BIBLE TALK

This week the question is: What does the Bible say about the strange case of Caitlyn Jenner?

What we mean by this is: What Bible teachings apply to the case of Caitlyn Jenner?

On July 20, 2015 I did a Google search for the name Caitlyn Jenner. This search produced a brief summary written by Wikipedia which reads:

Caitlyn Jenner, formerly known as Bruce Jenner, is a retired American athlete known for winning the men's decathlon at the 1976 Summer Olympics.

https://www.google.com/search?q=caitlyn+jenner&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8 (accessed 7/20/15)

What do we know for a fact?

- First, we know for a fact Caitlyn Jenner used to be known as Bruce Jenner. So we have a person who has changed his name. This is a fact.
- Second, we know for a fact that when Caitlyn Jenner was known as Bruce Jenner, he won the "men's decathlon" at the 1976 Summer Olympics. In other words, we know he participated in the Olympics as a man. This is a fact.
- Third, <u>this man</u>, who participated in the Olympics as a man <u>now says he's a woman</u>. This is also a fact.

These are facts. I am not purposefully trying to slander anyone or misrepresent anyone.

I am now going to draw some conclusions based on the facts. These conclusions seem to be logical conclusions, but you must decide for yourself whether these conclusions are valid.

DEDUCTIONS – CONSLUSIONS

Conclusion #1: If Bruce Jenner won the "men's decathlon" in the 1976 Olympics, but he was really a woman, then he was lying about his sex in 1976.

So if Caitlyn Jenner is telling the truth now (saying that she's a woman), then she was lying to the world in 1976 when she posed as a male. If she was lying about her sex for the past 40 years, can

we believe anything she is now saying? I'm asking this in all sincerity. Can we really believe anything a liar says?

Conclusion #2: While still wearing the name "Bruce," Mr. Jenner and his three wives produced six children.

So if Caitlyn Jenner is telling the truth now (saying that she's a woman), we have a scientific miracle. What we end up having is a woman married to three different women and together these four women produced six children. If this is truly what happened, this would be the first time in human history that three pairs of women mated together and produced six children. In every other case in history it has always required a male and a female to produce children. But now we have an anomaly.

However, it gets even more nonsensical. What we have is three different wives married to someone who says he was really a woman all along, and the three wives were deceived. They were married to this Caitlyn Jenner, had babies with "her," and none of the wives or children knew Caitlyn was really a woman all along – everyone in his family thought Caitlyn was a man named Bruce Jenner.

CHANGED HIS SEX

<u>But someone argues</u>: George – you idiot – don't you know that Bruce was a man and then later changed his mind and decided he wanted to be a woman.

Now ... if this is possible and permissible and logical ... I'm wondering where it will all end up. If Bruce Jenner is permitted to decide he is no longer a man and he is now a woman, suppose someday Caitlyn should decide to change her species rather than simply her sex?

- Suppose Caitlyn someday decides she's a *bald eagle* and she now wants to live on the side of a rocky cliff and soar off into the air on her wings to look for prey.
- Suppose Caitlyn someday decides she's a *Holstein milk cow* and she now wants to live in a meadow and eat grass.
- Suppose Caitlyn someday decides she's a female *pit bull dog* and she wants to live in the backyard and bite anyone who invades her territory.

Will the American media give Caitlyn the praise and support if and when she makes such decisions? Is there a point where those in positions of influence finally say, "*Enough is enough – this person is insane*"? Well, it hasn't happened yet. No one in the media is saying Caitlyn Jenner

is insane. Every news agency reporting on the matter is showing total support and empathy for Caitlyn Jenner.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Now the question before us is simply this: What does the Bible say about all this nonsense?

Mark 10:6

⁶ But from the beginning of the creation, **God 'made them male and female**.'

Everyone falls into one of two categories according to the Bible – male or female. Bruce Jenner was born a male. His birth certificate says he was born a male. He was born with male reproductive organs. Every chromosome in his body are male chromosomes. The only thing feminine in his entire body are the female hormones which have been injected by medical doctors.

What else does the Bible say?

Romans 1:21-28

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, **they became fools**,

²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

What is the Bible saying here? It's saying that when men and women turn their backs on God and begin to live their lives without divine guidance from heaven:

- God "gives [such people] up to vile passions." (v26)
- He "gives them up to uncleanness." (v24)
- He "gives them over to a debased mind." (v28)
- These people "become fools" (v22)
- These people are "futile in their thoughts." (v21)
- These people "have their foolish hearts darkened." (v21)

That's what the Bible says about people like Caitlyn and Bruce Jenner and the American media who offer their support.

When Nebuchadnezzar (king of Babylon) thought he was an animal (Daniel 4), he was considered to be insane. Even the pagan Babylonians realized their king was insane. Human beings do not have the right nor the ability to decide what species of life they are. Humans were born humans, made in the image of God (Gen 1:26). That cannot be changed. When someone decides they are an animal and begin acting like an animal, we should have pity for such a person and should try to lovingly help that person to regain their right mind.

Likewise, the Bible is teaching that every human being is born either a male or female. That is how God made each person (Mk 10:6). No one can change their sex according to the Bible. When someone, like Bruce Jenner, attempts to change their sex, the Bible is teaching they should be helped to regain their proper thinking. This is called repentance. Repentance means "a change of mind that results in a change of lifestyle." The Bible is calling on Caitlyn Jenner and others to repent and change their lifestyles to conform to the rules of God.

Again, this is not a message to slander anyone. This is merely an investigation into a question: *What does the Bible say about the strange case of Caitlyn Jenner?* If you did not want to know what the Bible says about this, you should not have called. If you did want to know what the Bible says, then we have discovered what the Bible says. The Bible says such cases are sinful and shameful. That's not George Battey saying this. That's what the Bible says. As for me personally, I believe the Bible is the true and authoritative voice of God Himself.

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