

THE STRANGE NEW WORLD OF GENDER

THINKING CLEARLY



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UNDERSTANDING OUR CONTEXT:
CULTURAL AND MEDICAL INSIGHTS



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WHAT IS A WOMAN?

(1) 'An adult human female'

(Standing for Women)

(1) 'A woman is someone who **identifies** as a woman'

(The LGBT Foundation)

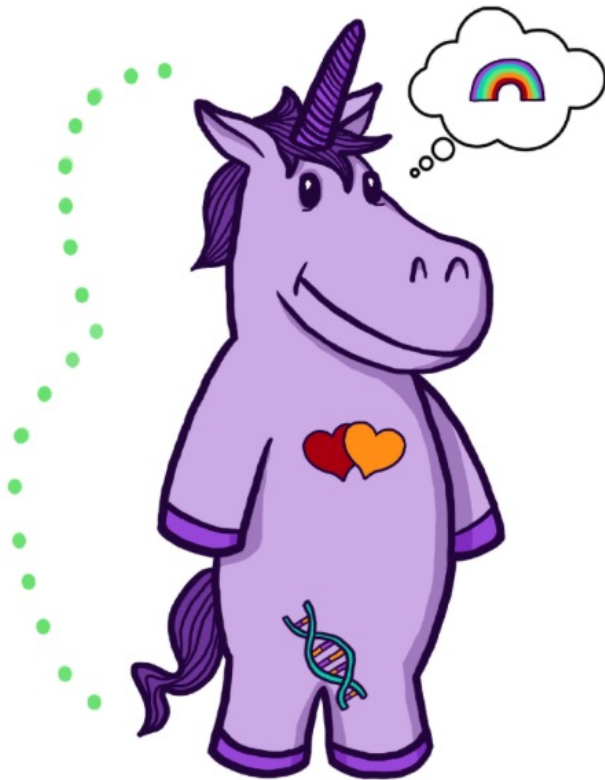


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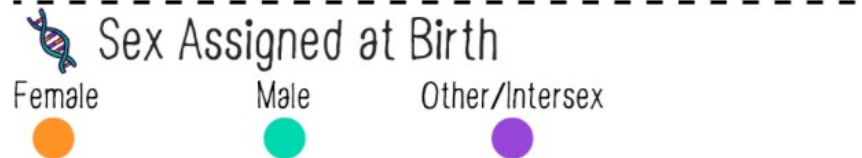
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To learn more, go to:
www.transstudent.org/gender

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THE GENDER UNICORN



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TRANSGENDER

An *umbrella term* for persons whose gender identity, gender expression or behavior does not conform to that *typically* associated with the sex to which they were assigned at birth.

American Psychological Association



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THE 'GENDER REVOLUTION': An Important Distinction

Illness

Gender
dysphoria

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Ideology

Gender
ideology

A person may identify as trans* without any GD



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THE 'GENDER REVOLUTION': A Question of Identity



DIMENSIONS OF THE 'GENDER REVOLUTION'

INDIVIDUALS  INSTITUTIONS

'ILLNESS'

IDENTITY

IDEOLOGY

INTOLERANCE

“When it comes to *ideas*, the church must patiently yet boldly speak the truth. When it comes to *people*, the church must be attentive to the person, to the desires, wounds and experiences that are being expressed.” (Abigail Favale)

Source: ‘Conversation: How should Catholics think about gender identity and transgender persons?’
(13 October 2022) (www.americamagazine.org)

THE RISE OF 'GENDER IDENTITY': FOUR STORIES

- IDENTITY
- GENDER
- FREEDOM
- TRUTH



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MEDICAL INSIGHTS



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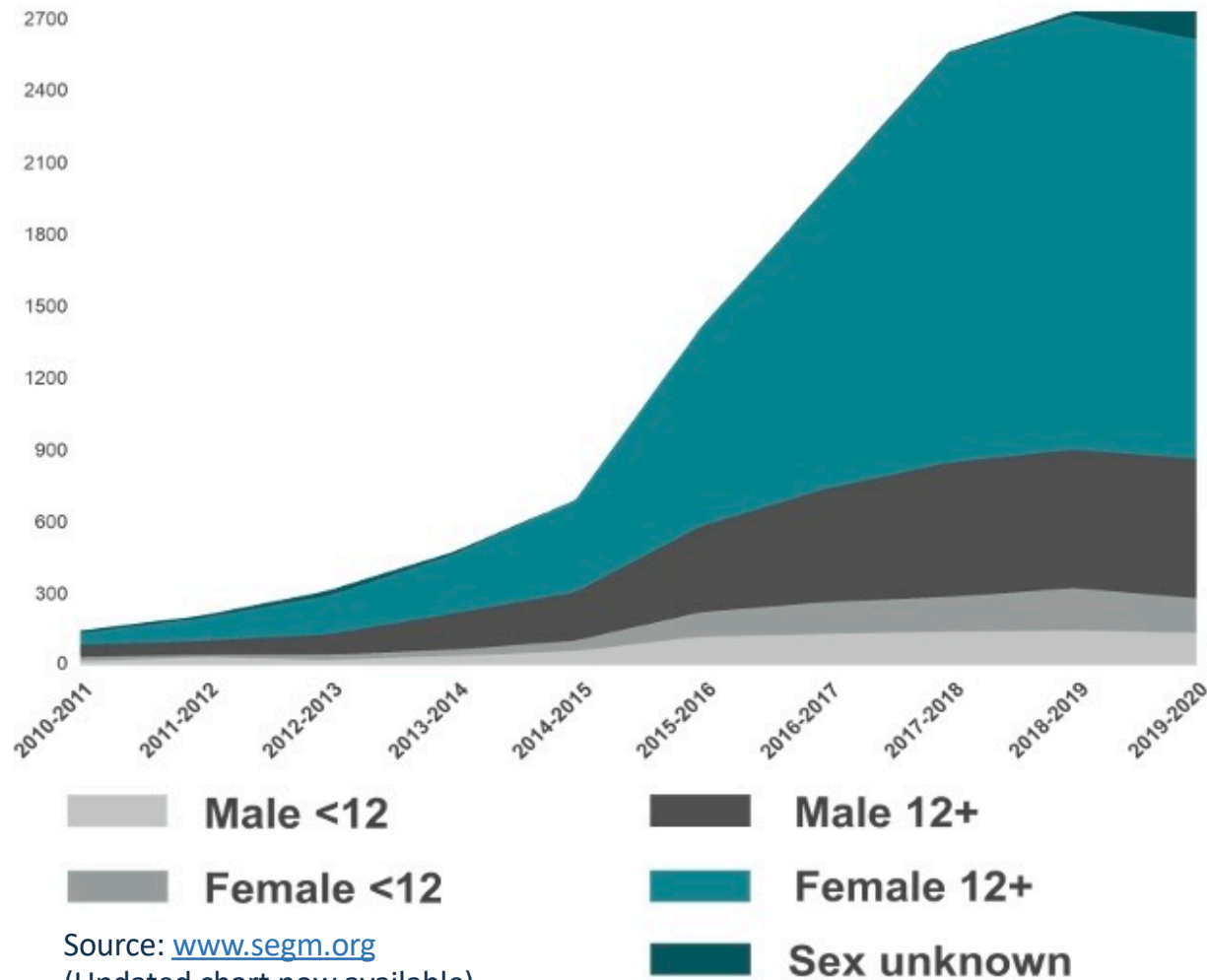
TYPES OF GENDER DYSPHORIA

- Pre-pubertal
- Autogynephilia
- Adolescent Onset Gender Dysphoria



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Referrals to GIDS, under 18s (UK)



ADOLESCENT ONSET GENDER DYSPHORIA

A METEORIC RISE



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CHILD AND ADOLESCENT TRANS IDENTITY

The tip of the iceberg?

SOCIAL TRANSITION

Requesting a name and pronoun change, clothing and hairstyles, and requesting to use facilities designated for the opposite sex

TRANS IDENTITY

When a child or adolescent declares a trans identity, many see this as the end point - a simple declaration of an internal state. However, immediate affirmation of the new identity often overshadows the background circumstances that led to this conclusion.

Mental Health

Depression, anxiety
Emerging personality disorder
Self-harm and suicidal behaviour
Eating disorders
Trauma

Sexuality

Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual
Internalised homophobia
Homophobic peers or family
Homophobic bullying

Neurodevelopment

Autism
ADHD

Safeguarding Issues

Sexual abuse/exploitation
Inappropriate online activity
Grooming/coercion
Radicalisation
Online sexualisation
Illegal hormones
Binders & tucking

Social Factors

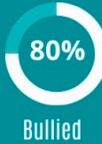
Bullying
Social isolation
Adoption/foster care
Bereavement
Non-conformity to sex stereotypes

Puberty

Social influence
Body discomfort
Sex and relationship education
Identity formation
Periods
Peer pressure

Bayswater

in a survey of our members:



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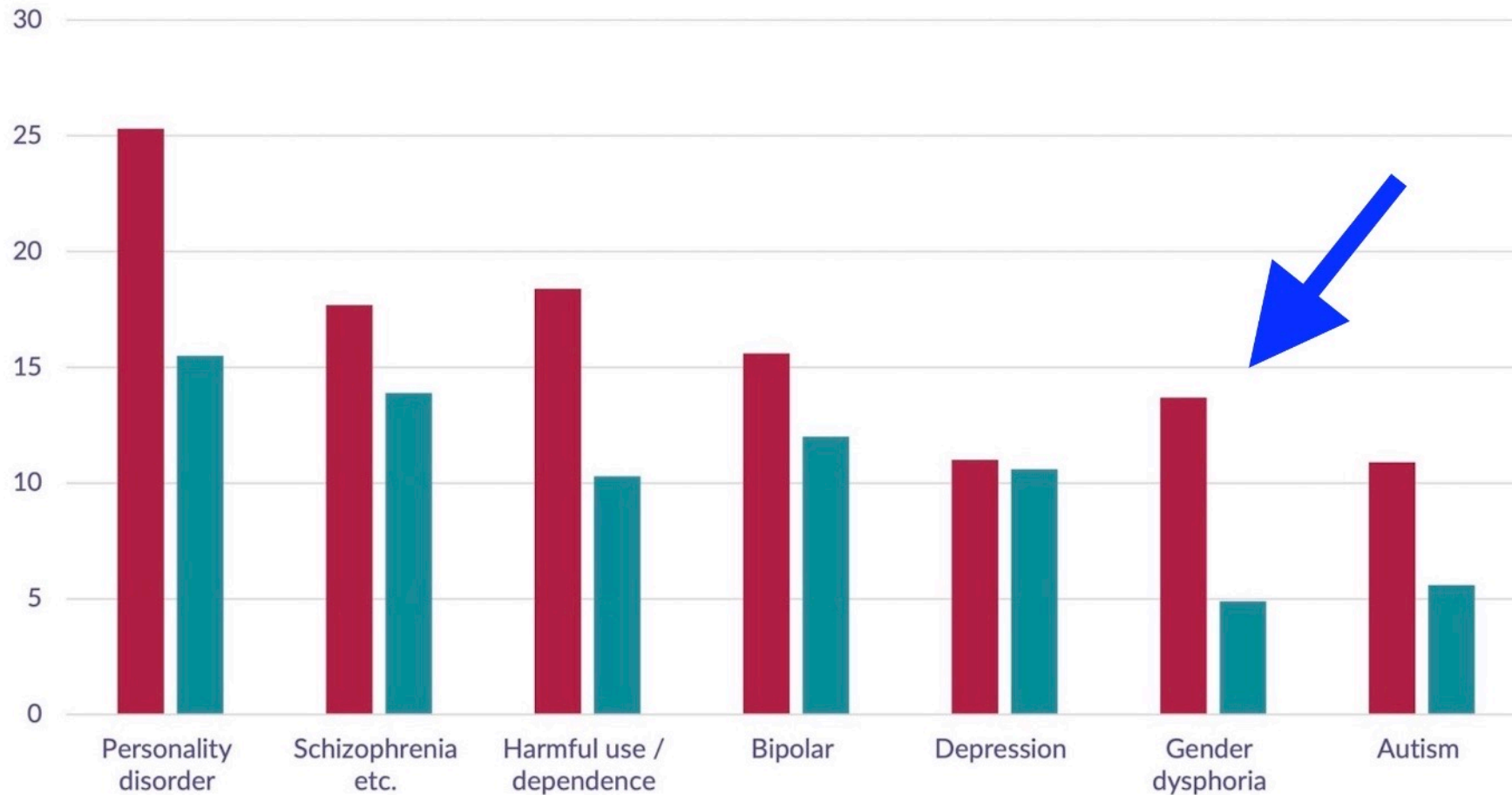
Underlying Factors



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www.bayswatersupport.org.uk

Suicide mortality within 10 years of diagnosis (compared to standardized death rates)



Source: Adapted from www.statsforgender.org/suicide/

**Adolescent
Onset
Gender
Dysphoria**

Adolescent
Brain

Suicide

Detransition

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The Cass Review

Independent review
of gender identity
services for children
and young people:
Interim report

February 2022

THE CASS REVIEW



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GENDER, IDENTITY AND OUR BODIES: A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE



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In the beginning God



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Our bodies matter



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The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground ...

Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man ...

The man said: “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh ...”

GENESIS 2:7, 2:22, 2:23

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my *soul* thirsts for you;
my *flesh* faints for you ...

Or 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; you were bought with a price. Therefore *honour God with your body*.

PSALM 63:1 (ESV); 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20
(NIV)

Sex and gender

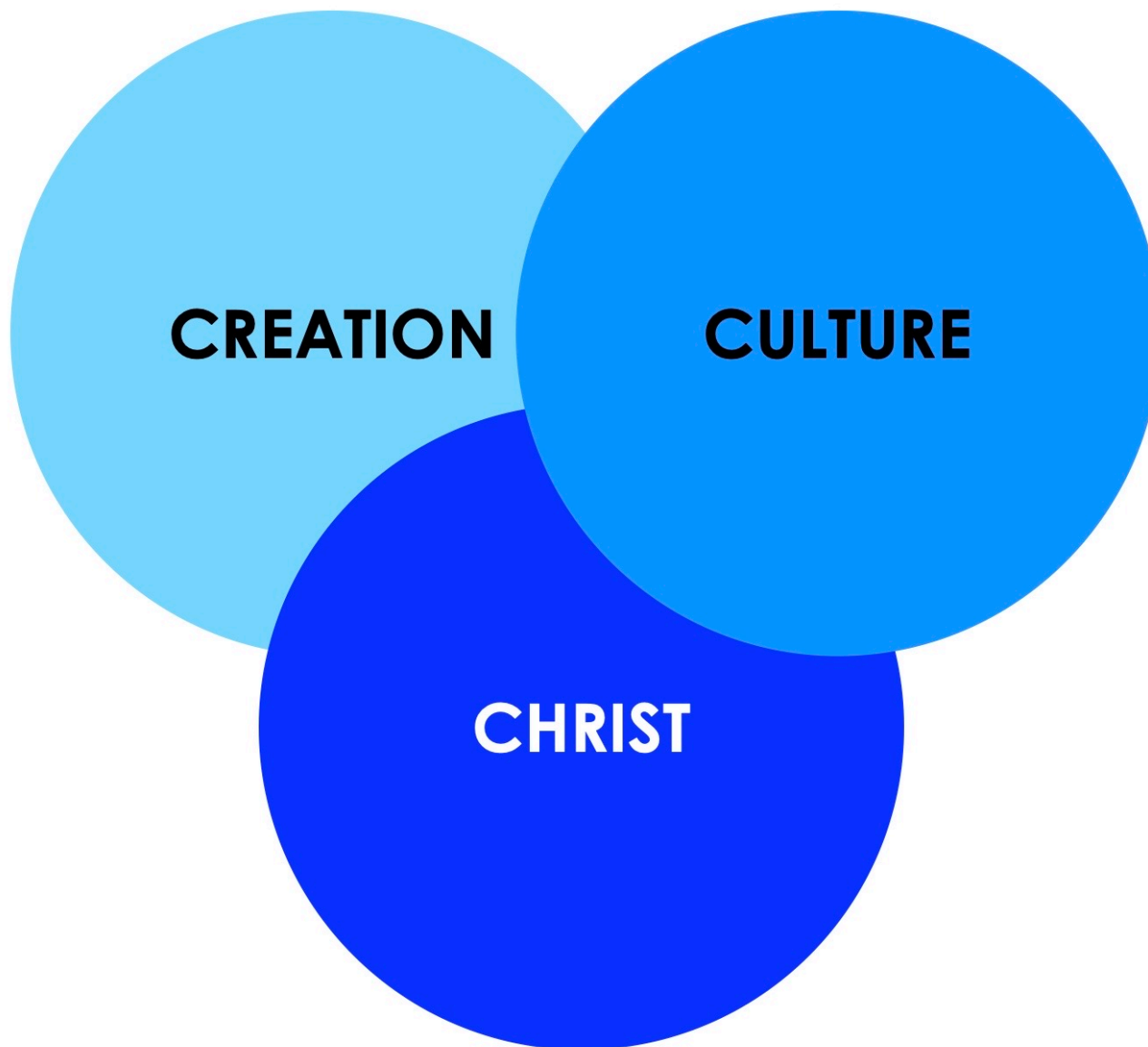


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So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

GENESIS 1:27 (NIV)





GENDER & GENDER EXPRESSION

1 CORINTHIANS 11:2-16



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‘Haven’t you read,’ he replied, ‘that at the beginning the Creator “made them male and female” ...

‘For there are eunuchs who were born that way; and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others ...’

MATTHEW 19:4, 12 (NIV)

Gender ideology, gender dysphoria and living in a fallen world



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THE EFFECTS OF THE FALL: FRACTURED RELATIONSHIPS WITH ...

- **God:** Hiding from God, banished from Eden (Gen. 3:9, 24)
- **People:** 'Am I my brother's keeper?' (Gen. 3:16, 4:9)
- **Nature:** Thistles, thorns, dust to dust (Gen. 3: 18-19)
- **Self:** Shame, self-deception and dis-integration
(Gen. 3:8-13)



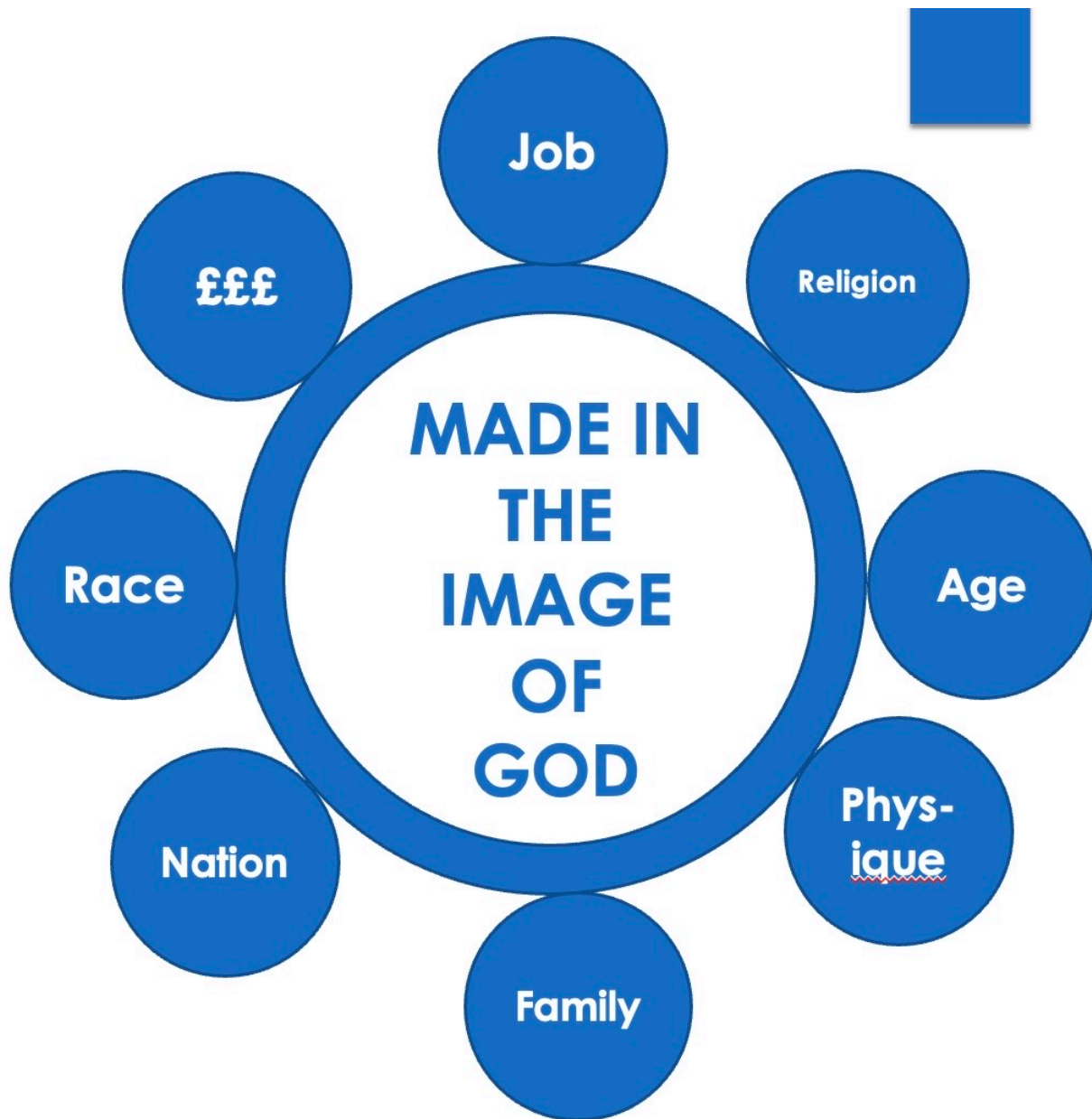
Identity



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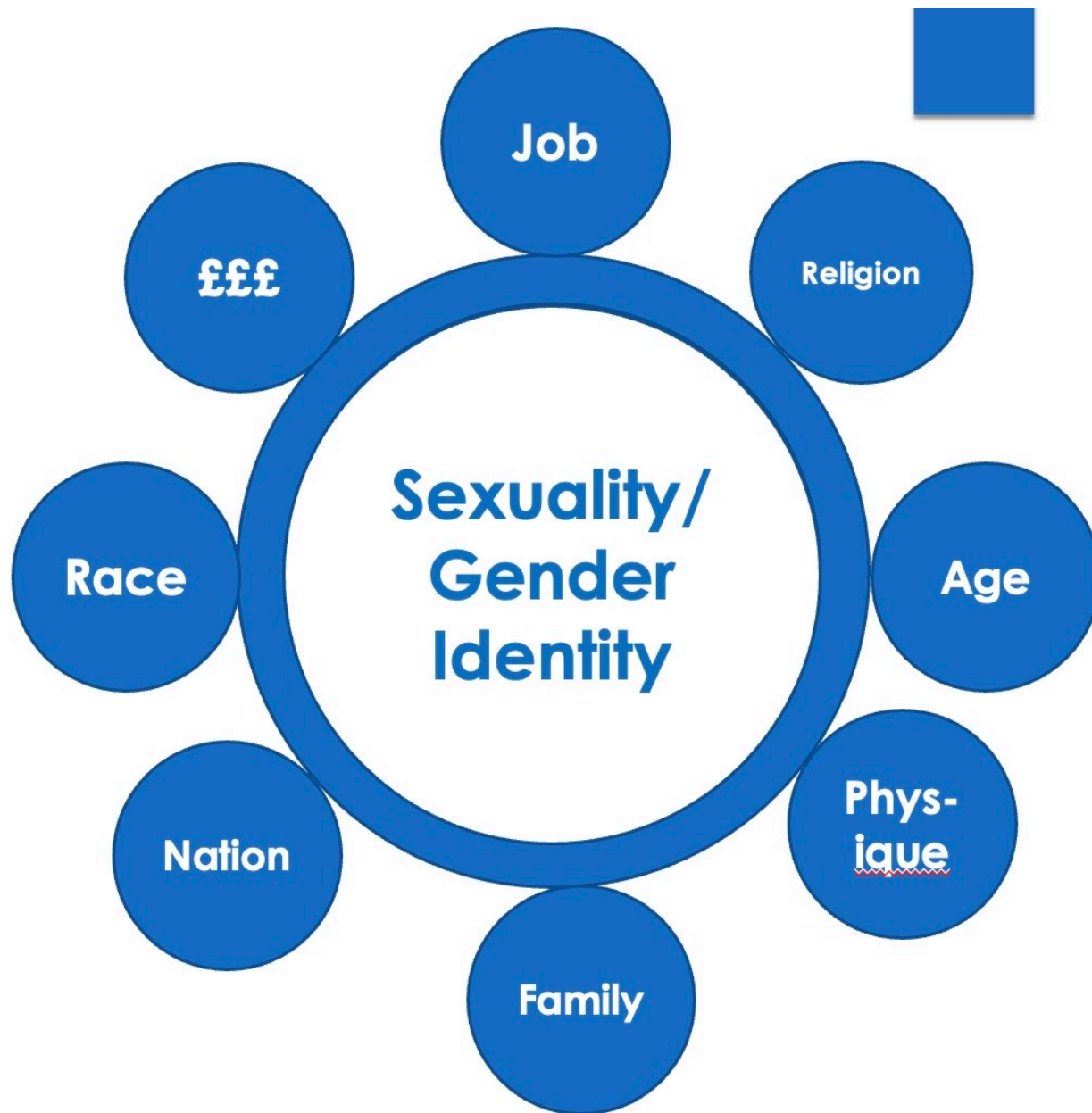


IDENTITY

MADE
IN THE IMAGE
OF GOD



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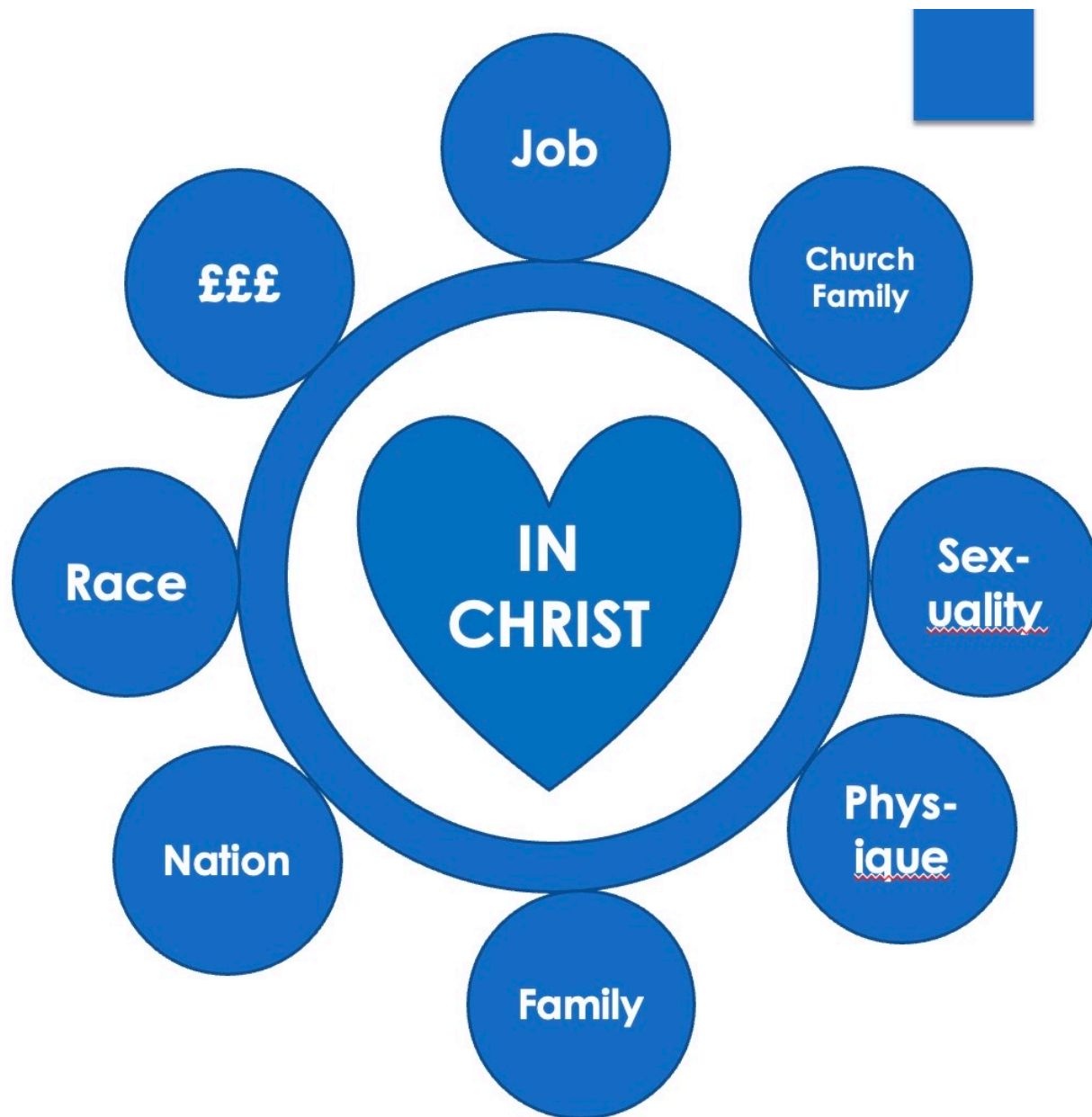


IDENTITY

THE IMPACT OF
SIN AND IDOLATRY



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IDENTITY

MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD
AND
MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST



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If anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17; GALATIANS 2:20

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

- A ***personal*** identity (John 10:3)
- A ***relational*** identity (John 1:12, 1 Pet. 2:9)
- An ***eternal*** identity (Eph. 1:4-5, Rev. 2:17)
- A ***dynamic*** identity (2 Cor. 3:18, Phil. 2:12-13)



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The pathway to salvation



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.... we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

ROMANS 8:23,25



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