

How the Sexual Revolution Is Changing You, Your Church, and Your Ministry

As the cultural deconstruction of gender continues to accelerate, Europe and the US now host a vast pantheon of sexual identities and preferences. The church is badly prepared for these new ideologies, lacking both the intellectual and apologetic resources to resist the media and cultural elites that stand behind them. So what does the future hold? Will our Churches gradually accommodate to the sexual zeitgeist - or can we model something different?

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- I. Journey: how the Sexual Revolution started with challenge and progressed to deconstruction
 - A. Challenge to 'right ordering' of human sexual interests
 - B. Deconstruction of Gender
 - C. Redefinition of marriage, family, parenting

II. Intellectual foundations: Queer theory

III. Moral vision: conquest of the cultural imagination, social righteousness and public shaming

Suggested Readings:

1. Humphey, Edith 'The New Testament Speaks on Same-Sex Eroticism'
http://www.eggscofe.org.uk/uploads/5/5/6/3/5563632/e_humphrey_neac.pdf
2. Crouch, A Sex without Bodies: the Church's response to the LGBT movement must be that matter matters (editorial, Christianity Today)
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/july-august/sex-without-bodies.html>
3. Gagnon, R. A.J 'The Bible's Surprisingly Consistent Message on a Male-Female requirement for Marriage'
http://www.eggscofe.org.uk/uploads/5/5/6/3/5563632/gagnon_on_consistent_biblical_message_on_male_and_female_marriage.pdf
4. Sanlon P (2010) Plastic People: How Queer Theory is Changing Us. Latimer Studies.