

On May 1, 2008 the American Psychiatric Association (APA) released the names of those appointed to the work groups that will revise and develop the fifth edition of the APA's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V)*. Dr. Kenneth Zucker, who heads up the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has been selected to Chair the Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders work group, which raises many concerns as to the validity to any revision of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*.

Dr. Zucker, along with his colleagues Dr. Ray Blanchard who is also appointed to the DSM-V workgroup and Dr. J. Michael Bailey are at the center of one of the most contentious and personal social science controversy in recent memory. A taxonomy created by Dr. Ray Blanchard in 1989 proposes two categories for male-to-female transsexual people: homosexual and non-homosexual. Blanchard's junk theories were popularized by sexologists Dr J. Michael Bailey and Dr Anne Lawrence. The taxonomy claims that "homosexual transsexuals" are an extreme type of gay man, where "nonhomosexual transsexuals" are driven to transition by "autogynephilia," a paraphilia Dr Ray Blanchard" coined "autogynephilia" which means arousal at "the thought or image of oneself as a woman." These junk theory was invented to meet a religious agendas and had no scientific base in fact just a predetermined outcome.

For the American Psychiatric Association (APA) to appoint a person of strong ties to "junk science" will further destroy any trust or validity of *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V)* being based on science. Why should any gender variant person then trust any member of the APA or HBGDA/WPATH to give the best in scientific treatment and not that of some religious based pseudo-therapy?

On November 4, 2003, Ray Blanchard resigned from HBGDA/WPATH, the association of clinicians and researchers working in the area of gender dysphoria, transgenderism and transsexualism. Blanchard's resignation came in response to the dissemination of an open letter from HBGDA regarding J. Michael Bailey's book on transsexualism, which among other things said that: *"trust and mutual respect between the scientific and the transgender communities is essential . . . to promote the health and well-being of transgender and transsexual individuals and their families. It is felt by many of our members that this poorly referenced book does not reflect the social and scientific literature that exists on transsexual people and could damage that essential trust."*

Jane Armstrong published an article in a Canadian newspaper, *The Globe & Mail*, on Saturday, June 12, 2004 in which she reported: *" Toronto psychologist Ray Blanchard, one of Canada's leading -- and most controversial -- gender experts, argues the transgendered movement is rife with delusion. "This is not waving a magic wand and a man becomes a woman and vice versa," he says. "It's something that has to be taken very seriously. **A man without a penis has certain disadvantages in this world, and this is in reality what you're creating.**"*

Dr. Kenneth Zucker practices the pseudoscience of reparative therapy, which the APA believes it is an elective choice. Dr Kenneth Zucker is a darling of the "ex-gay"

movement because of his undocumented and unproven work "curing" gender-variant children." The APA along with Dr. Kenneth Zucker practices of reparative therapy lacks any accountability ethics for the failure of the pseudoscience of reparative therapy which too often leads to suicide.

You can color it any way you want but the truth is that Dr. Kenneth Zucker Dr. Ray Blanchard and their colleague's are using exegesis of Old and New Testaments of the Bible to elucidation of their prejudice religious beliefs as therapy for gender variant human beings. Thirty-Four years after the American Psychiatric Association (APA) voted to delete homosexuality as a mental disorder, the diagnostic categories of "gender identity disorder" and "transvestic fetishism" in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders still bare the prejudice of what the medical industrial complex does not fully understand and have not the slightest inclination to the cause.

Dr. Kenneth Zucker, Dr. Ray Blanchard, Dr. Warren Throckmorton, Dr. J. Michael Bailey, Dr Joseph Nicolosi, Daniel Byrne, nor any member of The National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH), American Psychiatric Association, The HBGDA/WPATH, The American Psychological Association, The Catholic Medical Association, or the Christian Medical and Dental Association, no living or dead human-being can explain the process of or prove how, when, were or why one human-being becomes female and another is male, ones core gender identity, just some junk pet theory to meet their sponsored religious agenda. Dr. Kenneth Zucker, Dr. Ray Blanchard, Dr. Warren Throckmorton, Dr. J. Michael Bailey, Joseph Nicolosi, Daniel Byrne, and member's of The National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) have not been content with terrorizing a small portion of humanity that they disapprove of the trans community, but this is their first step in the agenda of correcting what they feel was a mistake in removing homosexuality from the DSM in 1973.

Dr. Kenneth Zucker, Dr. Ray Blanchard, Dr. Warren Throckmorton, Dr. J. Michael Bailey, Joseph Nicolosi, Daniel Byrne, and members of The National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) on their web-sites have been for years complaining railing against American Psychiatric Association for labeling Reparative therapy or transformational ministry programs, assume that homosexual behavior is: Part of what a person does, Chosen, not discovered, and the junk science of "homosexual transsexuals" are an extreme type of gay man, where "nonhomosexual transsexuals" are driven to transition by "autogynephilia," a paraphilia and is Changeable, through therapy and prayer, Abnormal and unnatural, irrespective of the nature of the relationship, and the very best in sciences Always immoral, and Hated by God.

Circle Ministries stands opposed to the appointment of Dr. Kenneth Zucker as Chair and Dr. Ray Blanchard as a member of the Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders work group.

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