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### Northern Ireland Civil Service leaders aid the defiance of God which the so-called 'Transgenderism' movement engenders!

The newspaper report that spurred me to write, makes alarming reading. **Use transgender pronouns or face possible dismissal: new guidelines for NI's 23,000 civil servants.** Without any apparent authority, bureaucratic pen-pushers can change the terms of employment for some 23,000 individuals and require them to submit to an ungodly diktat or face the sack!

We are moving ever nearer the day when the profession of Christ and His Law will be outlawed.

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It is reported in today's "Belfast Newsletter" (31st August 2020) that the newspaper has "discovered that, during the period when there was no government in Northern Ireland, the civil service altered its rule book to say that all workers must use whatever words transgender people want, or face disciplinary action – and possible dismissal."

Even Mervyn Storey of the DUP was troubled by the news! "But former finance minister Mervyn Storey said there are religious people and people of no faith alike who "do not sit comfortably with all of this." He criticised the fact it was put into force in the absence of a minister. "The ex-finance minister had asked his former department (which is in charge of civil service personnel) who had been consulted when drawing up a new policy on transgenderism.

The department named nine different consultees – seven of whom are transgender / LGBT advocacy groups. They are: Stonewall, GenderJam, SAIL NI, TransgenderNI, Focus-The Identity Trust, NI Civil Service Diversity Champions, and the NI Civil Service LGBT Staff Network.

The other two consultees listed are the trade unions (which are generally supportive of LGBT campaigns) and "individual colleagues".

Of course, the matter goes far beyond what Mr Storey would appear to envisage as to its seriousness. The policy goes directly against God's truth. The NI Civil Service has now decreed that to take the view of 'transgenderism' that God sets forth in the Bible as morally wrong and an abominable perversion, is to risk discipline and possible dismissal from the Civil Service!

Thus it has become illegal to believe and act according to the Bible in the eyes of the Civil Service in this country.

#### Lunacy

It is to be remembered that the lunacy that this 'movement' has embraced argues that people should be allowed to "self-identify" as to whatever gender they want, regardless of whether they have had surgery or hormone treatment.

This means that a person who is genetically male, has male bodily features, and is legally registered as male, should be considered female if they choose to "identify" as such (and vice versa).

The transgender movement also holds that there are not simply two genders, but many. Such people often call themselves "non-binary".

They sometimes want to be referred to, not with the standard pronouns "he" or "she", but with new words like "ze" and "zir".

When it comes to toilets and changing rooms, the new rules suggest the creation of "gender neutral" faci-



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ties – but “whether this is possible or not, trans people should be able to use the facilities allocated to their affirmed gender”.

This leaves open the possibility of biological men using ladies’ facilities (or vice versa).

In defence of such insanity, it is said by such policy-makers that “people perform better when they can be themselves” Is that not a standing of logic and common gumption on its head! How can a man that IS a man perform better by pretending to be a woman, or vice versa, even when surrounded by those who aid in this imbecility!! It is a testimony to the shameful irrationality of it all that such a statement is made as justification for the new policy!

What madness the Civil Service has endorsed and sanctioned!!!

### Latter-Day

It is all part of the latter-day movement to recreate the atmosphere and environment of Sodom, but on a national, aye international scale.

To the Christian it is but a signal that the end of this age is rapidly approaching though the citizenry, generally speaking, is as ignorant of that truth as were the citizens of Sodom long ago.

Christ said of the times which intimate the approach of His second advent : “Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed,” Luke 17:28-30.

The unpreparedness of the people and their blindness to the approach of God’s wrath is set forth here. “The same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.” The warning of Lot of coming judgment had been considered a joke by those one would have expected to have treated his warning somewhat more seriously.

“And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked (Hebrew - ‘was jesting, having a laugh’) unto his sons in law,” Genesis 19:14.

Thus what happened in the days of Noah was repeated in the day of Lot. “But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be, Matthew 24:37-39.”

Doubtless, the morally ignorant and spiritually blind Civil Service chiefs, have no awareness or acquaintance with the attitude of Heaven towards this matter. Whoever they consulted, we can be sure that they did not for one moment give any thought to what God thought or said on this matter.

### A Future Day

One day they will!

In the past, the wrath of God has been “revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness” and it will yet be fully and dreadfully revealed again “when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you



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was believed) in that day," 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.

Glorious day indeed. Then shall the mouth of every gainsayer be closed and that forever and the sneer wiped from the face of the moral reprobate and the saints of God gloriously vindicated and honoured!

What of the decision thus made in a most undemocratic manner which Mr Storey seemed to be somewhat lax about? Will he and the party he supports so fervently do anything?

Not for one moment would I harbour the smallest hope but we will wait and see!!

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