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## The blind folly of an ever more vocal minority

Here is a 'screenshot' of a headline posted on Thursday January 16th, 2020, on the BBC Northern Ireland news site.

The words of the headline are those of a person claiming to be a 'woman' but who was born a male and is therefore still a male, irrespective of the unnatural claim made or the government laws endorsing such claims or the ranting of the many pervert-supporting lobbyists active everywhere!



### 'Trans people aren't going anywhere'

A transgender woman will receive a £9,000 settlement from Debenhams after settling a sex discrimination case.

Ava Moore had applied for a job as a temporary sales assistant with Debenhams in her hometown of Newry, County Down, in the run up to Christmas 2018.

She was turned down for the role despite performing well at interview.

The Equality Commission supported Ms Moore in the case, which Debenhams settled with no admission of liability.

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In a most ironic fashion this headline is true. 'Transgenderism' is a lifestyle which most certainly leads to a dead end! Nothing, humanly speaking, can come of it. It is as the eunuch of old said of himself, "Behold, I am a dry tree", (Isaiah 56:3).

But on the other hand, the headline suggested some thoughts to me which contradict this foolish person's benighted assertions.

### 1. EVERYONE IS GOING SOMEWHERE!

That is what the Bible teaches. Humanity is subject to death. So said the 'wise woman' of Tekoah! "For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again," 2 Samuel 14:14. But one wiser than she had already stated this same truth many years before. "All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust." So said Elihu, Job 34:14. Again, I may quote one whose wisdom lives on today, Paul the Apostle. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," Hebrews 9:27. Paul also wrote the following. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," Romans 5:12.

Therefore it is very plain that all mankind shares a common destination on this earth - the grave!!

### 2. BUT WE ALL ARE GOING FURTHER THAN THE GRAVE!

As Paul said in Hebrews 9:27, there is an 'after this'! "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"!

Death does not end our existence, though many would like to believe that it does. Believing the moon is made of blue cheese does not make it so! Likewise, because millions believe that there is no life or existence beyond the grave does not make it so.

The Bible certainly says there is life beyond the grave. Those words of Paul, recorded in the book of Hebrews,



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and already quoted, indicates there is. “. . . after this the judgment”!

The word ‘judgment’ in that verse, means ‘a trial’. You see, the God, so rejected and denied by multitudes throughout the ages, really does exist and will call ALL mankind to give an account, and one that is going to be very detailed, according to the Lord Jesus Christ. “But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned,” Matthew 12:36-37. The word ‘idle’ carries the meaning of ‘barren, fruitless’. In other words, even meaningless and insignificant words will be examined in judgment one day! Nothing man has thought, said or done will be overlooked or ignored in the judgment spoken of in the Bible!

Even ungodly men, who make no profession of religion, recognise this fact. Heed these words, which will be spoken one day by the most unbelieving of men, the followers of Antichrist. “And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” Revelation 6:15-17. This acknowledgement of a ‘day of wrath’ was wrung from the lips of those who were following the one, ‘the man of sin, the Antichrist’, who, with the support of the ten kings who aligned themselves with his rebellion, “. . . shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful,” Revelation 17:14.

The devils have ever believed this truth. They may seek to have men reject the truth of a future judgment but they themselves are not so foolish as to believe what they would seek to have blinded men embrace! “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble,” James 2:19. Their belief in God included that ‘He was the Judge of all the earth’ and they, like all created beings’ would be subject to that judgment. Heed these words of a devil which possessed a poor man in Capernaum. “And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God,” Mark 1:23-24. And again, the witness of many demons who possessed the man of Gadara. “And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?” Matthew 8:29.

When the chief deniers of a day of judgment obviously believe in one, it leaves little room for doubt about the matter!

It has ever been a central doctrine of the gospel. When Paul was in Athens, he preached on Mar’s Hill, a famous public meeting place. At the conclusion of his message to the unbelieving Athenians he said: “Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man’s device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead,” Acts 17:29-31. His concluding remarks, though mocked and rejected by his blinded hearers, nevertheless formed a principal truth of the gospel. Paul’s final words to Timothy show this to be so. “I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry,” 2 Timothy 4:1-5. Preaching the ‘word’ and faithfully doing ‘the work of an evangelist’ entailed telling men that ‘the Lord Jesus Christ . . . shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom.’



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### 3. WHERE MEN ARE GOING AFTER THE JUDGMENT DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, IN TIME, WITH CHRIST AND HIS GOSPEL!

The great hymn writer, John Newton, put it like this.

1. *What think ye of Christ? is the test  
To try both your state and your scheme;  
You cannot be right in the rest,  
Unless you think rightly of him;  
As Jesus appears in your view,  
As he is beloved or not,  
So God is disposed to you,  
And mercy, or wrath are your lot.*

The true Christian will answer in the words of Newton's fifth verse.

5. *If ask'd what of Jesus I think,  
Although my best thoughts are but poor;  
I say he's my meat and my drink,  
My life, and my strength, and my store,  
My shepherd, my husband, my friend,  
My saviour from sin, and from thrall,  
My hope from beginning to end,  
My portion, my Lord, and my all.*

The person who believes in Christ in the fashion set forth in these words will go to heaven after being tried and tested by Christ. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," Matthew 25:31-34.

The sheep refer of course to the flock of Christ who have obeyed His voice and followed Him. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand," John 10:27-29.

But what of those who rejected the voice of Christ and His call to repentance and faith? Where do they go after the judgment?

They go to that place which the devils feared and dreaded, the place of everlasting torment. I refer to Matthew 25 again and the Saviour's parable of the sheep and goats. "These shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal," verse 46.

There is a most dreadful price to pay for defying God and rejecting His merciful invitation in the gospel. Those who turn their back upon God and defy and despise His law will spend an eternity lamenting their folly in a manner which cannot be described by mortal tongue or perceived by the mind of man!

*"The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear," Matthew 13:41-43.*



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That simple phrase, 'wailing and gnashing of teeth' presents a picture we really cannot comprehend, it is so terrible.

But the one who in the BBC News report is quoted as saying: "Trans people aren't going anywhere" is very wrong indeed. This is a boastfully arrogant and bellicose statement which challenges the 'natural and the normal'. Such as hold to this empty notion have been persuaded that they can triumphantly cast aside the truth of God and reject His order for mankind and are now engaged in a campaign to persuade society in general that what they have espoused will be 'the new order' of things.

They are entirely and eternally wrong!

Rather the 'lifestyle' they have embraced must not be seen as anything other than rebellion and defiance of God for which there is a terrible price to be paid.

It is to the paying of that price that such as this poor deluded being and the millions world-wide, who share in this folly, are going.

Romans chapter 1:20-32 clearly states just what is involved in such wickedness for surely that is what this horrendous defiance of God and His ordained order for mankind, must be called!

*"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."*

It may be truly said that the "wrath of God against all sin and iniquity" is not going anywhere! It awaits all who disregard the gospel and fly in the face of God's wrath. There is a reaping day for the sins that have their fountainhead in Sodom. Indeed, the record given us of that city's downfall and destruction is a merciful warning to those who today would follow in their steps. "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly," 2 Peter 2:4-6.

May foolish sinners learn the simple truth: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting," Galatians 6:7-8.