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a wizard, a witch, a drag queen and a child stand by

"and for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness" 2 thes 2:11-12

are you waiting on a punch line, as if the title were meant to relay a joke or make a point. if there is a joke to be told, it is a horrible one and the joke is on us. so, what's wrong with this picture. the world would have you believe nothing is wrong with this picture. it is a righteous defense of freedom to pursue one's own truths. belief can never be substituted for truth. truth stands on it's own and is a defense of itself.

one may believe they can step off a tall building and float softly to the ground below; that is until it suddenly comes crashing beneath them. one may believe they can swim endlessly through the water; that is until their lungs cry out for the air they were created to breath. one may believe they can determine their own gender; that is until coming to the realization that both actual male and female are required to procreate; otherwise, extinction.

allow me to finish out the rest of this headline i read recently. a wizard, a witch, a drag queen and a child stand by as canadian legislator launches drag show protection bill. canadian politician has proposed a law allowing ontario's attorney general to criminalize

“offensive remarks” within 100 meters of a drag show, including so-called drag queen story hours for children.

"any homophobic, transphobic act of intimidation, threat, offensive threats, offensive remarks, protest, disturbance, and distribution of hate propaganda" would be prohibited by law if the bill passes, sponsor kristyn wong-tam said tuesday in a press conference."

the world has gone mad in it's arrogance and foolishness. "professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man." rom 1:22-23 romans 1 goes on to show the depths of delusion and confusion one can sink into when one's own truths are decided.

one might ask, whatever happened to freedom of speech? every kind of reviling thought and speech is now tolerated - except for Godly speech. yes, in england they have even arrested a woman quietly praying "to herself and God," simply for doing it in the vicinity of a forbidden area. and just where is that forbidden area - usually any place pray is needed most; in the most ungodly places of all.

i read an article recently by dr, michael brown, a well known and renowned scholar. it referenced another article by someone who was asked about whether it was acceptable to use a person's chosen pronouns to describe a truth they adhered to.

the question was asked: "but what if the need arose,

especially with someone you met for the first time? wouldn't it be christian to meet that person where they are and then help them find true wholeness from the inside out?"

the writer of the article stated, "my use of transgendered pronouns was not a mistake; it was sin." she lists 8 reasons, including:

1. to use these pronouns is violation of the 9th commandment (not to bear false witness against your neighbor, and referring to them as something they are not is false witness);
2. it's an encouragement for them to violate the 10th commandment (not to covet, here, meaning coveting an identity that is not theirs);
3. it violates the order of creation and the calling on both male and female to bear God's image;
4. it discourages the ongoing sanctification of trans-identified christians;
5. it cheapens the reality of redemption through the cross;
6. it fails to love our neighbor as ourself;
7. it fails to offer genuine christian hospitality, replacing it instead with "liberal communitarianism, identity politics, and 'human flourishing'";

to use PGP's has always been sinful and remains so even though times have changed. at the end of the day, reality is reality and truth is truth, and to collaborate with someone's deep, heartfelt confusion is to hurt them more than to help them.

and so, we are left with: a wizard, a witch, a drag

queen and a child stand by... standing side by side.
what is one left to say in such circumstances? how are they to respond. respond assuredly with love, but true love doesn't acquiesce in deception, even self deception which seemingly fulfills one's emotions.
"and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." john 8:32 isn't freedom what we are all seeking if the truth be known? isn't it release from the hurt and despair driving us to such madness? anger and retaliation will not ease you're burdened soul.

to continue living in a falsified truth will only lead one to a rude awakening. "what do you mean, sleeper? arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish." jonah 1:6 by all means, arise and call in God while He still is within hearing distance. "but your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear." isa 59:2 it is only our tears of repentance that shall restore His hearing. "a broken and a contrite heart - these, o God, You will not despise." psa 51:17

take your broken, hurting heart - take all your confusion and anger - take it all to the altar and lay it there along with your tears of repentance and faith in His redemptive blood. take it there. leave it there. BE FREE. in Jesus name!