

What are you?

What is a body?

What is a soul?

What is sex?

What is gender?

What is ideology?

What is theology?

Mike Tenney



A promotional image for a panel discussion featuring Billie Eilish and Kevin Heider. The background is a teal gradient with a faint image of Billie Eilish on the left and Kevin Heider on the right.

BILLIE EILISH
Homeschool Gothic
w/Kevin Heider

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Harry Potter and the
VICTORY OF GOD

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HAMILTON
Grace Too Powerful
To Name

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Beyonce &
BLACK CATHOLICISM

Pop Culture Catechism

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THE LAST AIRBENDER
w/Luke Dimyan (The Chosen)

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Tay Tay's **FOLKLORE**

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Justin Bieber's
GENERATION
LIVE from Long Beach

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This is **THE WAY**
w/Deacon Bob Rice



Theology of the Body & Gender Ideology





What is Sex?





What is Gender?

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What is Ideology?

Secular

What is this rejecting?

Catholic

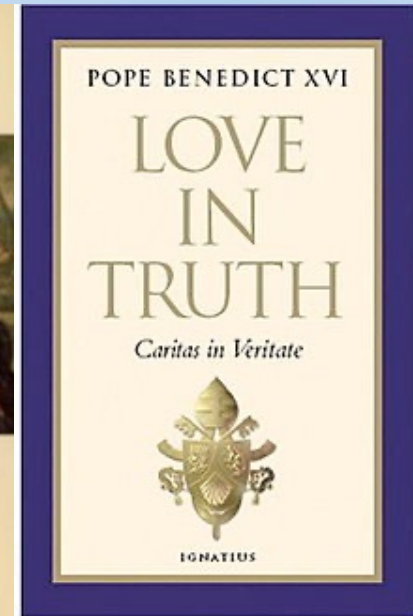
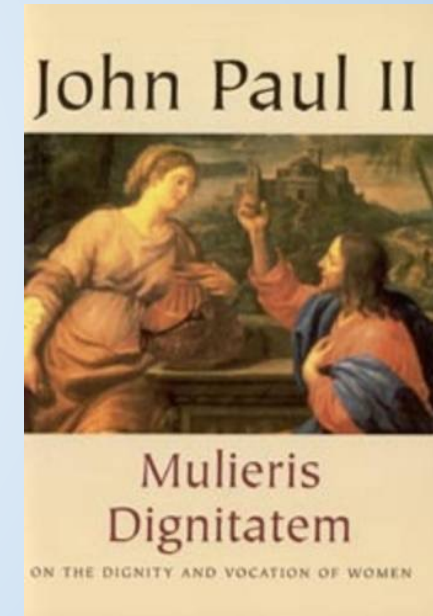
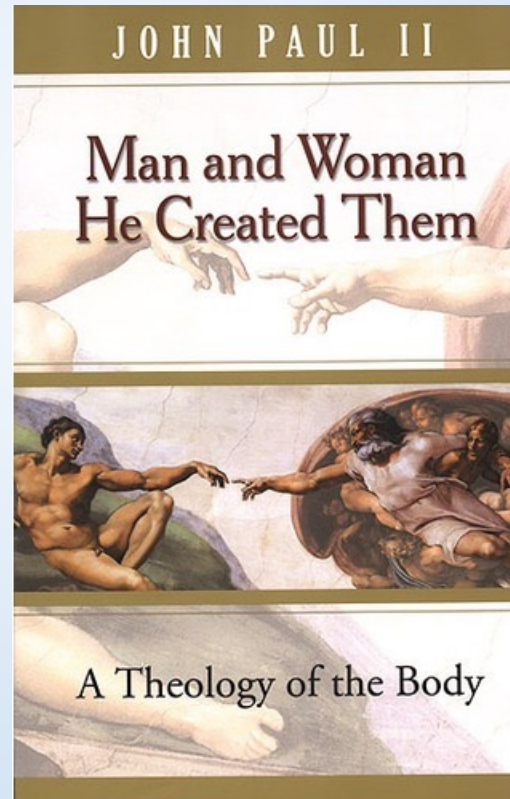
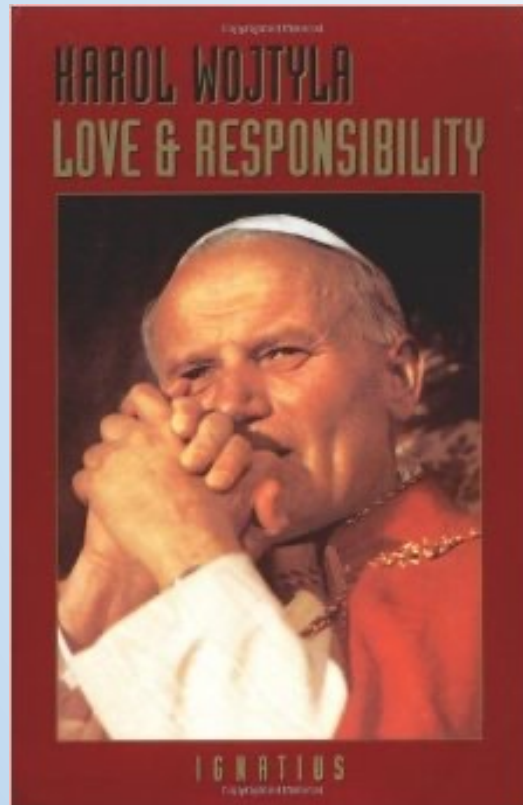
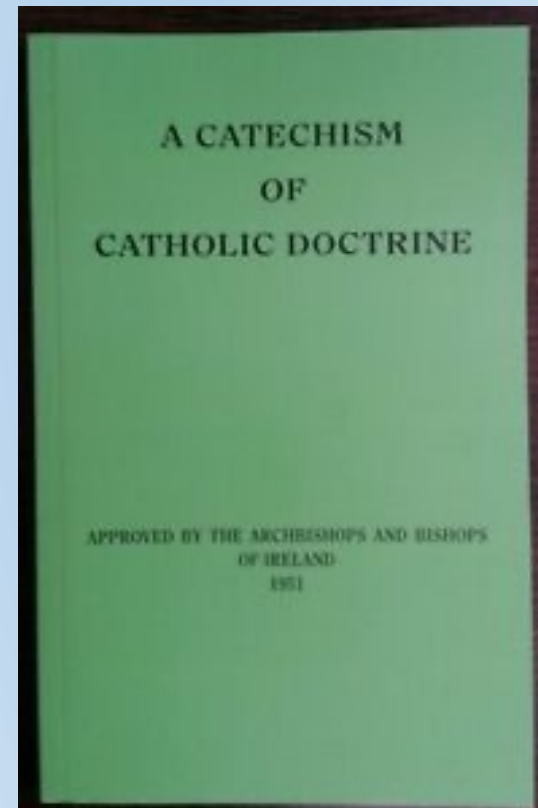
Theology of the Body (aka Catholic Gender Ideology)

Church teaching
before

Love &
Responsibility

Theology of the Body

Church teaching
after



*“Then God said: Let us make human beings in our **image**, after our **likeness**. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” - Genesis 1:26-27*

“It is not good for the man (Adam) to be alone” – Gen 2:18

“ The Lord God then built the rib that he had taken from the man into a woman (*is-sah*). When he brought her to the man, the man said:

“This one, at last, is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

This one shall be called ‘woman,’

for out of man (*îš*) this one has been taken.”

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body. **Gen 2: 22-24**

Trinity

Father
Husband

Son
Wife

Holy Spirit
Child



Made in God's Image (physical)

1. We can ***create*** like God
 - Pro-creative – Life
 - Father loves his children
2. We can ***commune*** like God
 - Unitive – Love
 - A bridegroom loves his beloved



Made in God's Likeness (spiritual)

- Soul

St. Ignatius Loyola's *Suscipe* ("Take") prayer
*"Take, Lord, receive all
my **liberty** (freedom),
my **memory**,
my **understanding** (intellect, imagination),
my whole **will** (desires, passions),
all that I have and all that I possess. You
gave it all to me, Lord; I give it all back to
you. Do with it as you will, according to
your good pleasure. Give me your love and
your grace; for with this I have all that I
need."*



Identity

~~Assigned or Discovered?~~

Given & Discerned

Image & Likeness

Where should Catholics stand on Gender?

- Not just the physical body
 - Reject the cultural stereotypes
- Not just the spiritual soul
 - Reject disordered desires

Embrace and reconcile both body and soul

Recognize both the Image & Likeness of God

For ourselves & others

The Gospel Challenge

- To *love* with *radical, prophetic mercy*

