

# **God on Gender**

**Genesis 1:24-28**

# From the Beginning

- **God created male and female**
  - as identity (**Gen. 1:27**)
  - for procreation (**Gen. 1:28**)
- **Jesus affirmed the same**
  - *He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female” (Mt. 19:4)*
  - *“But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’” (Mk. 10:6)*

# From the Beginning

- **Man/he/his and woman/she/her (Gen. 2:22-24;3:6...)**
- **A male is distinct from a woman**
  - *“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.” (Lev. 18:22)*
- **Male and female distinctions are to be recognized:**
  - Crossdressing forbidden (Deut. 22:5)
  - Hair length distinction (1 Cor. 11:14-15)
  - Men are not to act *“effeminate”* (1 Cor. 6:9, NASB)

# From the Beginning

- **Father and mother (Gen. 2:24; Eph. 6:1-2; etc.)**
- **Sons and daughters (Gen. 5:4, 7, 10; Isa. 29:6; etc.)**
- **Boys and girls (Joel 3:3; Zech. 8:5)**
- **Husband and wives (1 Cor. 7:1-2; Eph. 5:22-28; Col. 3:18-19; 1 Pet. 3:1, 7)**

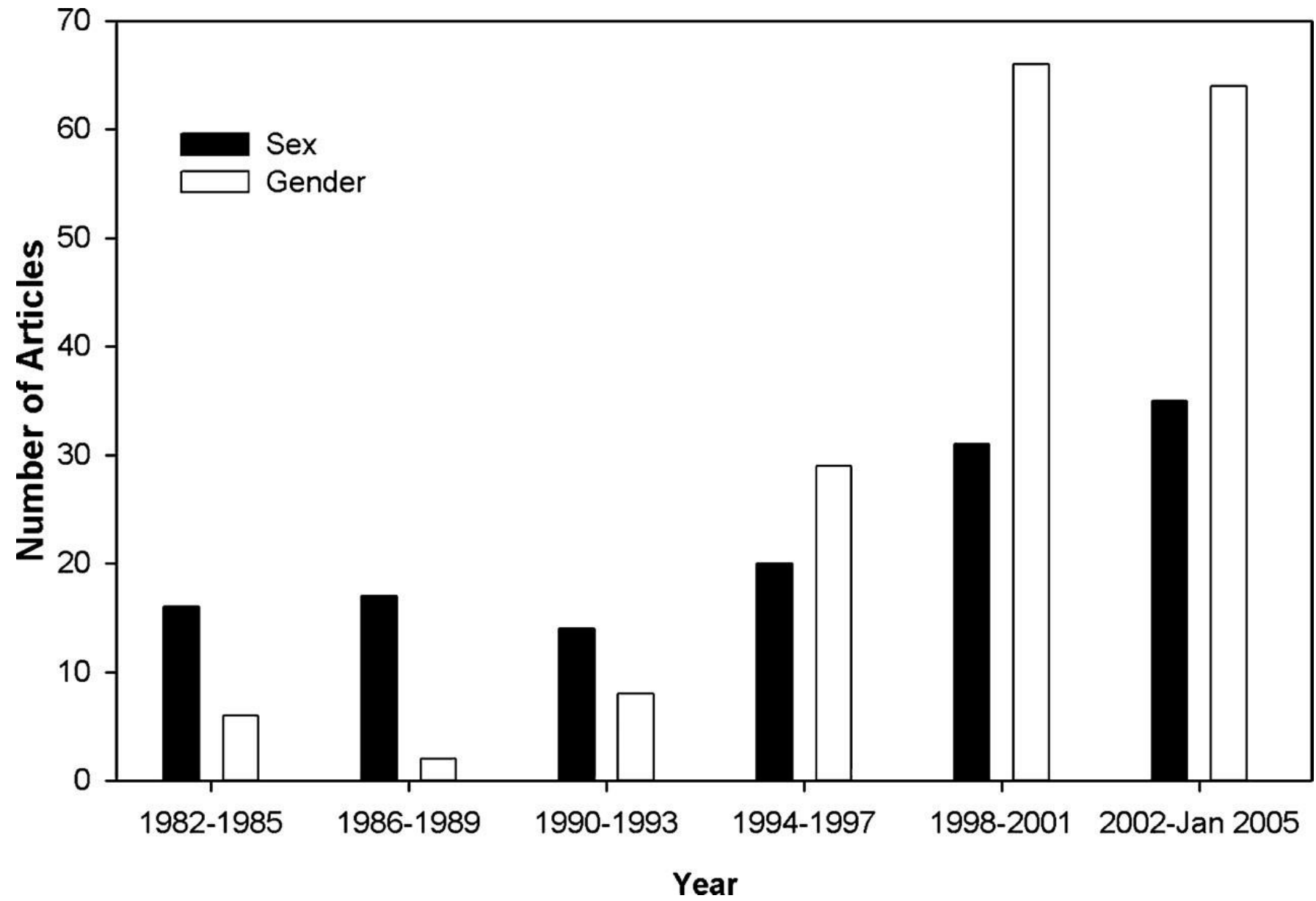
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# What Happened

- **Sexologist John Money is generally regarded as the first to introduce a distinction between biological sex and gender identity/role in 1955**
  - MONEY J. Hermaphroditism, gender and precocity in hyperadrenocorticism: psychologic findings. Bull Johns Hopkins Hosp. 1955 Jun;96(6):253-64.
- **Before 1955, the word “*gender*” was only regularly used to refer to grammatical categories**
  - Udry, J. Richard (November 1994). "The Nature of Gender". Demography. 31 (4): 561–573.
  - Haig, David (April 2004). "The Inexorable Rise of Gender and the Decline of Sex: Social Change in Academic Titles, 1945–2001" (PDF). Archives of Sexual Behavior. 33 (2): 87–96.

- **In the journals of the American Physiological Society, gender was first introduced into a title in 1982, whereas sex had been used since the early 1920s. It was not until the mid-1990s that use of the term gender began to exceed use of the term sex in APS titles, and today gender more the doubles that of sex**
  - Sex and gender: what is the difference? Britta N. Torgrimson, and Christopher T. Minson 01 SEP 2005 <https://doi.org/10.1152/japplphysiol.00376.2005>





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- **“Although much is made of a rare ‘intersex’ individual, no evidence supports the claim that people such as Bruce Jenner have a biological source for their transgender assumptions. Plenty of evidence demonstrates that with him and most others, transgenering is a psychological rather than a biological matter.”**

- McHugh, Paul. *Transgenderism: a Pathogenic Meme*. Public Discourse: The Journal of the Witherspoon Institute, 21 July 2020.

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- **“Biologists and medical professionals need to stand up for the empirical reality of biological sex. When authoritative institutions ignore or deny empirical fact in the name of social accommodation, it is an egregious betrayal to the scientific community they represent, and it is dangerously harmful to those most vulnerable.”**
  - Wright, Collin M., and Emma N. Hilton. “the Dangerous Denial of Sex.” The Wall Street Journal, Dow Jones & Company, 13 Feb. 2020.

# Answering the Argument

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# A Biblical Argument?

- **Galatians 3:28 authorizes it!**
  - No. Paul is discussing one's united, indiscriminate, equal, spiritual blessing in Christ, **NOT** the removal of one's biological make-up (1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 3:11)
- **Paul upholds these distinctions elsewhere:**
  - Jew and Greek (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 10:32)
  - bond and free (1 Cor. 7:21-22; Eph. 6:8)
  - male and female (1 Cor. 7:1-2; 11:7-12; 1 Tim. 2:12)

# Why It Matters

- **Christians must navigate “academic” definitions**
- **Christians will face societal/workplace pressures**
- **A distinction between sex & gender undermines:**
  - God’s marriage law
  - Biblical teaching on homosexuality
  - Biblical teaching on roles in the local church
- **We will be reviled for standing on God’s word**
- **We must stand**



# From the Beginning

- **God created male and female**
  - The bible makes no distinction between gender and sex
  - Neither is a “social construct”
- **Jesus affirmed the same**
- **Men and women enjoy the same spiritual blessings without distinction *“in Christ”***
- **Are you in Christ?**

