

Big Issues: male and female in creation



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FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE MATTERS:

Books:

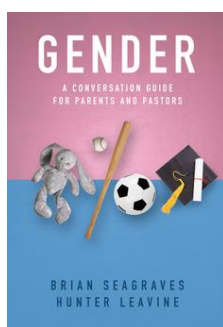
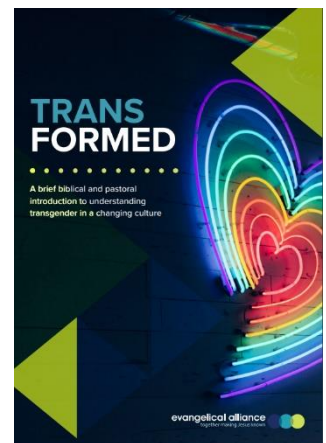
Transgender by Vaughan Roberts. This is a short introduction to the subject in the 'Talking Points' series published by The Good Book Company. *"Vaughan Roberts surveys the Christian worldview and seeks to apply these principles to the many complex questions surrounding gender identity. This short book gives an overview and a starting point for constructive discussion as we seek to live in a world with different values, and love, serve and relate to transgender people."*



God and the Transgender Debate by Andrew Walker. A more comprehensive book on the subject. *"This warm, faithful and careful book helps Christians understand what the Bible says about gender identity. It will help us to engage lovingly, thoughtfully and faithfully with one of the most explosive cultural discussions of our day."*

Transformed by Peter Lynas. This is a very helpful downloadable booklet on the subject from the Evangelical Alliance, available at:

<https://www.eauk.org/assets/files/downloads/Transformed.pdf>. *"Transformed is designed to help the church be a place of welcome and compassion for those who are transgender and their friends and family. We want to affirm the dignity of every person and point to the radical redemption that Jesus offers all of us. It seeks to counter the cultural narrative of individualism, deconstruction and consumerism with the story of the gospel — that through Jesus we are all loved, forgiven and transformed."*



Gender: A Conversation Guide for Parents and Pastors by Brian Seagraves & Hunter Leavine. This short book seeks to equip parents and others teach children Biblical principles and a Christian worldview on this issue. *"Whether you are a parent, mentor, pastor, or friend, this book will help you speak clearly to children on this subject in a world spinning in confusion. This book seeks to help families teach the Bible's view on gender clearly and consistently throughout a child's life. It contains two major sections. Part one focuses on what is most critical during three major stages in a child's life. Part two is a toolbox of resources providing proactive conversation-starters from pre-school to high school and beyond."*

Articles:

Gender Dysphoria is a helpful article from the Christian Medical Fellowship, looking at the issue from more of a medical point of view:

<https://www.cmf.org.uk/resources/publications/content/?context=article&id=26419>

Why Is Transgender An Identity But Anorexia A Disorder? by Moira Fleming. This online article is not written by a Christian but is written by someone who has suffered from anorexia, who challenges the very different ways in which transgender and anorexia are treated, despite similarities in what underlies both issues. <https://thefederalist.com/2016/06/27/why-is-transgender-an-identity-but-anorexia-a-disorder/>

The organisation the Christian Institute has produced a guide on the teaching of relationships and sex education in schools: **Relationships and Sex Education – a Guide for Christian Parents in England.** It provides helpful information on what schools are and are not required to do in this area, including teaching

about transgender issues. The guide can be downloaded here [christian.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/rse-guide-england_v2.pdf](https://www.christian.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/rse-guide-england_v2.pdf) and there is also a supplement available issued in September 2020 which is available here: <https://www.christian.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/rse-guide-england-supplement.pdf>

Organisations:

The **Evangelical Alliance** has a range of information and resources on the subject, including interviews with those who have had personal experiences of transgender issues. The information is available here:

<https://www.eauk.org/resources/what-we-offer/reports/transformed-understanding-transgender-in-a-changing-culture>

Transgender Trend is not a Christian website, but is run by concerned and well-informed parents, “for everyone who is concerned about the social and medical ‘transition’ of children, the introduction of ‘gender identity’ teaching into schools and new policies and legislation based on subjective ideas of ‘gender’ rather than the biological reality of sex”. It seeks to provide “information and research, resources for parents and teachers and legal information”. See <https://www.transgendertrend.com/>.