

# **The Impact of Neuroscience and Psychology on the Traditional Teaching on Gender and Sexual Variation as Defined by the Christian Church**

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## **Abstract**

The scientific study on the development of personality and self-identity presented here uses a novel approach to map the transition between the internally created neurophysiological processes propelling early development to the externally moderated cognitive processes in later life. A continuous process extending from infancy to adulthood can therefore be described. The development of atypical gender and sexual identities is used to examine how this occurs. It is demonstrated that the formations of these core features are driven by the search for identity, before cognition seeks behavioural rewards. A moral duality therefore exists whereby gender and sexually variant people who express their true attractions and identities while conforming to the highest standards of their societies should be highly regarded. Those engaged in misuse may be severely condemned for their acts. That contradicts the traditional teaching of the Christian Church which condemns all such behaviour as disordered lifestyle choices which always pursue inappropriate sex.

An extended study is conducted to determine how this contradiction occurs. It is concluded that the traditional doctrines of the Christian Church on sexual and gender variance are built on a false foundation. They were driven by the need to gain respectability and to counteract same-sex abuse in Roman society. They do not come from the teaching of Jesus himself. From the theological, social and scientific standpoints it is established that identical criteria in relation to use and abuse should be applied to heterosexual and same-sex acts of sex. With the teaching of Jesus in the New Covenant, all behaviour should be guided by love, wellbeing and purity of intention. There is no automatic condemnation of any sexual act. Instead of centuries of making homosexuality the scapegoat for all sexual abuse, the correct objectives for the Christian Church should be those of combatting all forms of abusive sex.

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