GENESIS 1:27: The Bible vs. Sesame Street

The Tora shows that the Creator divided humanity into two genders: male and female. We can also see that in the Tora the differences between man and woman are expressed not only in terms of sexuality. Man and woman are “company” and “emotional complement.” For this to be possible, for a man and a woman to need each other, to be attracted to each other and to complement each other, man and woman were designed by the Creator DELIBERATELY as two distinct entities: in two separate acts of creation and from two different sources.

Male and female is also reflected in our anatomy and in our DNA. In our days we know that our cells bear a signature of our gender identity. If you have X and Y sex chromosomes in each one of your 37 trillion cells, then you are a man. And if you have X and X chromosomes, you are a woman.

Now, do we need to emphasize something that is so obvious?

I think we do. Why? Because today we confront a culture, a popular or media culture, that is not very friendly to the principles of the Tora. This manifests itself in many fields, but I believe that it is in the social arena where it makes its greatest impact, particularly in the area of □□sexuality. Modern media culture challenges, among other things, the innate distinction between men and women.

Sometimes subliminal messages tackling gender-identity are presented in TV programs for children. And even for toddlers.

Would you want your children to be encouraged to reexamine their sexual identity? Or to question their biological gender? Or to confront the question: “Do I have to behave as a boy just because I’m a boy, or should I also learn to behave as a girl?”

This video, for toddlers, presents this message, albeit subliminally:

Why would these issues loaded with contemporary ideological and political pointers, be forced into the minds of our little ones?

Let us see another example of how these questions are subliminally introduced to our children.

On July 23, 2016, the popular “educational” show, “Sesame Street”, whose targeted audience is children between the ages of 3 and 5, presented the episode: “Dress-Me Up Club”, to teach the letter “D”(sic.!).

Abby (the girl) and Elmo (the boy) and the other friends are just playing together and having the normal different tendencies of toddlers boys and girls. At the end, you see that the girls are frustrated with playing princesses and they want to be superheroes. In the trailer you can hardly appreciate the sophisticated plot.

If you want to discover the real story behind the plot, read, for example, the eye-opening commentary of this episode, its content and its profound message, by “TV-GUIDE”, a moral compass of the media culture.

Let’s see.

Sesame Street Tackles Gender Expression in “Dress-Me Up Club”

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“When it comes to playtime, girls should be pretty pink princesses and boys swashbuckling adventurers. That’s been the conventional wisdom for a long time, and it was only last year that retailers including Target and Toys R Us began to phase out toys labeled for “boys” or “girls.” Thanks to parents and progressives who’ve demanded that toy marketing encourages

girls to build, lead or save the day, and avoids locking boys in a one-dimensional macho mindset, more kids understand it's OK to play however they want. That's also the wonderful and adorable message in a new Sesame Street episode, airing July 23, titled "Dress-Me Up Club," the episode features Abby Cadabby playing with pals including Prairie Dawn and Elmo, when it's decided they'll all participate in Dress-Up Day. The fun is open to all, but the minute we see racks of costumes labeled by gender emerge, we can feel the constraints arriving. …Abby desires to be a superhero. Her friends calmly explain to Abby, however, that superhero play is for boys; girls should be princesses. But Abby wants to fly through the air like Elmo! Instead she gets relegated to a tea party – which, admittedly, doesn't look as fun… Of course, by the end of it we're all aware that girls can be heroes too… and boys, if they want, can play tea party and ballet too….

It's sort of sad that the wonderful message here is even still needed at all in 2016, but here we are as a society: it doesn't matter who wears what. Anyone can play in any way that makes them feel comfortable, and they can grow up to be whatever they want too. Though Sesame Street is clearly aimed at children, this is an episode that some adults could benefit from seeing as well."

TV GUIDE indeed understood that this episode is not about teaching children the letter "D" but part of a larger agenda. Make no mistake: the message is not feminism (although it might be disguised as that) , or the rights of women in the workplace. The toy of choice of this episode, clothes, is of the essence! As TV GUIDE explains, the "wonderful" and "adorable" message is that: "it does not matter who wears what". If you are a boy and you want to dress or look like a girl, or play ballet dressing as a ballerina it's also OK, because it helps eliminating the gender differences and uprooting the heinous "one dimensional macho mindset" from boys!

If you look closely there are signpost of the gender neutral ideology everywhere: toys, clothes, language (pronouns) in official documents, etc. The grand utopia of this new trend seems to be oriented to ending the labeling of people as boys or girls. Ultimately, the goal is to have a *"gender neutral humanity, where in terms of gender, individuals will be at an intermediate state between men and women, a state in which one is both or none, the possibility to switch genders, or a category entirely independent of the masculine and the feminine."*

But why would HBO target children with this loaded message at such young age?

Dr. Michael Gervais, a psychologist, explains that it is possible to encourage gender neutrality in young children, before they are really aware of the differences between boys and girls. Gender neutrality gets tricky in older kids, because after about age 12, physical changes cause boys to become different from girls.

"Gender neutrality" goes against basic anatomy, biology, genetics and the Biblical distinction between the two genders: "Male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27). And there are also many studies done by renown psychologists warning about the side effects of gender neutral parenting.

Media culture is invasive, and it reaches out to the most vulnerable minds: our children's. Our mission, as Jewish parents, is to protect them!