

Resources on Sexual Ethics, Homosexuality, and Transgender Identity

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Robert A. J. Gagnon, *The Bible and Homosexual Practice: Texts and Hermeneutics* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2001). This is the best thorough study of the biblical passages relevant to the practice of homosexuality.

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Gender Resource Guide, at <https://genderresourceguide.com/>. Educating and equipping parents to respond to the transgender issue. Sponsored by diverse organizations, from conservative Christians to self-described “radical feminists.”

Kyle Harper, *From Shame to Sin: The Christian Transformation of Sexual Morality in Late Antiquity* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2013). A historical account of the Christian sexual revolution that broke into pagan late antiquity.

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Dale S. Kuehne, *Sex and the iWorld: Rethinking Relationship beyond an Age of Individualism* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2009). This book is on sexual ethics more generally, contrasting pre-modern, modern secular, and Christian perspectives.

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———, *Mere Christianity*, rev. ed. (New York: Macmillan, 1952). Part I is an argument for moral truth and natural law.

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Leila Miller, with Trent Horn, *Made this Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today’s Tough Moral Issues* (El Cajon, Calif.: Catholic Answers, 2018).

Louise Perry, *The Case against the Sexual Revolution: A New Guide to Sex in the 21st Century* (Cambridge, Eng.: Polity, 2022). A secular feminist commentator makes a case against the sexual revolution, particularly noting its harm on women and children.

Mark Regnerus, *Cheap Sex: The Transformation of Men, Marriage, and Monogamy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017). A sociological account that examines how the sexual revolution—especially the pill and the promiscuity it enables—has cheapened sex.

Sexuality and Gender: A Companion to The New Atlantis Special Report (Austin: Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture, 2017). This is a collation and summary of the extensive findings reported in the article by Mayer and McHugh on “Sexuality and Gender.”

Keith D. Stanglin, *Ethics beyond Rules: How Christ’s Call to Love Informs Our Moral Choices* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Reflective, 2021). Includes chapters on moral relativism, the nature of love, and sexual ethics.

Tennent, Timothy C. *For the Body: Recovering a Theology of Gender, Sexuality, and the Human Body* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Reflective, 2020). A popular-level, Protestant appropriation of John Paul II’s theology of the body.

Trueman, Carl R. *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self: Cultural Amnesia, Expressive Individualism, and the Road to Sexual Revolution* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2020). Account of some of the deep intellectual roots behind the sexual revolution and transgender ideology.

———, *Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2022). A more accessible abridgment of the above entry.

Mark A. Yarhouse, *Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture* (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2015).

———, *Understanding Sexual Identity: A Resource for Youth Ministry* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2013).