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*There Is No Such Thing as a Transgender Child*

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## Advocates Hit the Ground Running!

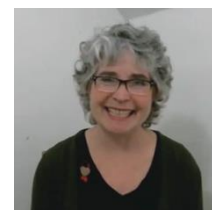
It's been a busy month! Since we launched Advocates Protecting Children on November 9, 2021, the team has worked hard reaching out to families, policymakers, churches, and other organizations who are navigating gender ideology.

- We've sent our [resource packets](#), with books and information about responding to gender ideology, to churches and legislators.
- We provided input to proposed legislation on protecting girls' and women's spaces.
- Erin presented "[Trasing Our Children](#)" to the SHiNE group in Nigeria.
- We compiled a list of gender-neutral [Christmas gifts](#) for families where giving gifts to a transgender-identified child can be a fraught experience.
- We [blogged](#) about how to successfully navigate holiday gatherings and celebrations when the family is dealing with gender ideology.
- We created [guidance for church youth groups](#).
- Maria was a guest on the Steel-On-Steel podcast from Independent Women's Forum.
- We've released 26 [Teacher Talks](#) videos, to help educators understand and respond to gender ideology.

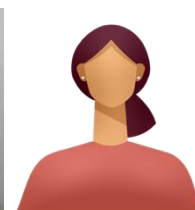
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**Sneak Preview from**  
*Gentle Leading: Meditations for Parents of Transgender-Identified Children*  
Coming from Advocates Protecting Children in 2022

**From "Desist, Detrans & Detox: Getting Your Child Out of the Gender Cult"**

"It is like two dogs fighting inside you to the death." The younger man asked the elder, "Which dog will win?" The elder replied, "Whichever dog you feed."

Feed your child's true identity. Nurture your relationship. Encourage and affirm the child in all the positive things about his or her real self. Spend quality time together, to bring the child's mind and heart back into identification and alignment with himself and with your family.

Starve the cult identity. Cut it off from its food sources. Challenge its assumptions and assertions. Do not give into its unacceptable demands. Give it no quarter.

**Resource Packets**

*Desist, Detrans & Detox: Getting Your Child Out of the Gender Cult*

*Trasing Our Children*  
Always Erin

Advocates Introduction & Resource List

Guidance for Church Youth Groups

**SEND a PACKET TODAY**

**Sheep, Wolves & Shepherds**

*Her officials within her are like wolves tearing their prey; they shed blood and kill people to make unjust gain. (Ezekiel 22:27)*

People are sheep; the Bible is abundantly clear about that, and the analogy doesn't seem to be a pejorative one. Jesus calls himself the good shepherd, and he goes in search of lost sheep, rejoicing when they're found.

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Sheep are valuable, but vulnerable. They need a shepherd to protect and guide them, because wolves find sheep delicious, easy meals. Sheep also aren't very good at leading themselves. Without a shepherd, they'll wander around until they find a "shepherd," which may just be another sheep who doesn't know where he's going either.

When Tom Hanks was interviewed about a movie in which he played a hero, he said that he thought about a third of all people are heroes, a third are cowards, and a third are villains. Speaking biblically, we might say that some people are shepherds, some are sheep, and some are wolves. (I don't find anything in scripture offering statistics on how many of each exist, unfortunately.)

Not everyone we meet is trustworthy, and not everyone who says he's trustworthy actually is. When it comes to gender ideology, the so-called "experts" who insist that children must be transed lest they commit suicide may be gender industry wolves who know very well that they're lying for the sake of political and financial gain, or they may be sheep who have been deceived into believing that what they're saying is actually true. Some mental health providers simply go along to get along—they're afraid to stand up for the truth, because they may lose their licenses or livelihoods over it.

The practical problem of Christian politics is not that of drawing up schemes for a Christian society, but that of living as innocently as we can with unbelieving fellow-subjects under unbelieving rulers who will never be perfectly wise and good and who will sometimes be very wicked and very foolish. — C. S. Lewis, *The Humanitarian Theory of Punishment*

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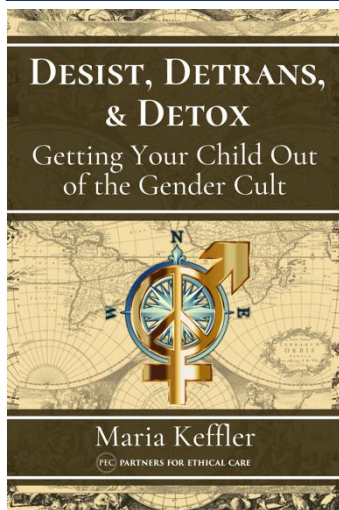
As parents of transgender-identified children, we must stop being sheep and start being shepherds.

If you're this far into this devotional book and you're still reading, you likely are already convinced that gender ideology is exploitive, damaging, and predatory. You may not feel able or called to take a public stand against it, but you are called to shepherd your children away from it. If your child is an adult, he's likely escaped your "sheepfold," and is no longer under the authority of your shepherding, but you will always be that child's parent. He still needs a trustworthy shepherd, and will need one even more when he realizes that the wolves he's mistaken for shepherds are preparing him for dinner.

Every single one of us needs a shepherd; we do well to learn how to identify the differences between sheep, shepherds, and wolves.

**Prayer: Father, we thank you for sending Jesus to be our good shepherd. We know that he will always protect us and lead us in ways that are safe and healthy. Teach us how to recognize whether the people in our lives are sheep, shepherds, or wolves. Help us also to be good shepherds of our children, that we may be able to protect them from the wolves who want to destroy and devour them.**

**Action:** Do your own word search in scripture for *shepherd* and *wolves* (I won't ask you to do *sheep*—you're welcome). In your journal time today jot down the gist of each entry about shepherds and wolves. If any of them particularly strike home with you, put a star beside them and ask God to help you walk into a better understanding of your role as a shepherd in protecting your children from wolves.



★★★★★ **A must read for every parent!**

Reviewed in the United States on September 26, 2021

**Verified Purchase**

This is an extremely well thought out and documented work by an author whose caring concern for our children is demonstrated page after page. I have been in private practice for over 20 years and Maria Keffler deserves our heartfelt thanks for putting everything on the line to challenge the education elites in moving to protect our kids. I am no longer surprised when I get a call from a parent who suddenly finds out that the school has been encouraging, condoning and being party to this behavior. If your family is struggling in these areas or not this is a must read. Not only for the sake of your children but for their friends and their friends friends. Have this knowledge ready because this is the culture, group think and poisonous atmosphere our children are being exposed to everyday in the secular school system. If you don't think so...read the book then sit down and talk to your children. It will be an eye opening conversation! Dr. G. B.

★★★★★ **A must read!**

Reviewed in the United States on April 12, 2021

If the transgender movement has caught you by surprise, read this book. Children's healthy bodies are being destroyed, their future sexual capacity and fertility taken from them before it even develops. Perfectly normal personality traits are being rigidly defined as belonging to one sex or the other--and any child who strays from this 1950s-style misogyny must be subjected to permanent medicalization.

Whatever became of Free to Be, You and Me? It's like feminism never happened. Any boy who likes bright colors and any girl who likes to skateboard are now defined as "trapped in the wrong body."

Parents are left confused and increasingly terrified, as they discover that every institution that should be there to protect children has been captured by this new ideology of transgenderism.

But across the political spectrum, people are fighting back. If you aren't going to stand up to protect children, when will you take a stand? Get this book and join the resistance.

Find Out More About *Desist, Detrans & Detox*



Advocates Protecting Children (hereafter "Advocates") is a non-profit (501c3) organization dedicated to fighting the gender industry, and especially its predation on children in the form of unethical social and medical transition for the sake of political and financial profit. We serve and support churches, schools, organizations, families, and individuals who seek facts and guidance on responding to gender ideology and activism.