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“And we bring you good of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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Candidates Twist the Scriptures Too

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Peter sounded the warning to Christians concerning those who twist the Holy Scriptures. Fellow Christians, be alert, “... *the ignorant and unsteadfast wrest...*” Paul’s letters “...*as they do also the other scriptures to their own destruction*” (2 Peter 3:16).

James Talarico is a 37-year-old Texas House Representative / Presbyterian Seminary student, currently running for the Senate. Politically, he is a progressive Democrat; religiously, he is an unsteadfast teacher, twisting the Scriptures.

In 2021, from the floor of the Texas House of Representatives, Mr. Talarico said “*God is non-binary*,” meaning God “*cannot be defined by human categories*.” Jesus defines God as being “*a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth*” (John 4:24). But males and females have a spiritual component created within them., being created in the image of God.

Representative Talarico also declared there are “*six genders*.” He said, “biological science acknowledges **six biological variations** based on chromosomes to argue that sex is a nuanced spectrum, not a strict binary.” Is there a continuous variety

(nuanced spectrum) of biological genders?

Genesis chapter one reveals only two biological genders. Science reveals these two genders, male and female, are determined at conception: (XX) female or (XY) male. Variations can occur in the division process, like a sex cell having three chromosomes, (XXY or XYY). Both variations will produce a biological male for the Y chromosome determines the sex gender. Sometimes a fetus may have three of the same chromosomes (XXX) or only one chromosome (X0), both issuing a female.

Talarico, in a 2025 CBS interview, when he was asked if he still believes there are “*six biological sexes*,” responded by declaring, “*I know there are two sexes, men and women. I also know there is a very small percentage of people who have chromosomal abnormalities, and I believe they are to be treated with dignity and respect.*” Talarico refuses to acknowledge that the “**chromosomal abnormalities**” do not produce a third biological gender.

Mr. Talarico explained his “*God is non-binary*” statement by appealing to Paul’s letter to the Galatians in the context of being in Christ where Paul wrote, “...*There can be no male or female*” (Galatians 3:28). Paul is

emphasizing that we are united as “one man” when baptized into Christ. Salvation is freely offered equally to all: male and female, Jew and Gentile and bond and free (cf. Galatians 3:27-28). Paul is not saying we should no longer be bound by male and female distinctions in Christ. For Paul admonishes women to not “*teach, nor have dominion over a man*” (1 Timothy 2:12). Male and female distinctions still exist in Christ. .

Representative Talarico in his 2021 defense of transgender biological males in women’s sports declares publicly on the House floor that the Hebrew word for God (Elohim) is indicating the glory of God in Genesis 1:27 He twists the scripture declaring God is greater and therefore above being bound by male and female genders. He apparently cannot see that from the beginning of chapter one, the magnitude of God’s glory is His creating all things including the two genders in man, male, and female.

In his interview with CBS, Mr. Talarico revealed a motive for saying, “*God is non-binary*” He confessed, “*I was being intentionally provocative.*” Apparently he was willing to twist Scripture in order to create a “cringy” or “uncomfortable” response with provocative words? It worked!