

# God's Gifts of Sexuality & Gender



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# Sexuality & Gender

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  - Timeline of Presbyterian Inclusion
  - PC(USA) GA Overtures
- February 25: Faith-Based Sexuality Curriculum
  - Resources for Parents
  - PC(USA) Belief Statements on Sexuality

# Sexuality & Gender

- **L** = Lesbian (1%)
- **G** = Gay (1.4%)
- **B** = Bisexual (4.2%)
- **T** = Transgender (0.6%)
- **Q** = Questioning or Queer
- **I** = Intersex
- **A** = Asexual
- **2S** = Double Spirit (First Peoples)

} Total = 0.4%

**Total ~ 7.2%** (7% did not answer)

2022 Gallup Poll  
(10,000 US adults)

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 Gender Expression



Feminine

Androgynous

Masculine

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Gender Identity



Woman

Genderqueer

Man

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## ♥ Sexual Orientation



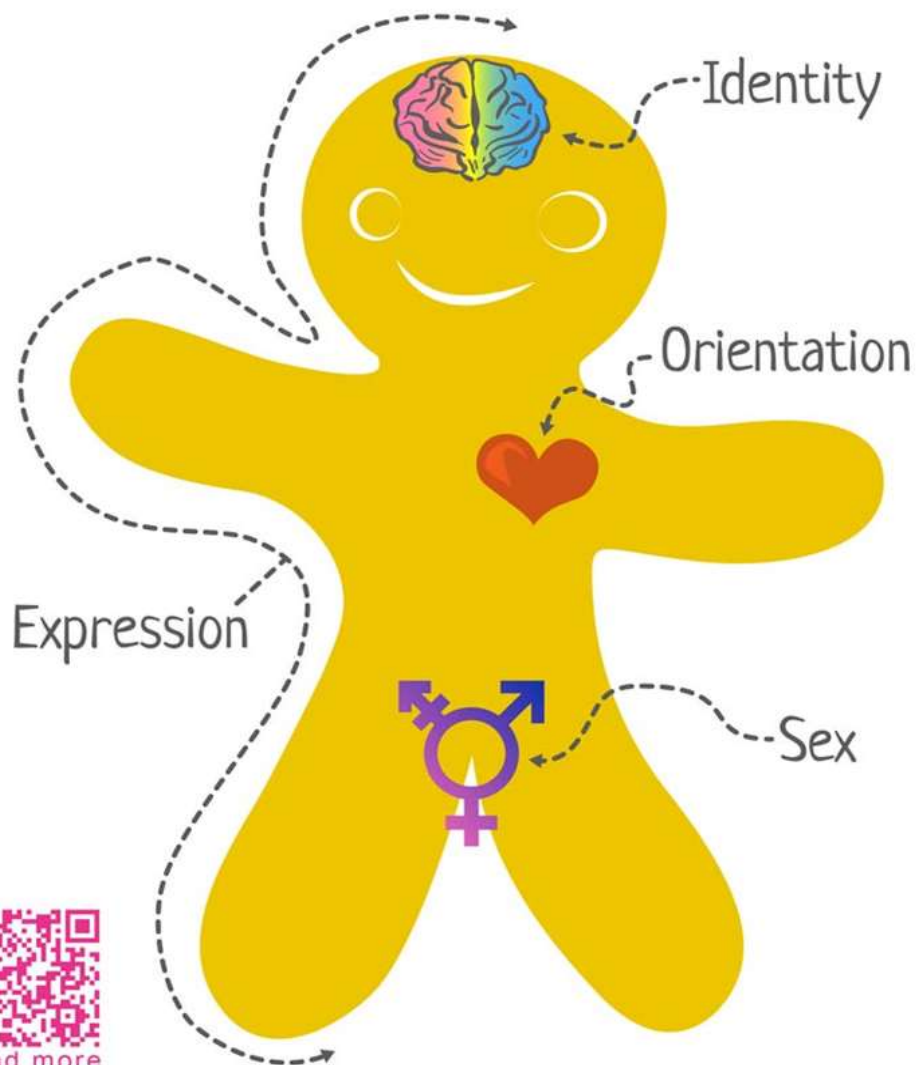
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Asexual

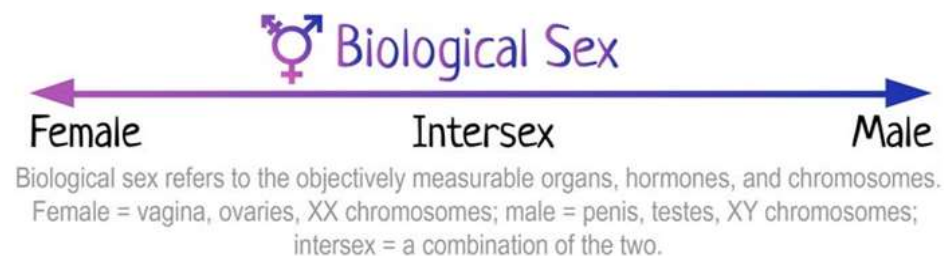
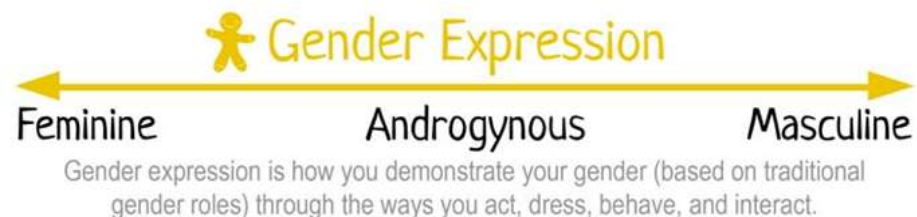


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## Gender Dysphoria Science



- **DSM-5 TR:** significant psychological distress that occurs due to the marked incongruence between one's experienced/expressed gender and their assigned gender, lasting at least 6 months
- **Axes:** Biological Sex  $\neq$  Gender Identity or Gender Expression
- Often begins in childhood or at puberty and can progress through adulthood although sometimes realized in adulthood
- A **cisgender** person identifies/expresses **same** gender as biologic sex
- A **transgender** person identifies/expresses **opposite** gender as biologic sex

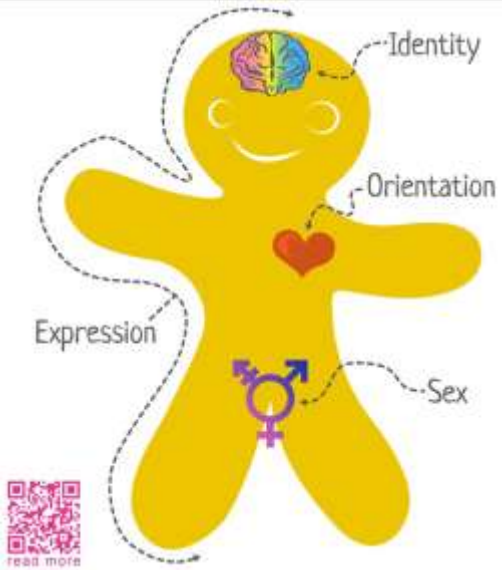


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## Gender Dysphoria Controversy



- April 11, 2022 Corrina Cohn voices trans regret in WAPO
- May 10, 2023 MO legislature restricts gender affirming care for minors
- September 12, 2023 SLCH no longer offers hormonal/surgical trans therapy
- December 15, 2023 Dr. Eappen compares trans & “conversion” therapy in WSJ



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## Four Life Stories of Diversity and Cultural Response

# Alan Turning (1912-1954)

## *The Imitation Game*

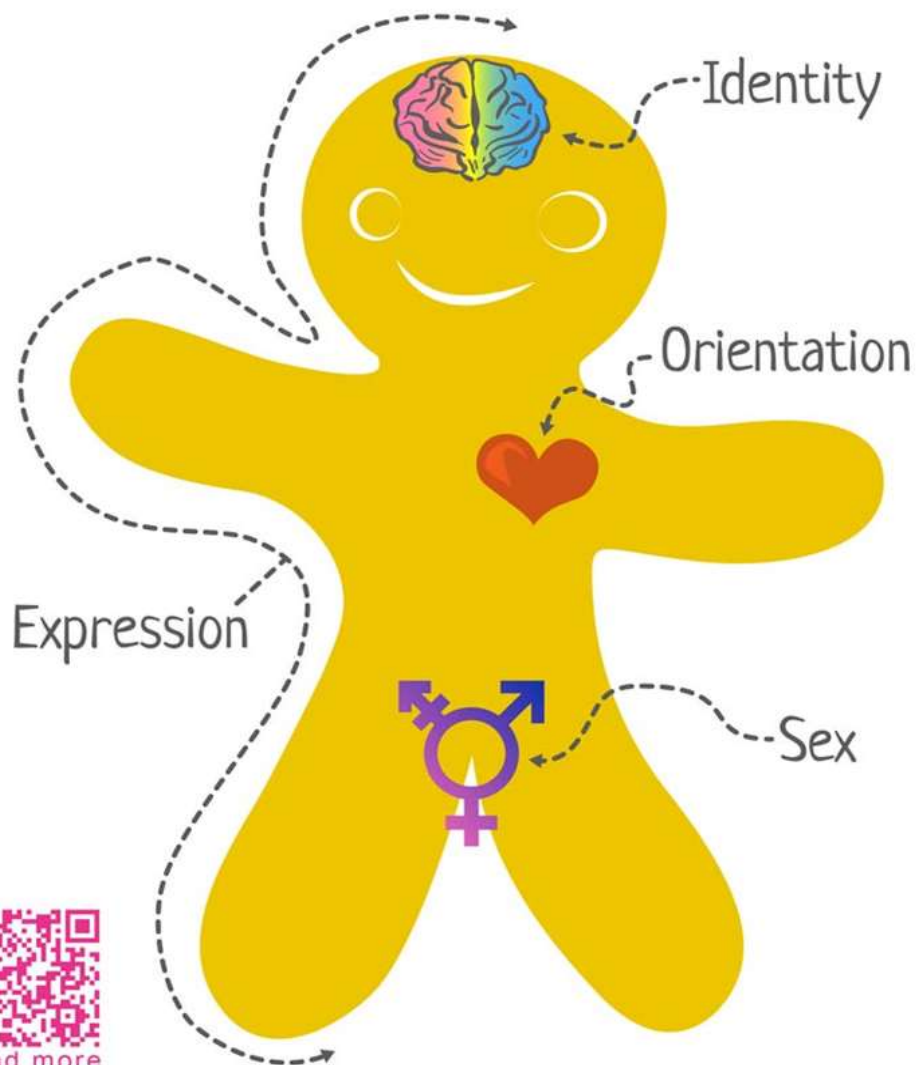
- British mathematician and computer scientist
- 1930 Fellow student & first love dies
- WWII: Cracked Nazi Enigma code
- 1941 Proposes to colleague Joan Clarke but then backs out
- 1945 Designed Automatic Computing Engine (early computer)
- 1952 Admits homosexuality, convicted & chemically castrated
- 1954 Mysterious death by cyanide poisoning





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# Dr. Renee Richards

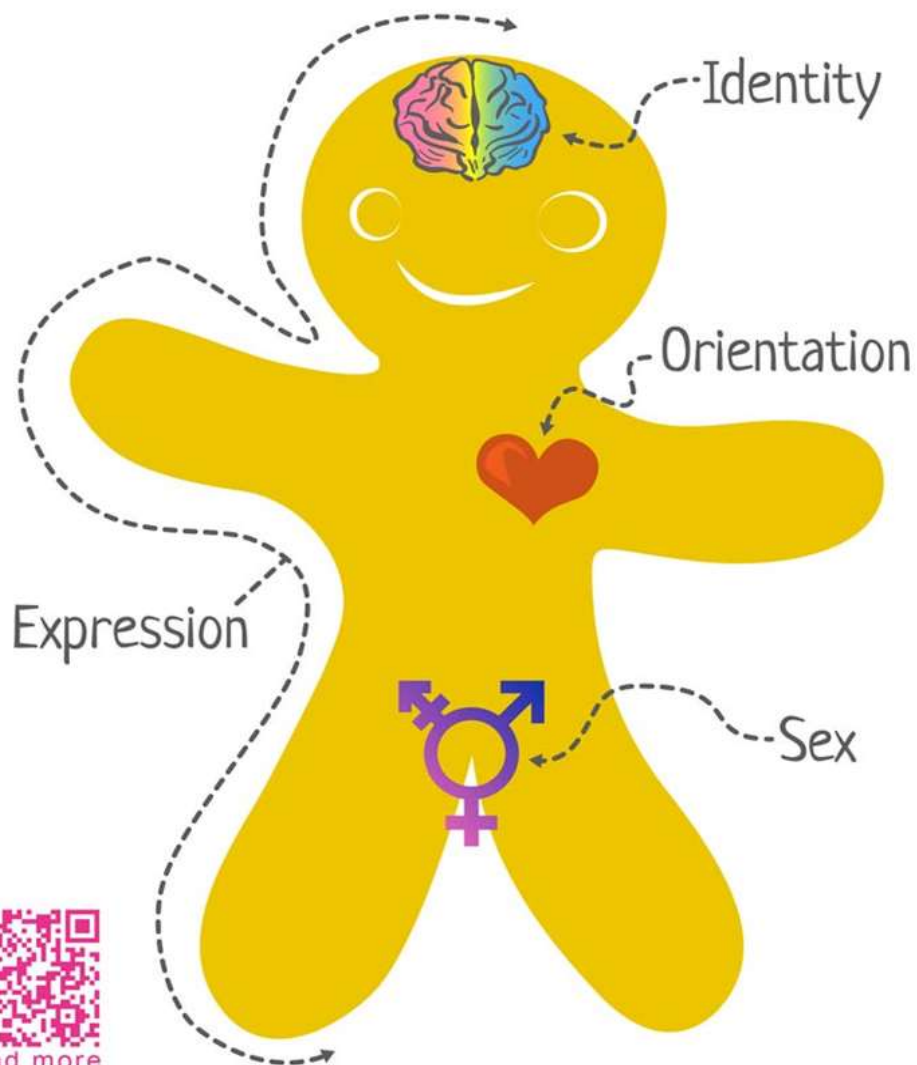
(born 1934 Richard Raskind)



- Yale Tennis Captain in 1955 (when he began to cross-dress)
- Completed training as an ophthalmologist
- Confusion/depression led to psycho/pharmaco transition therapy
- Married to model Barbara Mole 1970-1975
- 1975 Completed surgical transition
- 1977 2<sup>nd</sup> at US Open Women's Doubles

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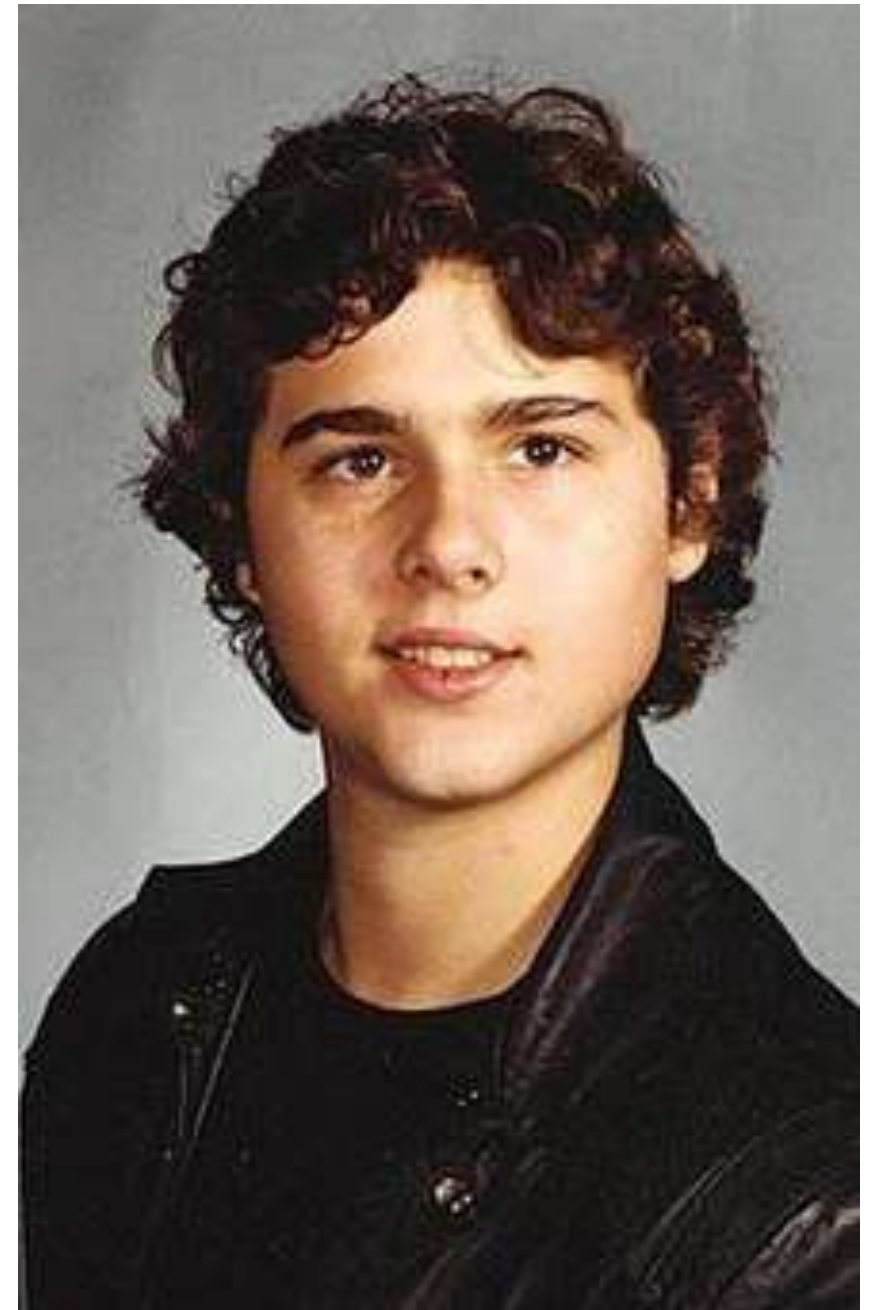
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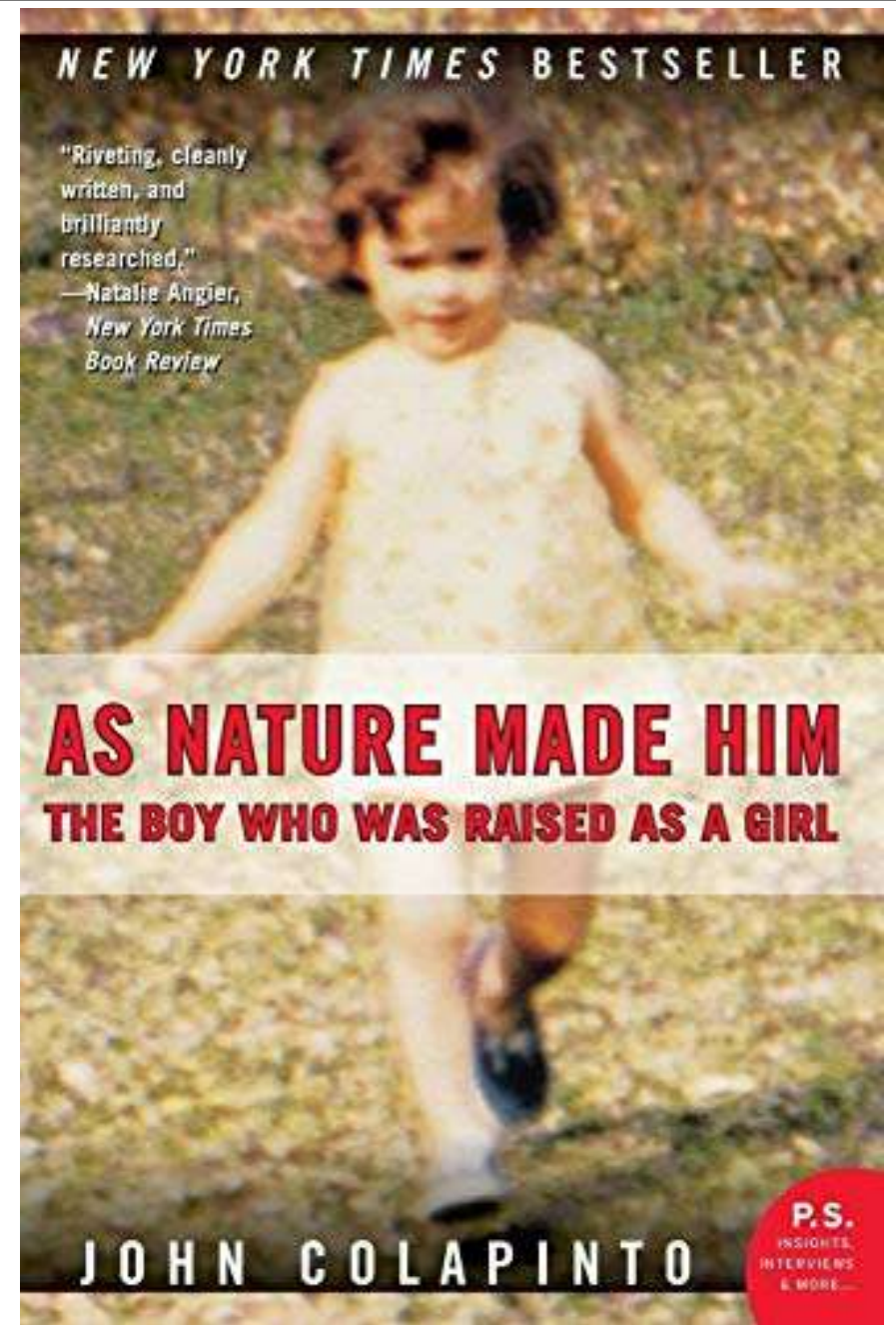
Bruce and Brian were twin boys born in Winnipeg, Canada in 1965 to parents of Mennonite descent.

The twins developed narrowing of the foreskin at 7 months of age. Bruce sustained a life-changing injury during his circumcision. Brian did not undergo surgery.



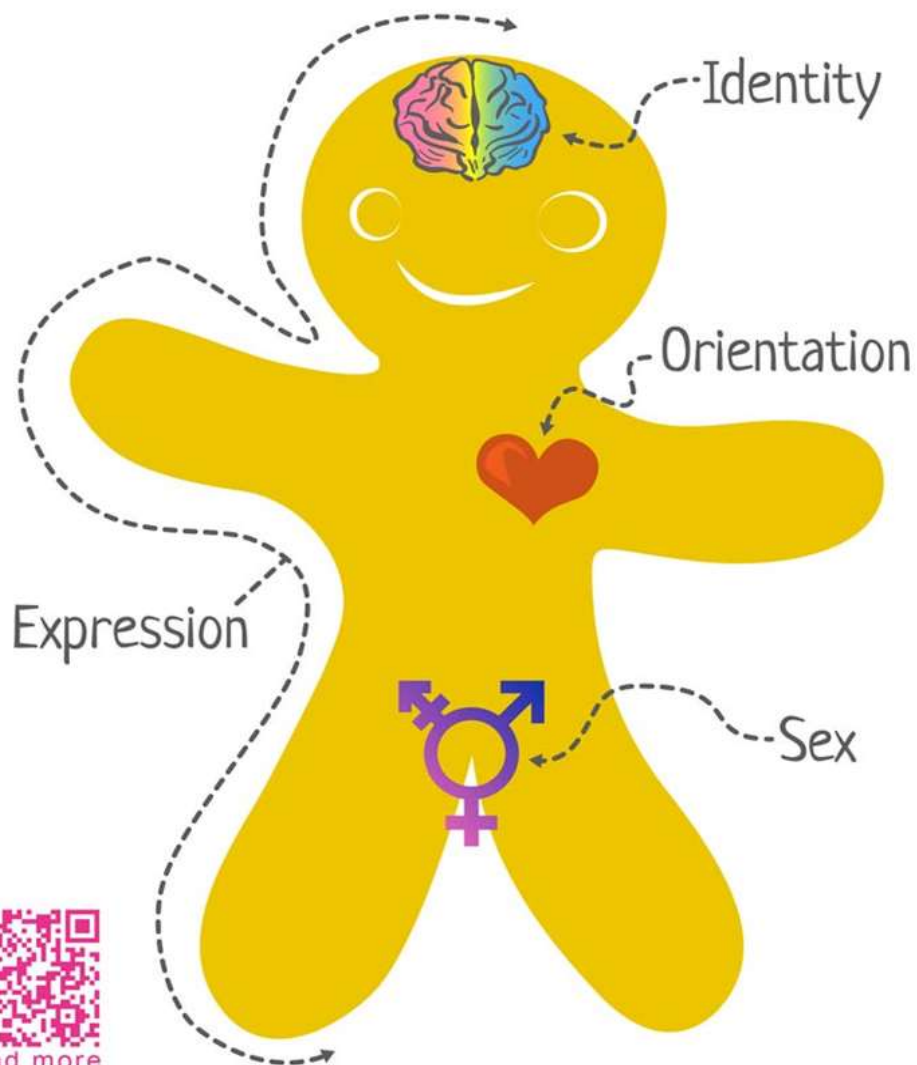
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- 1966 Botched circumcision & penile resection
- 1967 Consultation with JH psychologist Dr. Money
- Theory of gender neutrality => raise as a “Brenda”
- 1968 Orchidectomy & vulvoplasty
- Dr. Money required “child sexual rehearsal play”
- During puberty received estrogen for development
- 1980 Dad divulged truth & Brenda chose to be David
- David underwent mastectomy and phalloplasty
- 1990 Marries Jane & adopts 3 of her children
- 2000 Brian dies after OD of anti-depressant pills
- 2004 David dies by self-inflicted gun shot wound



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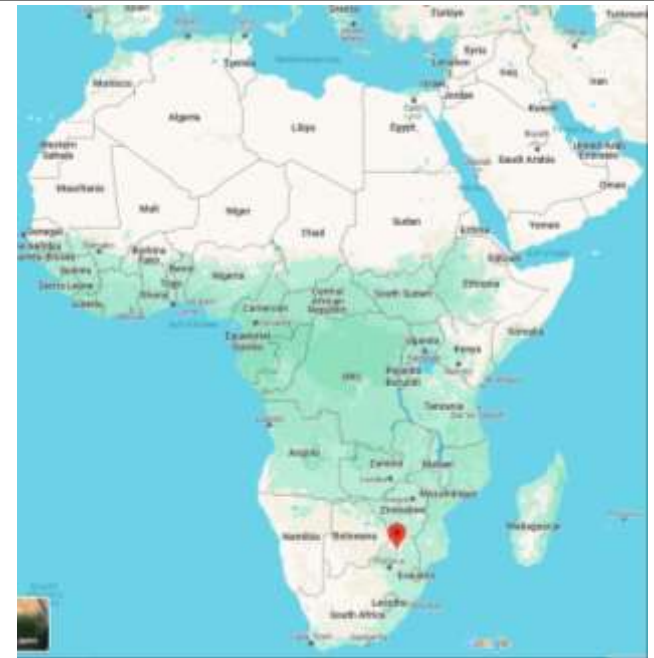


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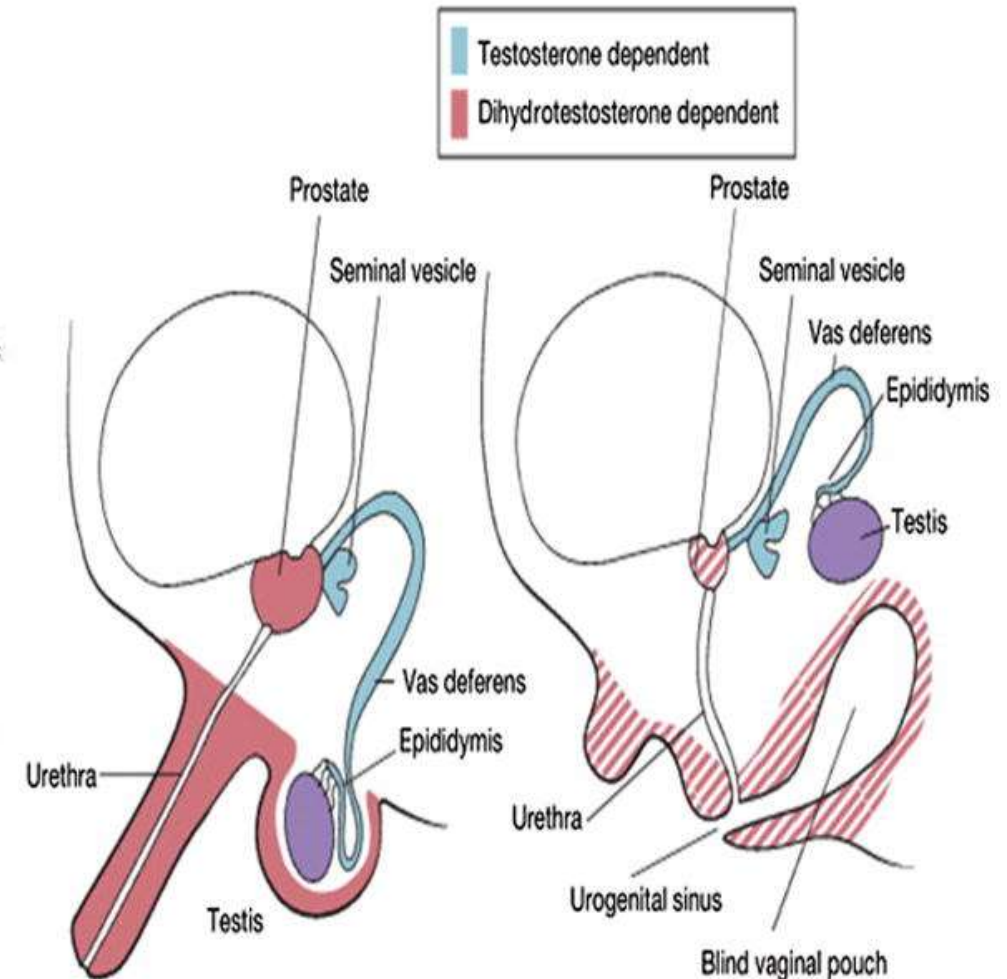
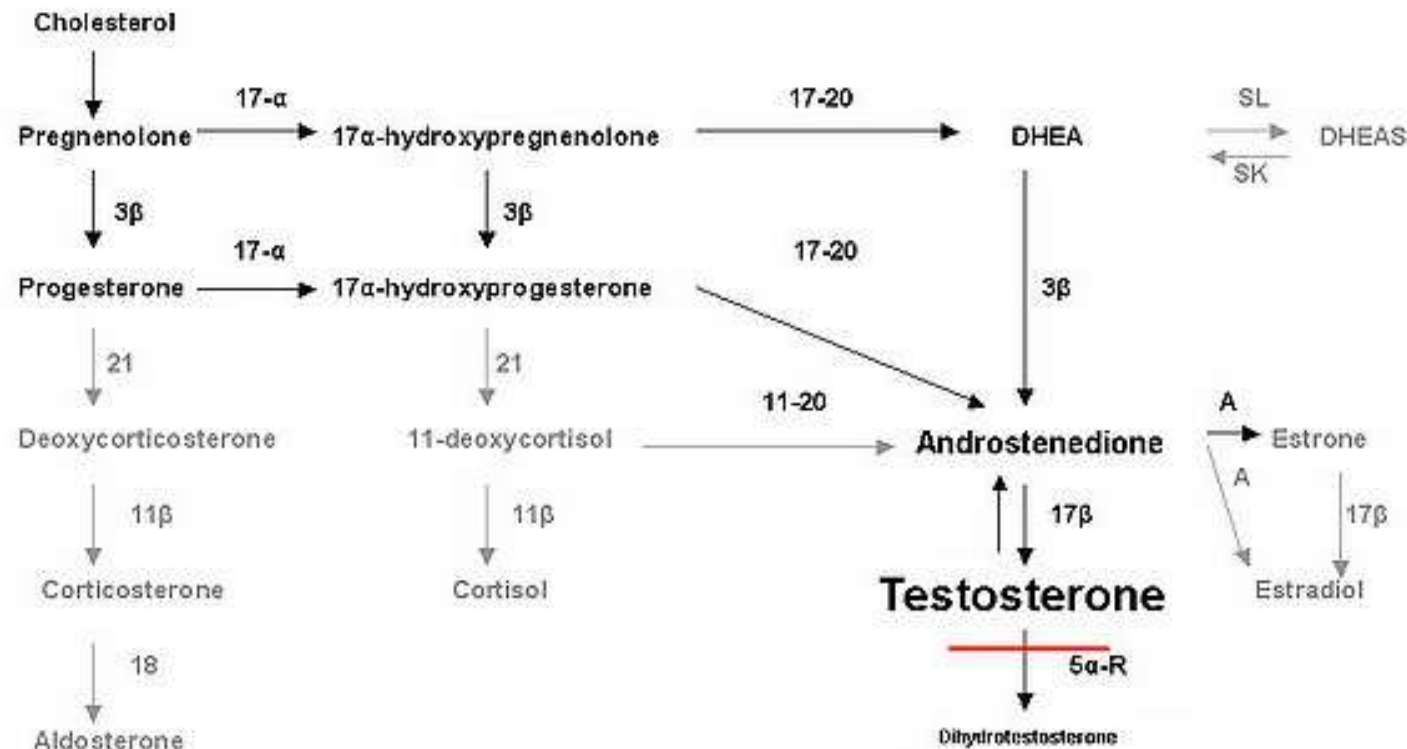
# Caster Semanya

In 1991, Caster was born in a small South African village where, at a young age, she became a track superstar and world champion. She has 5-alpha reductase deficiency.





# 5-Alpha-Reductase Deficiency



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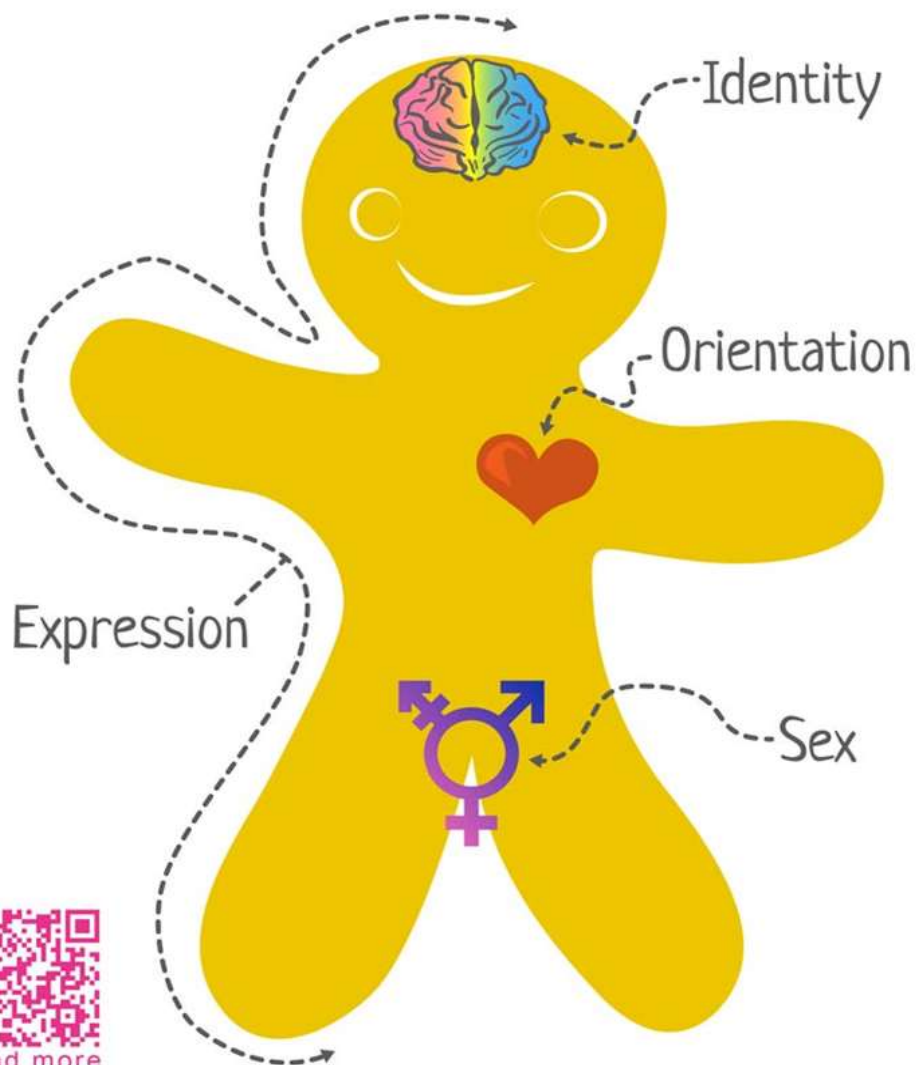


- 2009 1:55 in 800m winning World Championship  
IAAF investigated for biologic sex and drug use
- 2010 IAAF clears for competition without releasing results
- Gold medals at 2012 and 2016 Olympics
- 2015 Married her long-time biological female partner
- 2018 IAAF rules DSD must take drugs to lower testosterone



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# Timeline of Gender/Sex Mores



- God's animal kingdom evolves with homo/heterosexual behavior
- BCE Elite ancient Greek men practiced pederasty
- 1624 Richard Cornish executed in Virginia for sodomy
- 17<sup>th</sup> century colonies outlaw homosexuality
- 1830's Close friends Lincoln & Speed share a bed in Springfield
- 1948 Kinsey: ~5% women & ~10 % men are homosexual > 3yrs
- 1952 DSM: homosexuality = "sociopathic personality disturbance"
- 1960's OCP, sexual revolution, women's lib & coming out



# Timeline of Gender/Sex Mores 1970's



- 1972 Southern GA rejects first resolution on homosexuality
- 1973 58%/10,000 APA voted to remove homosexuality from DSM  
Northern article in *Trends* on homosexuality receives backlash
- 1974 “Is anyone else out there gay?” sign held up at the northern GA  
Leads to Presbyterians for Gay & Lesbian Concerns (PGLC)
- 1975 Northern GA denies PGLC organization status
- 1977 Southern GA report: sickness vs sin vs legitimate sexuality
- 1978 Northern “ More Light Churches” become safe havens



# Timeline of Gender/Sex Mores 1980's & 1990's



- 1983 UPCUSA and PCUS reunite to become PC(USA)
- 1985 PC(USA) Judges More Light Churches are unconstitutional
- 1987 PC(USA) GA forbids laws for sex between consenting adults
- 1997 B of O: ordain only married heterosexuals or chaste singles
- 1998 Leaders issue “Call to Sabbatical” on GA LGTBQ overtures



# Timeline of Gender/Sex Mores 2000's

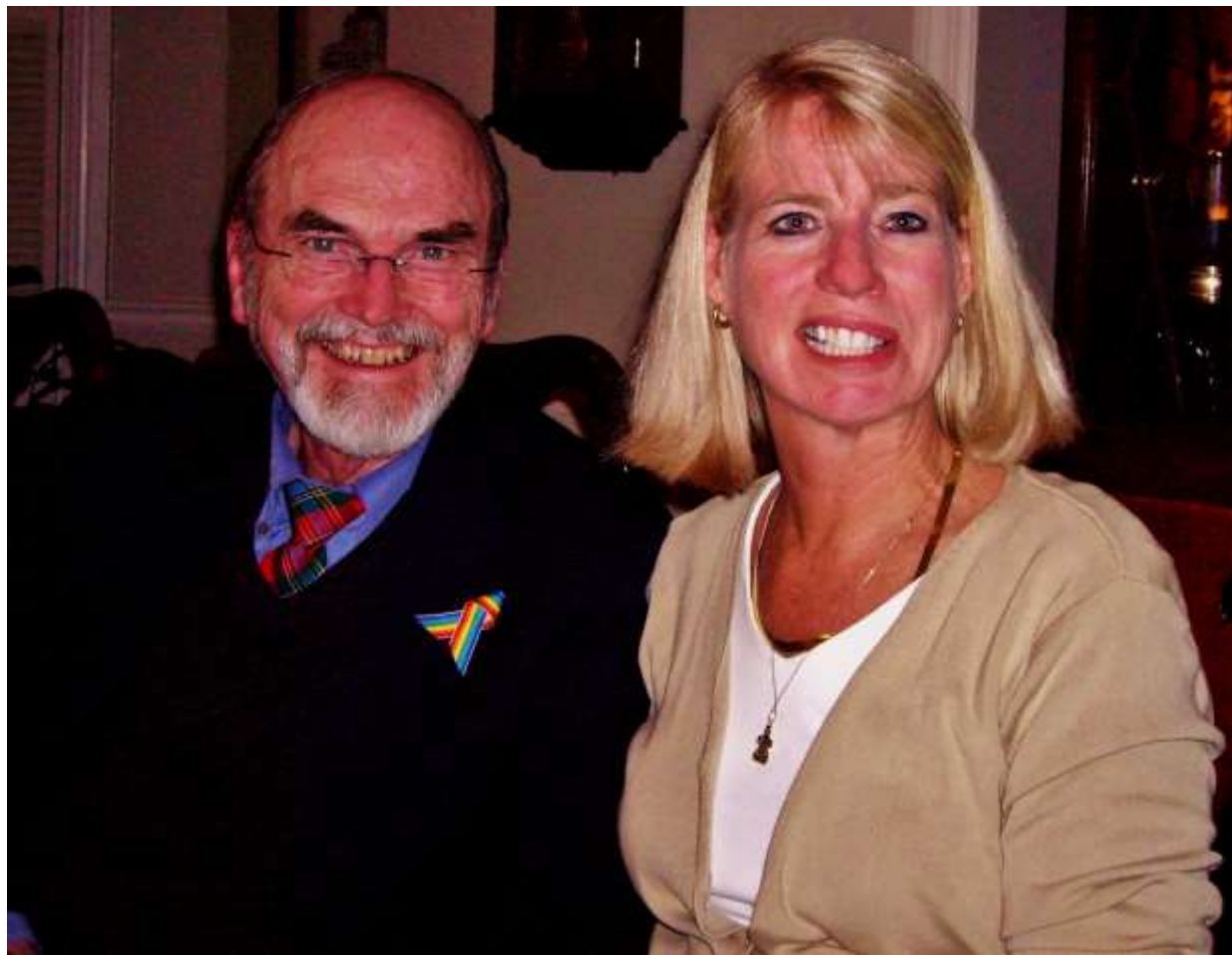


- 2000 Vermont recognizes same-sex civil unions
- 2001 Rev. Dr. Jack Rogers becomes moderator of PC(USA) & discovers how “homosexual perversion” was inserted into the Heidelberg Catechism during a 1962 translation
- 2003 SCOTUS overturns TX law forbidding homosexual sodomy
- 2004 Presbyterian Welcome retreat for LGBTQ seeking ordination
- 2006 Rogers publishes *Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality*



# Timeline of Gender/Sex Mores

## Rev. Dr. Jack Rogers







# Timeline of Gender/Sex Mores 2010's



- 2011 PC(USA) Book of Order allows LGBTQIA+ ordination  
Scott Anderson becomes first ordained *open* gay minister
- 2014 PC(USA) GA affirms same-sex marriages in states where legal
- 2015 SCOTUS upholds same-sex marriage in all states
- 2016 PC(USA) GA approves apology overture with mixed responses
- 2019 Jess Cook becomes first *open* nonbinary minister
- 2019 Alex McNeill becomes first *open* transgender minister



# 2018 PC(USA) GA Overtures

St. Louis, MO



- **11-04 Appropriate Boundaries of Religious Liberty**  
acknowledges the misuse of the term “religious freedom” in denying basic human rights and reaffirms that faith and religious liberty cannot be used to discriminate against anyone simply because of who they are.
- **11-12 Affirming the Full Dignity & Humanity of All Gender Identities:**  
acknowledges the church’s past mistake in being unwelcoming to transgender and non-binary individuals, encourages the welcoming and acceptance of all gender identities, and affirms their right to live free from discrimination in any arena.
- **11-13 Celebrating the Gifts of People of Diverse Sexuality & Gender**  
apologizes for the church’s previous unwelcoming stance on LGBTQ parishioners, celebrates LGBTQ church pioneers, and states the church will welcome, lift up, and fight for the human rights of all people created in the eyes of God.



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