

# Insight...

***“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”***

***Ephesians 4:29***

- **Ouch!** A little girl asked her mother, *“Where did people come from?”* Her mother answered, *“God made Adam and Eve and they had children and that’s how all mankind was made.”* A couple of days later she asked her father the same question. The father answered, *“Many years ago there were monkeys, which the human race evolved from.”* The confused little girl returned to her mother and said, *“Mommy, how is it possible that you told me that we were created by God, and Daddy said we came from monkeys?”* The mother answered, *“Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his.”*
- **An interesting question...** Why does a \$100 dollar bill look so small at the grocery store but so big at church? Talk about it. What if the questioner had used a \$10 dollar bill as an example?
- **Transgender Truths...** Dr. Paul McHugh has been studying people who claim to be transgender for over forty years, as both the University Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Medical School and the Psychiatrist in Chief of Johns Hopkins Hospital. In a recent article about transgenderism for **The Public Discourse**, he notes that after Johns Hopkins pioneered sex-change surgery, *“we demonstrated that the practice brought no important benefits. As a result, we stopped offering that form of treatment in the 1970s.”* He also points to lessons from Sweden, which has done follow-up studies of sex reassigned people over thirty years. *“Ten to fifteen years after surgical reassignment,”* he writes, *“the suicide rates of those who had undergone sex-reassignment surgery rose to twenty times that of comparable peers”* – and that in a culture that is strongly supportive of the transgendered. McHugh says that what most *“therapists willing to assess and guide them in ways that permit them to work out their conflicts and correct their assumptions.”* He bemoans the trend by government to block such treatments, and calls for the public to reject the idea that *“sex is fluid and a matter open to choice.”* [thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/06/15145]
- **Playing the Numbers...** According to a recent Gallup poll, Americans believe that 23% of the U.S. population, almost one person in four, is gay or lesbian. In actuality, the number is way off. Gallup’s most recent numbers show that less than four percent identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Gallup ventured that perhaps part of the reason for the overestimation of the size of the homosexual population is *“Americans’ general unfamiliarity with numbers and demography.”* But they also put forth another explanation: *“The over-estimation may also reflect prominent media portrayals of gay characters on television and in movies, even as far back as 2002, and perhaps the high visibility of activists who have pushed gay causes, particularly legalizing same-sex marriage.”* [Bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2015-05-22/americans-vastly-overestimate-size-of-lgbt-population]
- **Abortion Declining** – According to a survey by the Associated Press, abortion rates are declining across the U. S. Overall, abortions have decreased by about 12% since 2010. States that have more restrictive abortion laws (IN, MS, OH, OK) have decreased by more than 15%. Some states that have no new restrictive laws have also seen a dramatic decrease (Hawaii: down 30% and Connecticut: down 21%).

