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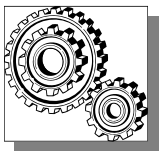
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Somersaults. The word calls to mind children at play, tumbling head over heels across the grass in their yards or at the playground. Parents who embrace Judeo-Christian morals and traditional family values need to be aware of a radical new trend involving children that is in its infancy, and threatens to somersault babies down a dangerous slippery slope. Sweden and Canada, bastions of secular socialism, have given birth to the genderless child movement.

To be fair, this does not appear to be government-initiated. A small number of radical liberal parents who want to do away with what they perceive as “an artificial, sexist, societal social construct” have begun a movement to raise **genderless children**. This radical idea has crossed the ocean and will probably rear its head in the United States. The movement is beginning with parents who embrace tenants of socialism and gender anarchy. In a perverse display of the “reprobate mind” Scripture warns us about in the last days, these parents are ignoring heterosexuality and the biological

sexual equipment God created within the bodies of their newborn babies. Instead, these parents are naming, training, clothing, and socializing their babies to be gender-free. This is a shocking, unbiblical practice, and in my humble opinion the scriptures God uses in Jeremiah 7:31 and 19:5 to condemn child sacrifice to Baal could apply equally well here: “. . . something I [God] did not command, nor did it even enter My mind.”

This new P.C. movement is undisciplined selfishness on the part of dreadfully deceived parents who are not thinking of the long-term consequences and confusion their children will experience, to say nothing of its effect on society and on every other person with whom the child interacts. One of the first examples of this new movement concerns 24-year-old parents in Sweden whose child Pop is now a toddler. They refused to reveal whether their baby was male or female, except to their midwives and the select few people who change the baby's diapers. In an interview with the Swedish

newspaper *Svenska Dagbladet* in March 2011, Pop's parents were quoted as saying that their decision “was rooted in the feminist philosophy that gender is a social construction. We want Pop to grow up more freely and avoid being forced into a specific gender mold from the outset. It's cruel to bring a child into the world with a pink or a blue stamp on their forehead.” They went on to say that as long as they kept Pop's gender secret, Pop would not experience “preconceived notions of how people should be treated if male or female.” In keeping with this philosophy, Pop's wardrobe includes both boys' clothes and girls' dresses, and the parents alternate the child's hair to include both boys' and girls' haircuts and styles. They have also given their toddler complete freedom to dress as s/he wishes. They do not use any gender pronouns (he, she, his, her, etc.). They just say Pop. “I believe that the self-confidence and personality that Pop has shaped will remain for a lifetime,” said Pop's mother. She feels that without “gender stereotypes”, Pop will build



Which one do you believe: God's Word or man's words?

“God created them male and female . . .” *Genesis 1:27, 5:2; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6*

or

“Gender has fluidity. Gender is a spectrum.” *Joel Baum, Director of Education and Training for the California-based Gender Spectrum organization*

his/her character “as an individual, not hindered by a preconceived notion of what they should be as a male or a female.”

Anna Nordenstrom, a Swedish pediatric specialist, said it was going to be hard to know what effects the parents’ decision will have on Pop. “It will affect the child, but it’s hard to say if it will hurt the child . . . I don’t know what [the parents] are trying to achieve. It’s going to make the child different . . . we don’t know exactly what determines sexual identity, but it’s not just sexual upbringing. Gender-typical behavior, sexual preferences and sexual identity usually go together. There are hormonal and other influences that we don’t know (*editor’s note: try God!*) that will determine the gender of the child.”

Nordenstrom went on to speculate that “if Pop is still ‘genderless’ by the time he or

she starts school, Pop will certainly receive a lot of attention . . .” That’s putting it mildly. Every aspect of Pop’s life has been and will be influenced by immature parents who seem to have embraced gender anarchy. This is not a case of an adult choosing to be bisexual, homosexual, transgender, etc. This is a case of a baby being deprived of a sexual/gender identity by parents who are wallowing in “feel-goodism” and imposing completely untested, unnatural theories of child-raising on a helpless infant --- and the consequences on everybody else.

Another case concerns four-month-old Storm, the child of Toronto parents Kathy Witterick and David Stocker, who already have two older sons, five-year-old Jazz and two-year-old Kio. According to a European website which featured the story, Storm’s parents plan to allow the baby to decide its own future gender. *The Toronto Star* reported that the

couple faced criticism from family and friends who say that Storm is being treated as an experiment, and that his/her older brothers are too young to be able to keep the secret the parents are asking them to keep. In the birth announcement, Storm’s parents stated they had decided not to share the child’s sex for now “as a tribute to freedom and choice in place of limitation”, and as a stand for “what the world could become in Storm’s lifetime . . . (a more progressive place?).” The baby’s father, a teacher, went on to state: “If you really want to get to know someone, you don’t ask what’s between their legs.”

Jazz and Kio, who are allowed to make their own decisions, wear long hair and dresses and are often mistaken for girls. They are “unschooled” --- a movement which believes each child should have complete freedom to plan their own days and courses of study without tests or homework, and essen-

tially do exactly as they please. Discipline and boundaries appear to be non-existent. If this genderless movement for babies gets a toe-hold in the United States, the societal implications are too far-reaching to even begin to imagine. In response to the above cases, I can but quote the following from scriptures which, in my opinion, could apply to this ungodly trend: “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6); “. . . God created them male and female. . .” (Genesis 1:27, Genesis 5:2, Matthew 19:4, Mark 10:6); and “Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting . . .” (Romans 1:28). Is this radical movement a form of child abuse? You decide.

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Constitution Corner: Amend or Circumvent?

By
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Article V of the U.S. Constitution reads, in part, “The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution . . . which . . . shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States . . .”. Legislatures from 38 states have to agree to an amendment for it to become part of the Constitution. Would you believe that at least part of the Constitution can be circumvented with agreement among as few as eleven states?

In April, Vermont became the seventh state to enact an AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE; eighth, if we count the District of Columbia. No, that doesn’t mean there are only three to go. The law will just sit on the books in each state until the electoral votes *represented by the states which have passed it* reaches a majority (270.) The total for the states that have passed this compact so far is only 77, but, in theory, it could go into effect if it was adopted by only the eleven most populous states. What other changes could be made by compacts among, say, the five richest states? The idea is for each state to send people to the Electoral College who will *not* be committed to representing the voters of their home state but only the winner of the national popular vote. This effectually nullifies the Electoral College provisions of the Constitution.

Supporters of this compact argue that small states, such as Vermont, are basically ignored by presidential campaigns. Our present voice in the Electoral College is 3 out of 538 or 0.55%. Our present voice in the House of Representatives is 1 out of 435 or 0.22%. That is roughly the percentage of U.S. voters that live in this state. Vermont would

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be even less a factor than now in a direct popular election of the President. Our lawmakers haven't done us any great favors. Don't expect to see too many presidential candidates on the streets of Vermont just yet. Advocates will need to push until virtually every state passes this compact so that redistricting won't break it. Imagine the country getting used to direct popular elections and then a compact state loses a congressional seat (and an electoral vote) to a non-compact state. An amendment wouldn't have this problem. This compact is not an amendment; maybe we should call it an addendum. In order to understand how our federal government works, we would now have to study state laws to see how they have agreed to make it work.

Did you know that Electors cannot vote for both a presidential and a vice presidential candidate from their own state? The Framers of the Constitution were clearly concerned about larger, richer or more populous states dominating others. The intent of the Electoral College is that election of the President be weighted both by population and by equality of the states. That is why each state gets as many electors as it has representatives in Congress plus two, as it has two senators.

Polls indicate that a national popular presidential election enjoys a super-majority of support among voters, so why are lawmakers taking this approach rather than a real amendment? The polls do not show how many people understand the reasons for the Electoral College. Maybe the Framers' concern about balance among the states is truly no longer needed, but maybe people agreed to change without a clear understanding of the current system. Perhaps lawmakers that voted for the change do not understand what they are giving up. Perhaps they do. In either case, a pseudo-amendment may quietly change our government without much public scrutiny and without rising to a super-majority approval, perhaps not even a majority approval.

We are told that when the Constitutional Convention ended, Ben Franklin was asked what kind of government we had. He is reported to have replied, "A Republic, if you can keep it." We do not seem to be keeping our Republic, but whatever the mechanism for elections, "...the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whoever he will." (Daniel 4:25 WEB) That cannot be either amended nor circumvented.

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Does the Bible Teach the Truth?

By

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Christians in today's culture are facing an uphill battle in raising their children. Christian children are being exposed to secular humanist teaching via the classroom, the media, and electronic gaming systems. These children are being taught things as *facts* that are not true. How can we expect them to believe what the Bible teaches? I had trouble myself before I was a Christian with what modern scientists say is truth and what the Bible says. For example, can we determine whether the earth is millions of years old or only thousands of years old? Scientists teach one thing; the Bible teaches another. Both cannot be true. I believe the Bible. Modern scientific teaching often maligns the Word of God as written in the Bible. They say the Bible is just stories or symbolism, yet they present as

facts things that are only theories (such as the theory of evolution or the Big Bang theory). These theories were often formulated as attempts to explain away God in the creation process.

Is there any reliable, scientific way to determine the truth? The Carbon Dating Method (Carbon 14) can be used accurately to some degree on things that were once living. [The New Answers Book 1](#) by Ken Ham gives the following explanation on page 79: "The use of carbon-14 dating is often misunderstood. Carbon-14 is mostly used to date once-living things (organic material). It cannot be used directly to date rocks. However, it can potentially be used to put time constraints on some inorganic material such as diamond (diamonds could contain car-

bon-14). Because of the rapid decay of carbon-14, it can only give dates in the thousands of years range and not in the millions."

Scientists use different methods to date the age of the earth. They are now discovering that things are much younger than they originally thought. Another dating method they use is called RATE (Radioisotopes and the Age of the Earth). This method raises serious questions for those who believe the earth is millions of years old. It makes different assumptions than those made using the Carbon-14 dating method. One would think that using these different methods would give answers that agree with each other. They don't. The Potassium Argon dating method is another method. None of these methods appear to agree with

each other in the results they produce. Ken Ham says that "Radiometric dating methods are highly unreliable and don't prove that the earth is old."

Nobody except God was there at the beginning. Many secular "creation theories" can no more be proved than those they say cannot be proved in the Bible they attack. Unbelieving mankind strives to debunk the Bible, but has found nothing that contradicts what it says about the origins of life. More and more scientists are now willing to consider the possibility of Intelligent Design --- a Creator higher than the creation that was produced. Teach your children the truth. The Word of God is the truth.

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What can I do?



*Faith without works is dead
James 2:17*

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Israel is under increasing pressure by the Obama administration to give up "land for peace". This shows a lack of understanding of fundamental principles of national sovereignty and security, to say nothing about God's Word.

" the Lord made a covenant with Abraham, saying ... To your descendants I have given this Land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates." (Genesis 13:17)

The Lord has promised the Land to the Jewish people as an inheritance. Scripture says they are not free to give it away or sell it to others permanently because the Land belongs to God.

"The Land shall not be sold permanently, for the Land is mine ..."
(Leviticus 25:23)

Christians United for Israel (CUFI) has prepared a statement which outlines the Christian perspective and commitment to Israel.

The Israel Pledge

WE BELIEVE that the Jewish people have a right to live in their ancient land of Israel, and that the modern State of Israel is the fulfillment of this historic right.

WE MAINTAIN that there is no excuse for acts of terrorism against Israel and that Israel has the same right as every other nation to defend her citizens from such violent attacks.

WE PLEDGE to stand with our brothers and sisters in Israel and to speak out on their behalf whenever and wherever necessary until the attacks stop and they are finally living in peace and security with their neighbors.

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