## THE BULWARK

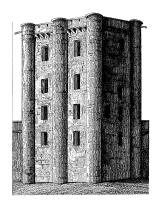
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"Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that you may tell it to the generation following" Psalms 48:13

## CONFUSED?

It is getting more than just a little bit confusing out there, isn't it? Society has taken a decidedly different twist over the past several years. It is now possible for a Caucasian to self identify as a Native Ameri-

can; or for that matter any other ethnic group. Of course the same holds true in the inverse. Then there is the case of a swimmer on the University of Pennsylvania women's team, who is for all

intent and purpose, biologically a male. For three years Will Thomas competed on the men's swim team, then going into his senior year, he identified no longer as a man, but as Lia Thomas, a woman (see photo above). Winning and setting records at an unprecedented rate.

Much to the chagrin of those who champion causes on behalf lgbtq+, gender identity is listed in DSM IV as a disorder, and inasmuch as it is listed in DSM, it is considered to be one of a mental nature. Though in more recent issues of DSM, the word disorder is removed and replaced with dysphoria. Regardless, of semantics it is ludicrous to embrace a mind set being held by a growing number in society of self assigned gender identity. Or even more contemptable to raise a child without gender identity and to then let the child decide how they would like to identify.

In the 19th chapter of Matthew, Jesus noted, "Have you not read, that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female." (v 4; see also Genesis 1:27, 5:2) The Bible does not give anyone esprit de corps to select from one of the fifty-eight gender options currently in vogue according to many sources one of which is

ABC News. Comedian and culture commentator, Bill Maher, who politically is clearly "left of center" noted that the issue of transgenderism is "trendy" and that is the reason why so many are accepting it.

While it is true that one in approximately 2,000 births there is the possibility of an infant being born with both sets of genital (or portions thereof), but a simple checking of the chromosomes correction can be made, and that early on. Why has our culture taken something so simple (in the overwhelming number of cases) and made it so complex? The answer can be found in Romans 1:21-25, note verse twenty-five. "For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator..."

Maybe if more would seek God instead of seeking a different gender identity, society would greatly benefit. Accept who He created us to be and accept the distinct gender roles therein. G. K. Chesterton, made the following observation. "The danger is when men stop believing in God is not that they'll believe nothing; but that they will believe in anything." His words ring so. "For God is not a God of confusion but of peace... (1Corinthians 14:33) (wbe)