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Preparing Our Children to Face Homo/Trans/Non-Binary Sexuality

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Way back on Nov. 17, 2006, an article was released from the Associated Press entitled, “Room for Gay Penguins in School Libraries?” The article was about an Illinois school district having to deal with a picture book about two male penguins that raise a chick together, which was supposedly inspired by a true story, and which is supposedly not unheard of in the wild. What the parents of the school district were upset about were the homosexual undertones that were included. They wanted to move the book to the mature section, requiring parental permission for it to be checked out. The district’s attorney general stated that doing so would be construed as censorship and left the book where it was.

Brethren consider the situation: Fifteen years ago, parents are perturbed by what a book was suggesting, and rightfully so. Fifteen years ago, children were being targeted. What better way to prepare for the future than to convert the children of today into thinking that homosexuality is perfectly natural and even cute via books of this sort? But now consider what children are facing. They are being told to question their gender, question if they even HAVE a gender. This has been building and growing for decades.

“Brokeback Mountain” was bold enough, targeting every age group that would come see it. Way back then I had people tell me that, “You know, I was hesitant about it and all, but after watching it, it was very sweet.” And this makes it alright? Because it’s “sweet”? The same person went on to say that “they didn’t throw the sexuality in your face but worked it in very gracefully”. Gracefully?

There are two things that we want to take from this: 1) We must prepare our children to face these things. More and more, our children are going to encounter books, movies, teachers, children whose parents are homo/trans/pan/non-binary sexual, even other children who think of themselves as homo/trans/pan/non-binary sexual. It will not end, brethren, it will not get better. Those of us who wish for the good old days when these things were not even discussed must face the reality of today...it is going to get worse. Our children must have an understanding that these things are sinful and wrong. Otherwise, they will become part of this new society that the community is trying to create: a society where homo/trans/pan/non-binary sexuality is as natural as heterosexuality.

Secondly, we must prepare ourselves for ever bolder steps by mainstream society. We, as Christians, must be prepared to stand against this influence using God’s Word. One day society may openly persecute churches that will not approve of or accept homo/trans/pan/non-binary sexuality, considering how many churches are openly accepting it now. Are we prepared for this eventuality?

Edmund Burke once said, “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.” Will we be ready? Will we stand in the face of sin and error and try to save the souls of the world? Or will we lie back and let society have its way with the world, with the church, and with our future generation? “Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good” (Rom. 12:9)