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Summary of my Research into the Attitudes to Gender and Sexually Variant Identities and Behaviour in the Christian Church

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This research involves two separate investigations. The first is a scientific and neurophysiologically based study into the development of personality and identity. A second independently conducted historical, scientific, social and theological investigation has also been carried out with the aim of discovering the reason for the contradiction between science and theology which is found to exist. Because of the adaptations that were needed to survive, and later to preserve its institutions, it is shown that the Christian Church developed a traditional doctrine which medically misdiagnoses gender and sexually variant conditions. By treating these conditions as being derived from the search for reward rather than identity, the wrong methods of management have also been applied. Considerable harm has been done since the management techniques that are needed are almost opposite to each other. Applying the incorrect techniques creates, instead of relieves, any trauma and distress. In place of combatting the scapegoating of gender and sexually variant people in secular society, these changes have led many sections of the Church to collude with it. That still has considerable force in societies where gender differentiation is legally or socially enforced. Today the differing approaches taken in different societies are creating schisms in the Church. A return to a doctrine is needed which removes the contradiction that the traditional one has imposed. Unless that happens the current attempts to welcome transgender and gender and sexually variant people by: *“Interpreting the existing law and guidance to permit maximum freedom within it, without changes to the law, or the doctrine of the Church”* will not succeed. When the teaching of Jesus is examined in this investigation it is found that the contradiction no longer exists. This means that the changes to the doctrine which this investigation demands do not depart from the Gospel message, they return to the teaching of Jesus himself.

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