in both physical and emotional attributes, but even those who are "weak" in resisting certain sins can still beat sin with Jesus. -- It's harder for some than for others, but with God, nothing is impossible.

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 **Brian Duggan** Identical twins have the same DNA so if there is a homosexual gene they would both have it in all cases.

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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Brian Duggan I never said that DNA is the only factor in determining sexual orientation. I said that it was one of 2 factors (the other being environment). Here is proof that neither factor is totally determinative:

[""Study 16: Based on studies of identical twins who were separated at birth:

There have been a number of studies of identical twins who were separated at -- or shortly after -- birth and raised apart from each other. These pairs of twins share identical DNA and yet grow up in totally different environments. Studies of such twins are the standard technique used by scientists when trying to separate the effects of nature (one's genes) from those of nurture (one's environment, culture, religion, and upbringing).

Many studies have shown that if one twin is gay, then the other twin is found to be gay slightly more than half of the time.

** If one's homosexual orientation is not at all influenced by genes but is totally determined by the nature of one's upbringing -- e.g. the relationship between child and parent, or by the child being the victim of sexual molestation, etc. -- then if one twin becomes a gay or lesbian in adulthood, one would expect about 5% of their opposite twins would be gay or lesbian. That is the approximate percentage of gays and lesbians in the general population.

** If homosexual orientation is not influenced by one's upbringing, but is totally determined by genes, then many people incorrectly believe that 100% of the other twins would also be gay or lesbian. However, the actual value is somewhere between 0 and 100%. It is determined by the "penetrance" of the allele (variation of the gene). Penetrance is a type of effectiveness factor. If an allele has a penetrance near zero, and might remain dormant; it rarely has any effect on the person's life; a penetrance near 100% is almost certain to activate the allele in their life.""]

http://www.religioustolerance.org/hom_caus3.htm

Gordon Wayne Watts' TRANSLATION: Since the actual percentage is greater than 5%, obviously, there is some influence by DNA. But, it can't be "totally" the influence of DNA, otherwise we would see a 100% agreement. The actual percentage of agreement is slightly more than 50%. Thus, DNA has a strong influence in homosexual orientation, but it is not the last word. One can seek help from God, and beat this 100% of the time - but it is harder for some than others.




What causes sexual orientation?

What causes sexual orientation?

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 **Gordon Wayne Watts** Brian Duggan this study above is supported by other studies: [""(title: ""Twins Reared Apart""...One of the most surprising findings in twin research, Dr. Segal said, is just how similar identical twins raised apart are relative to twins who've been raised together all their lives. It's counterintuitive, the opposite of what we would expect but Dr. Segal stressed that the shared environment of twins is just not that important as we think it is when it comes to personality or intellectual development. She doesn't dismiss parents and their roles in shaping their children—parents do matter especially when it comes to responding to their children's preferences, talents, and tastes.""] <http://christinabagliviinglof.com/.../six-twin-experts.../>



The Fascinating World of Twin Studies: Six Twin Experts Tell All

// // A few weeks ago, I attended a conference hosted by the UCLA Institute for Society and Genetics where six panelists presented their findings in the field of twin development...

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan "Twins Separated at Birth Reveal Staggering Influence of Genetics" <http://www.LiveScience.com/47288-twin-study-importance-of-...>



Twins Separated at Birth Reveal Staggering Influence of Genetics

A landmark twin study during the 80s and 90s revealed how genes are involved in everything from sexual orientation to religiosity.

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Gordon Wayne Watts This is a deep, and complex, topic of "epigenetics": ["" The search for a "gay gene" may be off-target, new research finds. Another process called epigenetics that switches genes on and off may explain why homosexuality runs in families.

Epigenetics are heritable changes caused by factors other than DNA. Instead of traits getting passed down through the genes, epigenetic change happens because of the way genes are regulated, or turned on and off.

These genetic regulators may be the reason homosexuality persists in nature despite the fact that gay people are less likely to reproduce, suggests the new study published in the journal The Quarterly Review of Biology.""]

<http://www.livescience.com/25431-gene-regulation-...>



Gene Regulation May Explain How Homosexuality Flourishes

Looking for a "gay gene" may be a waste of time, as homosexuality might get passed down through multigenerational changes in how genes are regulated.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Lastly, Brian Duggan, [""The best evidence [that orientation is influenced by DNA] comes from several twin brother studies, where identical twins are shown to have a greater concordance for homosexuality than fraternal twins. This is true even if the twins are raised apart.""] - <http://www.lgbtsience.org/genetic-factors/> Yes, this is a 'gay' website, but ((1st)) First, it does not say that DNA "makes" a person gay, merely that [""Leading scientists who research human sexuality strongly believe that genes play a key role in the development of sexual orientation.""] -- That is true. Secondly, that particular claim is validated by numerous other peer-reviewed scientific studies from "actual" scientific websites.

The Role of Genes

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Gordon Wayne Watts [""Unfortunately, there are anti-gay activists who don't understand or distort the research. They point to twin studies and say, "if homosexuality was truly genetic, the concordance rate for identical twins would be 100-percent." Scientists say that this is a gross misunderstanding of the research. According to Dr. Eric Vilain, Professor of Human Genetics, Pediatrics and Urology at UCLA, and the Director of the Institute for Society and Genetics:

[All sorts of traits that are clearly genetic do not show 100% concordance [in twins]. I'll give you examples, if people look at obesity. Or autism, looking at twins. There is undeniably, no one will even challenge that there is a genetic cause for both obesity and autism.

The twin studies do not show that it is 100% genetic. They just demonstrate that there is a genetic influence. There could be other influences on sexual orientation. Some of them might be environmental. For instance, the older brother effect [studies showing the more older brothers a boy has, the more likely he is to be gay] is an environmental influence. That's what has happened in the past, in the same womb seems to influence the sexual orientation of future pregnancies. So, it is certainly not an all or nothing phenomenon.] ""]

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Brian Duggan Gordon, since identical twins have the same genes, BOTH would have to have the gene in question. If one is homosexual and not the other that proves there is no homosexual gene. Same goes for transgender. Science is very clear on that. So Gordon, that leads to the final question, are you either homosexual or transgender? If the answer is no you aren't either, you honestly have no reason to fight so hard for a false doctrine, a false god, your god of science. Science has not changed in years, the need to make it normal has changed.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** you don't understand genetics: Just because DNA affects something, that does not mean it affects it 100% - Did you even read these articles? Many diseases are affected partly by genetics and partly by environment... skin colour is also affected by both genetics and environment (think: Sun tanning = environment, but parents = genetics) -- Why don't you slowly, carefully, read all the articles -- 1st time, slowly - just for enjoyment, over a cup of your fav beverage, kicked back & relaxing ,and then a 2nd time, for details. -- Then, if you've read all the articles, top-to-bottom, like I did, then get back with me, k? - Thx. 😊

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Brian Duggan Gordon, I do understand genetics and DNA. Identical twins have the same DNA. That is truth. Since they have the same DNA, BOTH have to have the gene in all cases. You can not avoid that. That is science, that was science when I learned science in school. That was science when I researched the topic for Christianity and homosexuality when I was in college. That will forever be the science. Science does not change because society wants it to change. So that leads to the last question I asked, are you homosexual or transgender? If the answer is no to either, you have no reason to push a false doctrine, a false narrative, a false agenda, a false god. Gordon, it's like giving a survey. If you want to a particular result, you ask the question in such a way to get your result. Example, if you want to show people are for homosexual marriage, you would ask should two people who love each other have the right to get married. Of course most people would say yes, it is a vague question. Now, if you ask should there be homosexual marriage, most people would say no. Since you are so quick to trust the science over the God of the Bible. You say that the God of the Bible does not make mistakes. Yet you push people are born homosexual and transgender. If God made people homosexual and transgender, why destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? The men of Sodom wanted to be with the male angels sexually. They refused Lot's daughters when he offered them to then men of Sodom in place of the angels. If people are born homosexual or transgender, God would not have any need to destroy Sodom or Gomorrah.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** OK, so there are 2 questions posed -- and I'll pose them both...

1) First, I ask all the gays who says it's "100%" genetics... Oh, really? If orientation is *only* genetics, then how come some identical twins are DIFFERENT in preferences & sexual orientation - even tho they have IDENTICAL dna... MOREOVER, since YOUR dna and MY dna (and that of ALL others) does NOT change thru our lifetimes, how come some people have a change in their orientation? (Speaking only for myself, Gordon Wayne Watts, while I've always been straight, my preferences in women have CHANGED thru the years, so orientation is not totally genetic: I know whereof I speak.)

2) Now, Brian, I ask you: If orientation is totally uninfluenced by genetic makeup and DNA, then how come identical twins, where ONE TWIN IS GAY, who are ADOPTED AND RAISED APART - but otherwise identical twin brothers or sisters -- how come, in about FIFTY (50%) PERCENT of those cases, the other twin is gay?... eh?

Brian, if the DNA played no role of influence, you'd expect the other twin to be gay in like FIVE (5%) PERCENT of the time -- or so... (i.e., whatever is the chances of a random John Doe or Mary Jane Doe American citizen to be gay)...

So, answer me that? Can it just be by some odd chance?

Now, if the twins were raised together, yes, I would admit that I could not tease out the differences, here, but when they're raised apart, then the ONLY similarities are DNA... rightly you said when you admitted you don't understand DNA & genetics... lastly. Take a look at EVERY SINGLE set of identical twins raised apart after being "adopted out," and guess what? Not only do they *look* very similar, but their personalities are VERY, VERY, VERY similar... Fact. WORD. (the word of truth, for I lie not.)

PS: Don't get hung up on my (our) educational levels or lack thereof. Seek truth. Plz "reply me back," as some grammar-challenged 419 scammer would say in a spam email scam, he heh. 😊

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Brian Duggan Gordon, identical twins have same DNA, meaning same genes. So if there is a homosexual or transgender gene if one has it the other has it. That is truth. That will always be truth. Since we are here on earth to procreate, only possible way to do that is with male female relationships, there can never be a homosexual or transgender gene. God told His people to be fruitful and multiply. Two men in a relationship together can't procreate, same with two women in a relationship together, they can't procreate.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** you never answered my question (and, in all fairness, you see I asked "tough" questions of both sides!). - For the sake of brevity, I will shorten my question - and repeat it, as it bears repeating: How could these identical twins be SO SIMILAR in orientation if they've never met - been adopted out - and reared & raised APART - in separate, different, distinct, and uniquely different environments? - "Just by chance?" - Oh, really?... you never answered my question: Why are these twins VERY, VERY, VERY similar in their sexual orientation? Much more similar than what would, by just happen-chance, be randomly ordinarily the case? Why?..

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Brian Duggan In regards to your question, about twins who are separated and one is adopted and raised apart, the answer is environment. Concerning adoption, if the child bounces from foster home to foster home, the child will develop a fear of abandonment. That fear of abandonment will fester in the child for years, and if someone, no matter the gender, takes a positive interest in that child, over time the child could develop feelings for that person and depending on whom the person is, the child could want a romantic relationship with that person no matter the gender. Because of the positive influence, the child could believe himself/herself to be homosexual. That's environment, not genetics. Have seen it many times over the years with people who became homosexual. Twins or no twins.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** "adopted" ? "Raised apart?" -- these man the same thing, here, Brian: When they are both adopted, they *are* raised apart from one another.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** this is only true if the environment of those adopted are so horrible as to make *any* kid gay... So, perhaps you are correct: Perhaps adoption agencies are horrible, and when twins go into them, they are treated horribly, but if this is true for these identical twins, then it is true for ALL kids... Remember: When one identical twin is gay, the other one is gay almost 50% of the time. -- So, if this is only due to adoption agencies that suck - and mistreat the kids - than you'd expect

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Gordon Wayne Watts **I hit enter accidentally - my bad...*** - as I was saying: .. -- So, if this is only due to adoption agencies that suck - and mistreat the kids - than you'd expect ALL kids of such agencies to be gay

50% of the time. (But you and I both know this is not true.)

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Gordon Wayne Watts Lastly, no one said these kids all went to adoption agencies: Some of them no doubt go to families, like you and me -- and if these adopted parents are that horrible (and if it's environment ONLY as you say), then one would rightly expect fifty (50%) percent of **ALL** adopted kids to be gay... is that true, Brian? .. Are half of ALL adopted kids gay Oh, really?.. (You know this is not true, so the only explanation is that the genetics of some kids plays a role.) Are half of ALL adopted kids gay Oh, really?....

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Brian Duggan Gordon, siblings can be adopted together. You are asking a general question with no knowledge of how the children will be raised.

The link was true when it was written and still is true today. That being said, if you raise a boy to be a girl, he will believe that he is a girl. If you raise a girl to be a boy, she will believe she is a boy. If a child is raised to believe that homosexuality is ok, whether it's within the family or the friends of the family. Same could be said if a child is sexually abused by either gender. If that happens then the child will always question who they are.

<http://www.empowermentresources.com/.../childrenlearn...>

That all being said, I am not sure why you seem to like every comment. You like every comment whether you made it or someone else makes it. Liking your own comments shows that you are very arrogant. Liking other comments especially when you don't agree with the comments doesn't make any sense.

Children Learn What They Live -- Complete version.

Children Learn What They Live, by Dorothy Law Nolte. This is the complete version.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan you never answered my question: Why are the identical twins' sexual preferences SO SIMILAR, even when they've been raised in different environment, but the orientations/preferences of ALL OTHERS are VERY random - VERY different? Why?.. - "just by chance"?? oh, really?.. do u really expect me to believe that with a straight face? "Just by chance?" (That's like you trying to tell me that the timing of the hostages being released and the \$\$ that Pres. Obama gave to IRAN to pay off an old debt was "Just by chance" ... do u really expect me to buy that?)

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan I like the comments for several reasons: First, it helps me keep track of which comments I've read - also, it acknowledges the other contributors - and pays them (you) respect - my way of saying "thanks." -- Lastly, why I like my own comments? Well the Scripture says love others as u love yourself - so a little self-live (like) is in order 😊

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Brian Duggan I did answer your question, I never said they went through adoption agencies, you mentioned them. I mentioned foster homes.

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Brian Duggan Gordon, liking your own comments shows that you are arrogant and don't want to even try to accept other people's thinking.

The biggest problem you have starts in Genesis 1:26-27. Moving on to Genesis 5:2. Also, Matthew 19:4 and Mark 10:6. Why are you saying people are born this way when behaviors can be changed? Ken Ham has a good article concerning this topic.

<https://answersingenesis.org/.../god-created-male-and.../>



God Created "Male and Female," Not Transgender

Pres. Obama's administration recently gave school districts across the country its supposed "guidance" on transgender access to bathrooms, locker rooms, etc.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan even brothers and sisters (with similar DNA - and who grow up in the same homes) almost NEVER are similar in sexual orientation (a little bit more similar than you'd expect by chance, but nowhere near as similar as identical twins - not even identical twins raised in different homes.)... -- If environment was the only factor (as you say), then one would expect the brothers and sisters who grow up in the same homes to be more similar in sexual preferences/orientation. But this is not so: Identical twins - those raised in different homes - are MUCH more similar than regular brothers and sisters (and even fraternal twins). -- Of course, identical twins who grow up together have both groups beat... but you never explained why the ID twins who grew up in diff homes are so much more similar than even siblings in the "same" home... I'm still waiting for a correct explanation of this phenomenon. 😊

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan you are conflating causes with standards - 2 different things.

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Gordon Wayne Watts (Causes: both genetics and environment --- Standards: God's standard is correct for all parties. -- 2 diff things.)

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Brian Duggan Gordon, are you a Christian? If the answer is yes, why are you telling God that he is wrong on abortion, homosexuality, and transgender?

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan God is not wrong. People sometimes are wrong -- but you never told me why Identical Twins who are raised in DIFFERENT homes are MUCH more similar in this area of sexual orientation than Siblings raised in the same home... why,, why? ... why?..

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Robert More Gordon Wayne Watts I am glad to have Brian Duggan as a brother in the Lord, and a friend (on Facebook and in real life), but, respectfully, you should disassociate yourself with him, since he has disrespectfully refused to answer your simple question above, which ends in 'why?' Some would even suggest you block him on Facebook, but I will withhold my judgement pending his decision to answer your question immediately above. I will be praying for you both to enter into reconciliation, as our Lord commands us.

RM

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Brian Duggan Gordon, by supporting abortion, homosexuality, and transgender, you are telling God he is wrong. By saying genetics plays a role in homosexuality and transgender, you are saying that God makes mistakes. By saying people are born homosexual or transgender (genetics), you are throwing out parts of the Bible. Homosexuality and transgender are behaviors not caused by genetics.

Gordon, I did answer your question. Your question does not take into account the environments the twins are living in. Without actual knowledge of the environment no one can really answer the question.

Proverbs 22:6 King James Version (KJV)

6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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Robert More **Brian Duggan** to clarify further my comments to Mr. **Watts**, while I don't know you in real life, I would consider you not just a brother in our Lord, but also a real friend, since you did more than just accept me onto your Facebook: You really seem to have a right heart for the Lord, but you refuse to answer **Gordon's** simply question above.

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Brian Duggan I did answer his question 2 or 3 times

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Brian Duggan Gordon, if God is not wrong, why are you telling Him that He is wrong?

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** while I don't know the details, this I do know: In EVERY study done on identical twins raised in different homes, they are VERY similar - more so similar than siblings raised in the same home in orientation. If the environment were the only factor, one would expect that the siblings raised in the same home would be more similar than the Identical Twins raised in different homes. (Yes, some twins are adopted into agencies that mistreat them, but so are non-twin children, and yet it is ONLY the Identical Twins who are super, SUPER, super similar - even if not totally similar.) - Why is this? Show me your scientific studies.. I've shown you mine. 😊

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Gordon Wayne Watts PS: Scientific Studies that tell the truth ARE from God: James 1:17 proves this:

James 1:17 (NIV)

17 **Every** good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. [[To clarify on this verse: Key-word, 'Every -- Yes, Brian, that would include said research and studies.]]

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Robert More **Brian Duggan** you are asserting that the identical twins that were adopted faced harsh enviros not seen in nontwins? If this is so, show us your studies to verify this claim.

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Robert More I will add that I think both twins and nontwins see the same set of environmental differences in facing adoption, but if you have research that shows otherwise, I'm all ears.

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Brian Duggan Gordon, two things very important, one since God made male and female, and you are saying genetics plays a role in both homosexuality and transgender, with no proof of an actual gene, then you are saying God made a mistake. Genesis 19 shows God destroying Sodom and Gomorrah because of homosexuality.

If God made people transgender why is Deuteronomy 22:5 King James Version (KJV)

5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.

in the Bible?

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** and **Robert More**, my heart is troubled over the fact that Hillary Clinton has a chance of beating Donald J. Trump, and I've gotta sign off to rest up and listen to the Spirit of God regarding what and how much to do on social media to help Donald Trump For President become a reality - or at the least, to prevent Crooked and Dishonest Hillary from taking this office and screwing up our country... I don't hate her, but she is VERY VERY VERY dishonest.. I'll reply 1 more time 4 now & then take a break, God willing...

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Brian Duggan Robert, I am saying that without knowing the environments the children were raised in, whether twins or not, it's just a general question and a general study.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** If God made some people with a genetic weakness in re OBESITY and bodyweight, then why are 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and Philipians 3:19 in the Bible, eh? Why, why, why? ...

Phil 3:19 (KJV) "Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)"

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Brian, it is without dispute that genetics play a role in bodyweight -- no scientist would say otherwise with a straight face -- NONE - neither liberal nor conservative scholar would suggest otherwise... So, why...

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Brian Duggan Gordon, you have yet to prove there is a homosexual or transgender gene. Reason being is science has been trying since before 2000 and still has not been able to do so. The reason science can't prove there is a gene is because God did not place that gene in people. If God had placed that gene in people then there would be far more than the total of 3 or 4 percent of people that believe that they are one or the other.

Obesity and bodyweight references you made tell me that people who have the behavior of gluttony, people aren't born with gluttony. Gluttony is a sinful behavior.

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Brian Duggan Robert More About adoption, it all depends on type of home they end up in. For example, my wife has abandonment issues because she was bounced around foster homes, at least 5, over the 13 month period she was in foster care, all before she was adopted at 21 months old. She wasn't born with that issue. She developed it from her environment. About people in general, I know people who were abused as children who struggle with homosexuality and transgender. They were not born that way, their environment helped make them that way.

Saying there is a homosexual or transgender gene, especially when science has never been able to prove it.

Let's look at John Hopkins University. They initially pioneered sex change surgery but later stopped performing the treatment in the 70s. You may not like what the psychiatrist says but he is pretty accurate with what he says.

<http://www.cnsnews.com/.../johns-hopkins-psychiatrist...>



Johns Hopkins Psychiatrist: 'Transgendered Men Don't Become Women,' They Become 'Feminized Men,' 'Impersonators'

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Brian Duggan Gordon you brought up James 1:17 again. The verse says God does not change. So using that, the Bible says over and over, He made them male and female. Since God does not change, He did not make people transgender. Since God called homosexuality a sin, and called it carnal, and destroyed cities over that, he didn't create people to be homosexual.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Oh, ok, here is some science, **Brian Duggan**: Genetics influences how some are stronger and others weaker in resisting certain sexual temptations -- but we can beat ANY sin with Jesus - here's the scientific proof for which you asked:

Brian: the androgen receptor (AR), also known as NR3C4, is activated by the binding of testosterone or dihydrotestosterone, where it plays a critical role in the forming of primary and secondary male sex characteristics. Hare et al. found that male-to-female transsexuals were found to have longer repetitions of the gene, which reduced its effectiveness at binding testosterone.

(source: Hare, L; Bernard, P; Sanchez, F; Baird, P; Vilain, E; Kennedy, T; Harley, V (2009). "Androgen Receptor Repeat Length Polymorphism Associated with Male-to-Female Transsexualism". *Biological Psychiatry* 65 (1): 93–6. doi:10.1016/j.biopsych.2008.08.033. PMC 3402034. PMID 18962445. - link: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3402034/>)

Moreover, a variant genotype for a gene called CYP17, which acts on the sex hormones pregnenolone and progesterone, has been found to be linked to female-to-male transsexuality but not MTF transsexuality. Most notably, the FTM subjects not only had the variant genotype more frequently, but had an allele distribution equivalent to male controls, unlike the female controls. The paper concluded that the loss of a female-specific CYP17 T-34C allele distribution pattern is associated with FTM transsexuality..

(source: Bentz, E; Hefler, L; Kaufmann, U; Huber, J; Kolbus, A; Tempfer, C (2008). "A polymorphism of the CYP17 gene related to sex steroid metabolism is associated with female-to-male but not male-to-female transsexualism". *Fertility and Sterility* 90 (1): 56–9. link: <http://www.fertstert.org.../S0015-0282%2807.../abstract>)

We all know that genetics influences biochemical processes in our bodies. That is Biochemistry 101...

And, biochemical processes influence personality. (Just ask any person who gets drunk! Yes, chemicals - whether ingested - or produced by the body - influence personality.) This is why 'Twin Studies' on personality find identical twins - twins with the same DNA - have much more similarities in personality - than any other types of twins (fraternal twins) - or even siblings.

I'm not suggesting that genetics is "an excuse," Brian, God did not make mistakes when He made humans. (Genesis, chapter 1: All that God made was VERY good.) -- All I'm saying is that Luke 12:48, which shows that some have more talents, and others less talent - and less is expected of those who have less - is merely a Biblical statement of a biological fact: DNA confers strengths and weaknesses.

In like manner, DNA gives some "a potential" to be tall, or heavy, or dark-skinned, but our diet (and, in the case of tanning booths, or outdoor exposure to sunlight, which slightly affect skin colour) play a role. *Both* genetics *and* environment play a role in height, weight, skin colour, etc. -- And, so it is not a stretch to believe the Twin Studies on personality -- and the other research on sexual orientation (be it transgender confusion or simple homosexual preferences).

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Brian Duggan Let's see you throw Genesis 1 out. You have thrown Genesis 17 out. You have thrown Romans 1 out. You need to stop cherry-picking the Bible.

Gad made them male and female. He did not make them male can be female, nor did He make them female can be male.

Jesus speaking here:

Mark 10:7-8 King James Version (KJV)

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

Only bring this up because if people are born homosexual like you claim they will never change their orientation. Same with if people are born transgender they will never change the desire to change genders.

Also, in the article on the atlantic I posted there is a link within the article you need to look at. It's very important. The link is the first link in the second paragraph. You are so quick to accept science when the science is really flawed.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Yes, **Brian Duggan**: It is also written in another place that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (Cor 6:19-20). And, as such, God does not want us to be morbidly obese, but some are: Did God make us morbidly obese - or not?

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Brian Duggan We chose to be obese, just like we chose to be homosexual and transgender.

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Gordon Wayne Watts I never said that people are "born" homosexual - go back and reread what I wrote, **Brian Duggan**: I said that some people are born with greater strengths than others in resisting certain temptations -- be it overeating -- or inappropriate sexual behaviors - be it straight or gay sexual sin.

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Brian Duggan You have stated that people are born homosexual, that would be the only way genetics to work.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Correct - well, partly: We have some choice, ... but you ask many who struggled. YOU struggled with both drinking and sexual temptation -- it was a choice, but not always an easy one. Many gay people try real hard to be straight, and can't!!!

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** No - I did say that DNA plays a role, but "playing a role" does not mean the same thing as "born that way." -- Example: Does DNA play a role in weight and height? YES. Is a person "born 6-feet tall." NO. - #BigDifference... #KnowTheDifference

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Brian Duggan In order for DNA to play a role, they would have to be born that way. You forget you are born with DNA. You are saying over and over again that God made a mistake. You have thrown Genesis 1 out, you threw out Jesus speaking in Mark 10:7-8 out.

God did not make people to have sex with their own gender. God did not make people to change genders either. That being said that makes genetics not having a role. The second you say genetics have a role, you are telling God, I am sorry but You made a mistake.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** ((#1)) overeating to the point of obesity -- and ((#2)) being a "hoarder" (a packrat) -- as well as ((#3)) drinking (I mean to excess, being a drunkard - not 'casual' drinkers) -- are all 3 sins, are they not? But DNA plays a role in all of them. (One is not "born obese," but you do not deny the role of DNA in obesity, do you?) -- If yes, then you have many scientists disagreeing with you. If no, then you are inconsistent in claiming that DNA affects some things, but not others.

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Brian Duggan The sins you just mentioned could go to the third or fourth generation. Sins going to the third or fourth generation is mentioned in the Bible.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** yes, and this is proof of environmental influence (the environment includes both the physical and the spiritual worlds). But this neither precludes, annuls, nor abrogates the genetic influences that DNA has - whether in physical (height, weight) or emotional (mood, preferences) attributes. Genetics is a well-studied science, and the facts are solid here: Both genetics and environment are factors in practically all areas of our life.

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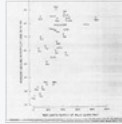
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Brian Duggan FYI, I am about 80 pounds overweight. My being overweight is not caused by genetics. My being overweight is caused by not being very active as a child. My wife is 100 pounds overweight. Her being overweight is caused by all the hip surgeries she has had over the years.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Well, I wish you both well - and God's blessings. You might (or might not) have a weakness in the area of losing weight - but in either case, I think a case could be made that there is hope - in Jesus. Do not lose hope. 😊 www.GordonWatts.com/consumer.html

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan Genetics may not cause you to be overweight, but both genetics and environment can play a role - can make it harder or easier. Get plenty of sleep - quality, not just quantity. moderate exercise of both strength and aerobic. -- OK, I gotta go now - have a nice evening.

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Brian Duggan If genetics play a role, the genes are what we are born with, that would be saying God made people born as homosexuals and transgenders.

You can't have it both ways. I know atheists who would have a field day with you, because you are saying God makes people to sin.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan you're born with one set of genes, and yet your body weight fluctuates - and I have hope and trust that you will be able to become healthier, and likewise hope and trust the same wellness for your wife. So, genetics is not the last word. -- **QUESTION** I do have one question, if you don't mind: I know that being inactive leads to a greater chance of weight-gain, but you mentioned that you were inactive as a child. -- I know that might have some small "carryover" effect, as you had gained weight, but - other than that - has that played a major role in anyway? (Such as setting hard-to-break habits?) -- Sorry if my question is dumb (or, personal), but I'm just a bit confused as to how childhood weight is a factor in the present adulthood. (Of course, illness or injury would have a more lasting effect, and, regardless of the situation, I trust and hope for a good ending and prognosis.)

Thank you, in advance, for any clarification you can offer my confusion, Brian.

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Brian Duggan Gordon, I became more inactive due to my parents divorcing at age 6 and my desire for attention. Not blaming the divorce, yes it was a factor, my desire for attention played more of a factor. I buried myself in books. I didn't have many, if any, friends for a while back then. I moved 5 different times from age 6 to age 18.

My wife is not as active as she would like to be because she was physically abused as a baby, and had to have 5 surgeries on her right hip by age 13. She was removed from her home at 8 months and adopted at 21 months. As an adult she has had 3 hip replacements since 2010.

I am going to leave with this classic. I want you to remember if you teach a child a behavior is okay, it would be easier for them to accept it and make it easier for them to try it. That's not genetics, that's being taught how to live life.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan thank you for clarifying the factors, here. - While genetics plays a role in body mass (weight under a gravitational field), as well as other health characteristics, -- nonetheless, genetic makeup is not the only factor in body weight -- and may very well not even be the main factor. - To that end, I encourage you and your wife to not only avoid overeating, but also to eat quality food. (Both quantity and quality - what and how much.) - Ultimately, you (both) will lose weight if you eat less caloric intake than your body burns. However, 4 caveats: 1) It is typically slow. 2) I'm not a doctor (nor do I play one on TV - or my website!) -- 3) When losing weight, fats & proteins burn (provide energy) at a slower rate than carbs. (This is like a bank account with lots of money, but you are limited in amount you can withdraw each day.) -- As a practical matter, this means that your energy levels will go down when you are catabolic (losing weight) -- not to be confused with anabolic (building up and gaining). -- Lastly: (#4) On the rare occasions I fast (to cleanse my body and/or for religious reasons), I sometimes take a mild laxative initially, and then proceed slowly to go from solid food, then to light (liquid) foods -- and then to distilled water only. I have fasted for FOURTEEN (14) DAYS STRAIGHT this way, and the 2nd week was SEVEN STRAIGHT DAYS of NO CALORIES AT ALL - only distilled water. (CAVEAT: I carried around several small vitamin-pill bottles with SUGAR in them lest I collapse and die of starvation in my own bedroom -- AND I stayed hydrated - e.g., drank LOTS of water.) -- LASTLY, when breaking the fast, I was GRADUAL - and didn't jump straight to loads of solid food right away -- If you "jump up" to fast, you can vomit and/or get a stomach ache. I remember I started back eating a bit too rapidly - and hurled and vomited. -- PS: I'm 5'9" or so and about 123-lbs - much lighter than you. -- If I* can go SEVEN straight days with NO CALORIES -- only water - and remain physically active most of that time, you can go longer. -- Whatever you do, research this carefully, and consult both with a health care professional (medical or naturalistic doctor and/or chiropractor) as well as others who have fasted. In that regard, you might seek their testimonials via the Internet - and see "Before and After" photos to keep a "goal" in mind. -- Those stomach-cutting or stapling surgeries are risky, dangerous, and unnecessary to lose weight. - Simply eating less than you expel will do the trick - in time --- even if it is not overnight: Rome was not built in a day. -- Best blessings in JESUS. 🙏

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Brian Duggan Gordon, I am far more active now, since I moved to Minnesota, than since I first got married. I probably am more active now than I was since 1995. I was in basic training in 1995. I love walking. I did 9 miles last Friday. My weight is stable, could be better if I paid better attention to how much I eat. For example, when I

work overnights I drink at least 10 cups of organic decaffeinated hot tea. Usually have 2 veggie burgers, real veggie burgers, and probably a big bag of pretzels. If my wife doesn't work on a night I work if weather is good I walk the 2 miles each way. I have a health coach through medishare. She is very encouraging. I know what I need to do to change, and am working towards that.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan being a vegan (or being close to it) is a good thing. It sounds like you are working on the right track. - Even tho I'm a vegan in my heart, I still slip up & eat quality animal products when they are more available. But I avoid milk like the plague. www.NotMilk.com is but one website, in addition to my own research, that shows science about milk's dangers. (But again, I'm not paranoid - I indulge in an occasional sundae or milkshake.)

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan, yes, and here is why. Your logic fails. -- For example, scientist **KNOW** that achondroplasia is ***definitely*** genetic:

FACT: Achondroplasia is inherited in an autosomal dominant pattern, which means one copy of the altered gene in each cell is sufficient to cause the disorder. About 80 percent of people with achondroplasia have average-size parents; these cases result from new mutations in the FGFR3 gene.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=achondroplasia+genetic>

and: "Achondroplasia is a genetic disorder of bone growth."

<http://www.medicinenet.com/achondroplasia/article.htm>

So, achondroplasia is ***definitely*** genetic -- with me so far?...

Just like homosexuality, it is also rare: "It occurs in one in every 15,000 to one in 40,000 live births."

<https://www.genome.gov/195.../learning-about-achondroplasia/>

However, while achondroplasiacs (e.g., dwarfs, little people, I'm not sure the "politically correct" term, here) comprise only a **SMALL** portion of the US Population, nonetheless, they make up a much larger number of people with bowed legs and other deformities:

"In childhood, individuals with the condition usually develop a pronounced and permanent sway of the lower back (lordosis) and bowed legs." <https://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/condition/achondroplasia>

So, your logic fails.

That your logic is bad does not, all by itself, prove one way or the other about the homosexuality-genetic linkage -- I am only showing you that your logic is bad, and to prove it, we can ask: If your logic was good, then why could we not extend this to Dwarfism, here?

I mean, really, you might have said this:

"Gordon, are you still sure Dwarfism is genetic? If it was genetic what these science websites has said would not happen.

Example - Dwarfs men make up far less than 1% of population in US but have much higher percentage lordosis, bowed legs, etc., than the general population, and if you doubt that, go visit some dwarfs, and then visit some other friends, who are not affected by Dwarfism."

Eh?///

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Brian Duggan Problem Gordon is there is **NO HOMOSEXUAL OR TRANSGENDER GENE**. Homosexuality and transgender was a behavior, is a behavior and always will be a behavior. Behaviors can be changed. Genes can't be changed. If homosexuality and transgender was genetic, there would be evidence of it for many years. Also, if it was genetic, people would not be able to change their behavior. You can't change being a dwarf. Being a dwarf is genetic.

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Gordon Wayne Watts Brian Duggan that would be like saying there is no 'Dwarfism' gene.

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Brian Duggan If you are a dwarf, you can't change your height. That's genetic. You can change being homosexual or transgender. That's a behavior. If you believe homosexuality and transgender are genetic, you have condemned me to being that no matter what. People who believe that they are homosexual or transgender, under genetics, would not be able to change.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** false: My mother, for example, used to be 5'5", but she is now about 5'4" or even less, she reports. (In fact, height lessens over the years, due to shrinkage, and it varies as you go thru the day, since you "stretch out" at night, and compress in the day under the acceleration of gravity - and injury or illness can also affect height.) -- As I said, in theory, you might be right (actually, you're not, but I'm just saying) -- however, regardless, the arguments you're using are all not on solid ground - as is this last one, and as I show here by 3 counterexamples: Time of day, Injury/Accident, and aging.

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** as but one more example: Skin colour is under genetic control, but you CAN change your skin colour -- somewhat. (Tanning is but 1 example.) -- Body weight is another example: EVERY scientist admits that obesity is influenced by genetics, but you know that you "can" change your bodyweight. -- These are only 2 examples. -- I could go on...

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Brian Duggan Gordon, there is no homosexual or transgender gene though. If there was there would need to be a starting point. The starting point for all creation is Adam and Eve. God did not make either of them with desire for homosexual sexually relationships. Since that is where all genetics starts, and genes are passed on, there is no homosexual gene. Since God did not make Adam to desire to become Eve, nor Eve to desire to become Adam, there is no transgender gene. Science has yet to find a homosexual or transgender gene. They've been trying since mid 90s, probably earlier than that.

Thank you for your condemnation of me to being permanently homosexual and transgender. That's what happens when you make it genetic with no truthful proof. You are so sure that you are right, you don't care who you try to hurt with a permanent label of genetics over what really is a behavior.

You keep talking genetic influences, problem is in order to be an influence genetically, there needs to be a gene. Since you have not specifically shown a gene, because science hasn't shown one, there is no gene. Using the identical twins argument that you like to use, they both have same DNA, so if it's genetic, if one is homosexual, the other would have to be homosexual. That's how genetics works. Same goes for transgender, and identical twins, if one identical twin is transgender, the other has to be transgender.

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Gordon Wayne Watts There is no "Black" or "White" gene either - nor is there a "tall" or "short" gene -- nor is there even a "fat" or "skinny" gene. -- Indeed, ALL scientists know that there are a "bunch" of genes (not just one), and that the three aforementioned traits are influences (but not totally controlled) by genetics. Likewise, many (perhaps most) scientists disagree with you on the interplay and role between genetics and orientation.

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Brian Duggan So where is the gene?

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Brian Duggan Are you a Christian?

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Brian Duggan Are you a scientist?

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Brian Duggan If there is no gene, you have no starting point. If not having a gene doesn't matter, then why is science still trying to find a gene?

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Gordon Wayne Watts **Brian Duggan** if you show me the 'tall' gene, I will show you the 'gay' gene. 😊

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Brian Duggan Than you for showing there is no homosexual or transgender gene. Gordon, I can prove height, weight, eye color with Punette squares. That shows those height weight and eye color are genetic, or in case of

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Gordon Wayne Watts For the record: Genetics influences how some are stronger and others weaker in resisting certain sexual temptations -- but we can beat ANY sin with Jesus - here's the scientific proof for which you asked:

Brian: the androgen receptor (AR), also known as NR3C4, is activated by the binding of testosterone or dihydrotestosterone, where it plays a critical role in the forming of primary and secondary male sex characteristics. Hare et al. found that male-to-female transsexuals were found to have longer repetitions of the gene, which reduced its effectiveness at binding testosterone.

(source: Hare, L; Bernard, P; Sanchez, F; Baird, P; Vilain, E; Kennedy, T; Harley, V (2009). "Androgen Receptor Repeat Length Polymorphism Associated with Male-to-Female Transsexualism". *Biological Psychiatry* 65 (1): 93-6. doi:10.1016/j.biopsych.2008.08.033. PMC 3402034. PMID 18962445. - link: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3402034/>)

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We all know that genetics influences biochemical processes in our bodies. That is Biochemistry 101...

And, biochemical processes influence personality. (Just ask any person who gets drunk! Yes, chemicals - whether

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