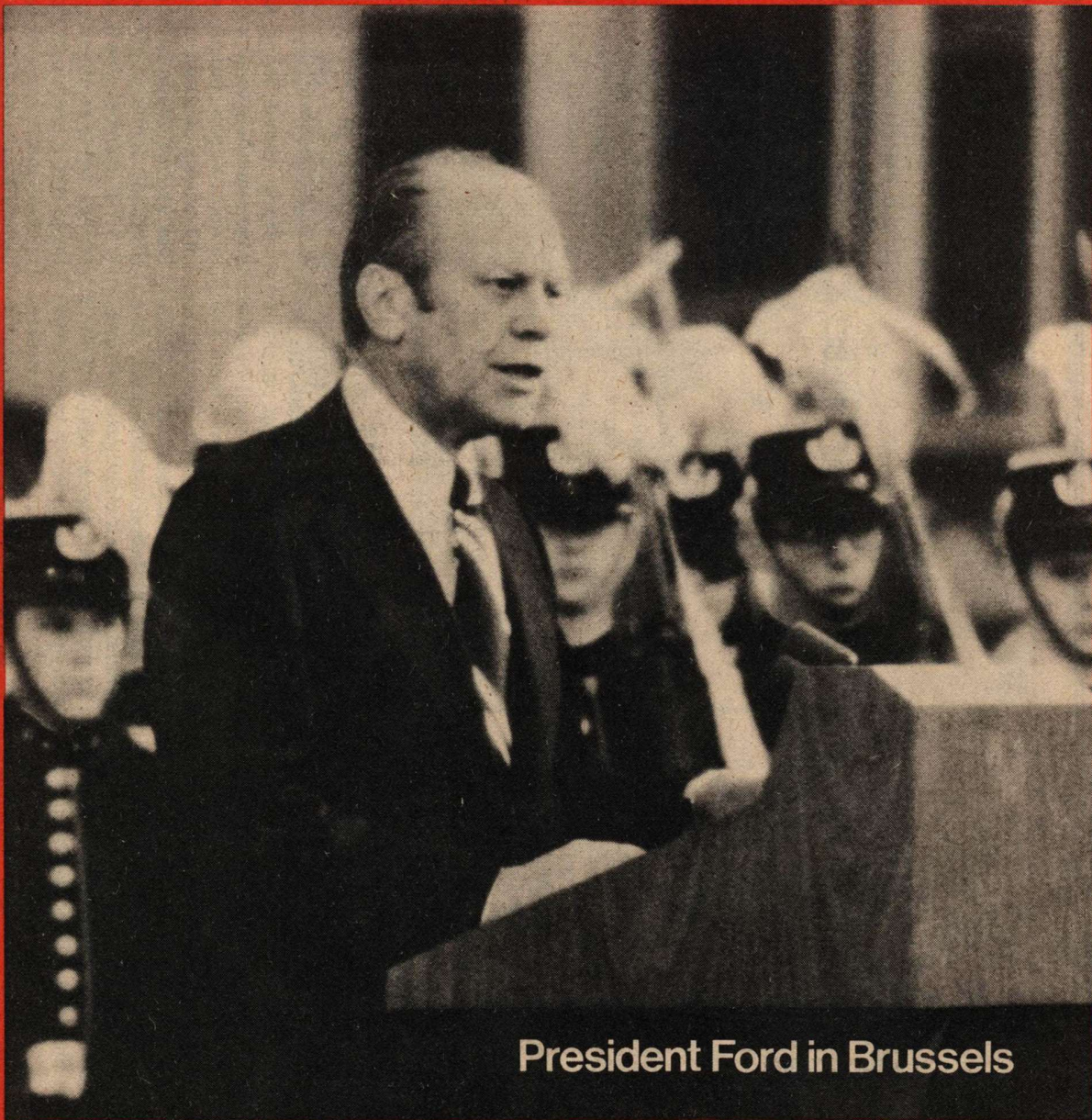


Curing the Fear of Aging

The Missing Dimension in Sex, Part III

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Eisaku Sato, Prime Minister of Japan eight years, 1964-1972, died June 3 from a stroke suffered May 19 while dining at a restaurant in Tokyo. He went into a coma and never regained consciousness.

He was my warm friend. He gave me considerable credit for helping in what he regarded as his greatest achievement, accomplishing the reversion of Okinawa back to Japan.

I first met him in December 1970. The morning newspapers on the day of our meeting headlined a riot in Okinawa against the U.S. forces then occupying and governing the island. Mr. Sato asked me to visit Okinawa, make my own investigation into conditions there, and report it in *Plain Truth*. Our good friend Dr. Ohama, who, with Mrs. Ohama, is the number one private couple of Japan, was with me on that first meeting with the prime minister. Dr. Ohama, born in Okinawa, was chief non-official advisor to the government on Okinawan affairs. The Prime Minister said tempers were too heated at the moment for an immediate visit to Okinawa, but our next trip to Japan was scheduled for February 1971, and it was planned for us to visit Okinawa then, with Dr. Ohama meeting us there.

At Okinawa I interviewed the United States Army Commandant and also the Japanese Chief Executive, the President of the University, where an exchange arrangement was made between Ambassador College and the University of the Ryukyus.

I was with Prime Minister Sato at the hour of his greatest triumph — the hour just before the official signing of the reversion agreement between the U.S. and Japan.

"This is a historic meeting," he said when I entered his office with Mr. Stanley Rader and Professor Osamu Gotoh, who always accompany me on such meetings. "As soon as you leave my office, one hour from now, I will walk into the adjoining room, where the U.S. ambassador and I will sign the official documents." It was a very happy moment for him — perhaps the happiest of his life, concluding what he regarded as his greatest achievement. As we

were leaving the front entrance of the Prime Minister's official residence, the cars bringing the United States ambassador and the foreign minister of Japan were just pulling up. I had visited with Mr. Sato three or four times during his term in office, and about three times at his private residence after he went out of office. I was invited to have a private meeting with him at San Clemente in 1972, when he and his staff visited there for meetings with President Nixon. That was one of the few times in recent years I was ill, and Mr. Rader and Professor Gotoh went for me.

The last time we visited with him in his own home, he proposed that he and I make a private agreement — that instead of growing older each year, we henceforth "throw away a year annually," so that I could live on into the twenty-first century.

He said, "One of us must span three centuries, and I can't do it because I was born in this century, so you'll have to do it."

Shortly after that meeting, he won the Nobel Prize for World Peace.

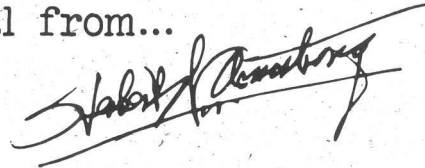
It was during his eight years of Japanese leadership that Japan rose to the greatest industrial power next to the United States and the Soviet Union. In the news reports of Mr. Sato's death, I notice that his critics manage to get in their derogatory barbs — little men criticizing the one who accomplished things. It's always that way. Lesser men who accomplish nothing seem adept at criticizing those who do.

We had counted on Mr. Sato being a board member of our new foundation in Japan, the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

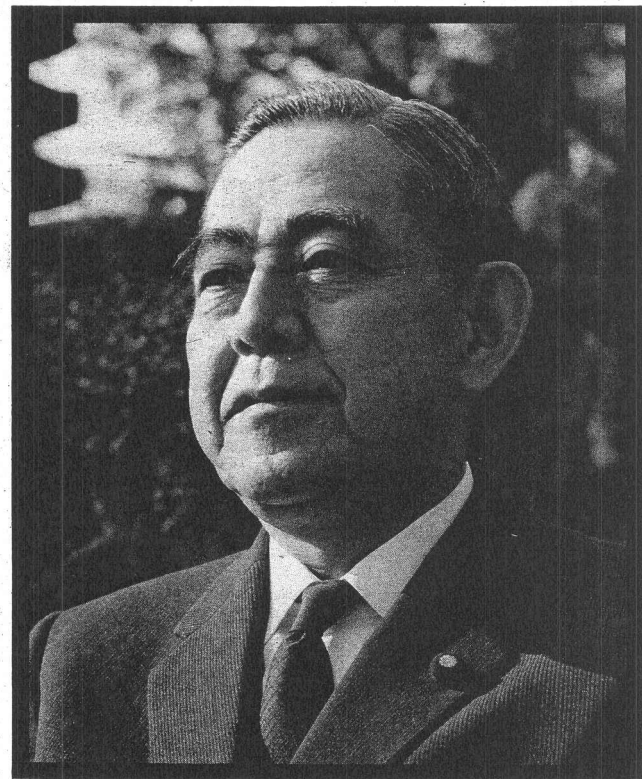
But though we have lost a warm and important friend in Japan, we still count as friends Prime Minister Tanaka, who succeeded him, the present Prime Minister Miki, with whom we were the first to have a private meeting after his inaugural, and a host of other warm and important friends in Japan. □

FORMER JAPANESE Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, one-time winner of the Nobel peace prize.

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THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX

In the previous installment, we saw how the most vital dimension in knowledge — revelation — was missing from the first "scientific experiment." In taking to themselves the forbidden fruit, the first humans took to themselves the determination of what is good and what is evil. And they foolishly rejected the inexorable spiritual law of God.

Part III

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THERE is much vital, basic and important knowledge BEYOND the POWERS OF MAN TO DISCOVER! Such important knowledge as what man IS, WHY man is — WHY he was put on earth and for what PURPOSE. And if there is PURPOSE, WHAT is that PURPOSE? And HOW may we attain it? What is the WAY TO PEACE? All nations seek and strive for PEACE— yet none find it. Instead, they have WAR! What are the TRUE VALUES in life? This world pursues the FALSE!

Those are the most basic and important things man needs to KNOW. Yet he may search for the answers in vain. He can KNOW them ONLY through revelation.

Such questions as HOW did the earth come to be, WHEN did it come into being, how old is it, how old is human life upon it, and how did life originate absorb the time, thought, research and thinking of scientists, philosophers, historians; yet they can come up only with GUESSES, THEORIES, HYPOTHESES — but NO PROOF — the definite KNOWLEDGE which they could know ONLY through revelation.

In taking to themselves the forbidden fruit, the first humans took to themselves the determination of what is GOOD and what is EVIL. I repeat — in so doing, they rejected the FACT that God's living, inexorable spiritual law is the WAY OF GOOD — the CAUSE of all GOOD — and its transgression THE WAY OF EVIL — the CAUSE of all evil. Since they and humanity in general after them have taken to themselves the determination of what is GOOD, they of necessity have followed THE WAY contrary to God's law. They have followed THE WAY that has produced all the vast mountain of EVILS that has descended on this sick, SICK world!

They made themselves competitors of the living God. That is why it is written in Romans 8:7: "The carnal mind is enmity [hostile] against God: for it is not subject to the LAW of God, neither indeed can be."

What IS the Missing Dimension?

So what, then, is the MISSING DIMENSION in SEX knowledge — in ALL knowledge?

It is revelation from Almighty GOD!

For even though rejected by the first humans — even though rejected by mankind in general — God did bequeath to mankind his REVELATION OF BASIC KNOWLEDGE. We have it IN WRITING! The Holy Bible is that revelation. It contains history, instruction, revelation of basic knowledge, and prophecy.

It does not contain ALL knowledge. It contains that basic, foundational knowledge otherwise inaccessible to man!

What, then, is WRONG with knowledge production today? The most vital dimension is MISSING! I have said that error generally comes from assuming a false premise, taken carelessly for granted without proof, and building on that premise. And when the basic hypothesis or premise is false, the entire structure built upon it topples with it!

I have said that the tools of modern science are observation, experimentation, and reason. Are those tools wrong? NOT AT ALL! The error comes from REJECTION of revelation. For revelation is the true starting premise. When man substitutes his own false hypothesis, the most vital dimension in the knowledge production is MISSING!

God's Word — his INSTRUCTION MANUAL for mankind — is the FOUNDATION of ALL knowledge. It is NOT the sum total of knowledge. It is the foundation — the true premise — the starting point — the concept that directs the approach to the acquisition of further knowledge.

Man Should Produce Knowledge

God INTENDED for man to PRODUCE ADDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE. He gave us the basis — the foundation — the premise — the concept. But he also provided us with eyes with which to observe, with hands and feet to explore and measure, with means to produce laboratories, test tubes, and means of EXPERIMENTATION. He gave us awesome MINDS with which to THINK.

In this Work of God, I often fly from one place to another via jet plane. If the pilots in the cockpit would start the plane off in the wrong direction, we would reach the wrong destination. It is vitally important to start off in the right direction, from the true premise, with

the right approach, in this matter of KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION.

God intended man to use observation, experimentation, and human reason. He supplied us with the basis — the foundation — the start in the right direction, with the right concept. But our first parents rejected the most vital dimension in all knowledge. And mankind has continued to reject the very FOUNDATION of all knowledge. Knowledge production has been operating without a foundation — based on false premises and erroneous hypotheses.

That is THE REASON human knowledge production has FAILED to solve humanity's problems and to cure the world's ills.

Manufacturers of mechanical or electrical appliances send along an instruction manual with their product. The Bible is our Maker's INSTRUCTION MANUAL which he has sent along with the product of his making — humanity.

Six thousand years of human misery, unhappiness and evils ought to provide sufficient PROOF for those willing to see, that humanity, starting with our first parents, rejected the most vital dimension. From this point on in this series, we shall cover the all-important subjects of sex and marriage with the most vital dimension restored. It will prove a real EYE-OPENER for those who are willing to see!

How Shame Entered

Now we come — in greater but necessary detail — to the real source of this attitude of shame that flowed on the tide of the Babylonian Mystery religion into the Roman world. As stated in Part I, it had reached Greece from Egypt. Yet it stemmed from a much earlier source — actually from the forbidden fruit incident in the Garden of Eden. There we find its real author!

The incident in the Garden of Eden set the course of human history from that moment. It determined the direction followed by humanity from the beginning until now. It is necessary that we understand more thoroughly — even at cost of partial repetition — just how the attitude of shame toward sex was injected into the human tradition.

God had told the first man, Adam, that he, as a man, was wholly physical. Here was the newly created man. Grasp the significance if you can! Suddenly, a full-grown adult MAN received consciousness.

He looked around. Everywhere he saw BEAUTY! There were colorful flowers, stately trees, green lawns, entrancing shrubs, shimmering pools, the audible laughter of a rippling stream. He was surrounded by breathtaking magnificence.

Then the man looked at himself. He must have wondered: "WHAT AM I?" Once, I remember, I fainted. Then, when consciousness again came suddenly, the question was gasped, involuntarily: "Where am I?" But Adam

must have wondered, not only where, but WHAT!

And God told him. "You are DUST." After the man had sinned, God said: "... out of it [the ground] wast thou taken: for DUST THOU ART, and unto dust shalt THOU return" (Gen. 3:19).

God did not say "dust your BODY is." He said the conscious man was dust — composed of matter. The revelation of God is plain: "God formed MAN of the dust of the ground" (Genesis 2:7). This man, composed of physical matter from the ground, became a soul (same verse). This scripture does not say God put an immortal soul into a material body. It says God breathed into his nostrils — into the MAN's lungs. God breathed this breath — this air — into the man's nostrils, just as all men breathe air in and out of their nostrils — just as dumb animals do!

This man, composed of matter out of the ground, became a breathing, living soul. The soul, then, came out of the ground. The soul is composed of matter, not spirit. The word "soul" is translated from the Hebrew *nephesh*. It means "life of animals."

But what has all this to do with the origin of this teaching that sex is evil? It HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH IT!

God had personally been with Adam and Eve. Nothing in God's instruction regarding sex had caused them to experience shame. In the privacy of this one married couple there was no shame regarding sex.

Satan uttered the first recorded lie in the history of mankind. He told mother Eve she would not surely die — or, in other words, that she was an "immortal soul." But God says souls that sin SHALL DIE (Ezek. 18:4 and Ezek. 18:20). God said to Adam and Eve that if they took of the forbidden fruit, "Thou shalt surely die."

History's First Recorded Lie

Notice how SATAN HIMSELF put in human minds the sense of shame and guilt toward sex.

In the "creation chapter," Genesis 1, it is written that in creating man, God created the physical sex organs — "... male and female created he them" (verse 27). "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was VERY GOOD" (verse 31). The physical organs of sex, then, God pronounced "VERY GOOD."

God gave the first man and his wife full instruction in regard to his intended

purposes and uses of sex, as we shall cover in detail later. God ended his instruction — his teaching — of necessary basic spiritual and physical knowledge, as recorded in Genesis 2:24:

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

Then follows verse 25: "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

NOTICE CAREFULLY! God had been personally with Adam and Eve. The three had been talking together. Adam and Eve were naked. *Nothing* in God's instruction regarding husband-and-wife relationship had caused them to experience any sense of shame in regard to sex. In the privacy of this one married couple, bound in marriage by the holy God who was speaking with them, there was absolutely no sense of shame in regard to sex.

Now continue right on, next verse! See what now happened!

Remember, as originally inspired and written, the Bible was not divided into chapters and verses. These were added by uninspired men much later, as a matter of convenience in biblical study. The very next verse, continuing immediately, is verse 1 of chapter 3:

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, 'Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

Immediately Satan begins to discredit revelation as the fountain source of knowledge — that is, God's teaching. He subtly and craftily implies, "Look! God knows better than that! God was misrepresenting!"

God had told Adam and Eve that the wages of sin is DEATH — for eternity — ETERNAL punishment! God told them they were MORTAL and could DIE! Satan uttered the first recorded lie of history:

"Ye shall not SURELY die!"

In other words, "Why, God was deceiving you. He knew you are IMMORTAL SOULS!"

Satan Implants Sense of Shame

The Genesis account is exceedingly brief and condensed. It merely summarizes, in fewest words, these conversations and events. We learn much from later passages and from history.

Filling in the omitted gaps and details, what Satan said becomes clear. As soon as Satan got in his lying, deceptive talk, and the woman had obeyed him, eating the forbidden fruit, and her husband deliberately had eaten it with her, the next verses tell us this:

"And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons" (verse 7).

Now continue, next verse:

"And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, WHERE ART THOU? And he said, I heard thy voice in

the garden, and I WAS AFRAID, BECAUSE I WAS NAKED; and I hid myself" (verses 8-10).

Notice God's answer! "WHO TOLD THEE THAT THOU WAST NAKED?" (Verse 11.)

Yes, WHO put the sense of shame about sex in the minds of Adam and Eve?

It was SATAN who had been telling them things!

GOD DIDN'T!

All the time God had been talking to them, instructing them in true and right knowledge, they were naked. But NOTHING in all that God taught them gave them any sense of shame toward sex. This idea that sex is evil CAME FROM SATAN. It was an accusation against GOD — an attempt to make what God designed appear to be contaminated and degrading. It was inextricably tied up with the false "immortal soul" lie!

Why God Covered Them

But absolutely *nothing* in what you have just read justifies nudism, or nudist colonies. That is not the teaching of God at all! Rather, God himself *clothed* Adam and Eve. Let's now learn how — under what circumstances, and WHY!

When God had talked with Adam and Eve, immediately following their very creation, he was instructing them in a situation of husband-and-wife privacy. As long as they were the *only* humans, alone by themselves (so far as any other humans are concerned), God gave them no instruction to cover their bodies.

God is *everywhere* present at all times — *omnipresent*! When a husband and wife, today, are *alone* in the privacy of their own bedroom, God is invisibly present!

But, when their children and other people — the PUBLIC — "ALL LIVING" — are introduced, *then*, we read that GOD HIMSELF *clothed* Adam and Eve. Notice it! It appears later, in the same chapter:

"And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of ALL LIVING [her children — their family — the public]. Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them" (Gen. 3:20-21).

Notice the expression: "The Lord God . . . clothed them." The Hebrew word God inspired Moses to write here for "clothed" is *labash*. It does *not* mean to cover shamefulness — to hide nakedness — or any such meaning.

The Hebrew word meaning to *conceal* nakedness is *kasah*. But the word Moses was inspired to write, *labash*, means, rather, the donning of apparel, raiment. It refers to *outer* garments rather than to underclothing. It implies the idea of adorning, decorating, or displaying, rather than concealing, covering over, or hiding.

In the incident of Noah's drunkenness, he apparently had been violated by Canaan, son of Ham. Shem and Japheth, also sons of Noah, *backed up* with a garment on their shoulders, and "covered the nakedness" of their father (Genesis 9:23). They were hiding, concealing, the result of a sinful act. Here the Hebrew word for "covered" is *kasah*.

So notice, God did *not* *kasah* Adam and Eve — did *not* hide shamefulness, conceal nakedness — but rather he *la-*

bashed them — adorned, clothed them.

Of course this clothing *did* cover nakedness. The difference between the two Hebrew words, *labash* and *kasah*, is one of purpose and intent, rather than the *fact* of being covered. Both do cover nudity. But the Hebrew *kasah* carries the connotation of *concealing* or *hiding* something which might be shameful, while *labash* includes no such meaning and implies *adding* attractiveness rather than *hiding* shamefulness. In other words, although God's clothing did cover their bodies, it *DID NOT* imply any sense of shame in what God designed.

This *does not* mean, under any circumstances, that God would approve public nudity. *NOT AT ALL*. GOD CLOTHED man! God intended man to

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KEEP CLOTHED! God intended that we NEVER expose or exhibit the public region of our bodies except in the privacy of marriage — but THE REASON is *not* because the public region which GOD designed and made is degrading or evil, *but rather*, as a matter of proper modesty and decorum!

It is a matter of propriety — of courtesy to others — that we take care of certain eliminative functions *privately*. This does not imply there is sin or evil in going to the toilet. It is a matter of etiquette — consideration for others — rather than to cover up something *WRONG*. In the same manner, God wills that we wear clothes — that we *do not* expose the sex region of the body — as a matter of decorum and propriety and to avoid temptation that could lead to sinful *wrong* use, but *NOT* because the sex organs which God designed are themselves evil.

Clothing Necessary

There are two additional reasons.

God designed sex for use *only* between a husband and wife whom God has joined in holy wedlock. He designed sex for righteous uses — and one of them is to bind husband and wife together in a *loving* relationship unshared with any other. The very *privacy* of this marriage relationship makes it sacred, makes husband and wife *dear* to each other in a *special* way never shared with another in adultery. This entire loving, sacred, precious relationship is greatly impaired, or *destroyed*, when shared with any other. That is why fornication and adultery are so harmful to their participants, and therefore CAPITAL SINS.

The second additional reason for avoiding indecent or lewd exposure is that undue exposure of the female body

is automatically lust-arousing to the carnal male mind. Burlesque and girlie shows, strip-tease acts, and all such exhibitions are deliberately intended to attract male admissions for profit, through lust.

Nevertheless, these passages in Genesis show positively that the origin of the concept that sex is evil and shameful originated with SATAN — and not from God!

The pagan world accepted this lie. As a teaching, or doctrine, it became a universally accepted dogma. This fable was popularized by the Greek philosopher Plato, founder of the curricular system of education. Plato wrote it in his book *The Phaedo*.

"Shame" Tied to "Immortal Soul" Lie

It was from this "immortal soul" doctrine that the concept of sex as evil in itself stemmed.

Notice how it developed!

This "immortal soul" doctrine teaches that man is DUAL. While it claims falsely that the "immortal soul" is the real man and the body is merely the prison in which he is held, yet it teaches inconsistently that man is DUAL — both soul and body.

Thus, the real MAN is represented as being *spiritual*, pure, good, righteous, already having immortality. It represents the body — the FLESH — as being essentially evil, filthy, nasty. Sex organs and sex functioning are physical — of the BODY — and therefore fleshly, sensual, and evil.

Thus, Satan has implanted the concept that what GOD designed and created is evil, while man is righteous.

Remember Satan is a *spirit person* — the former archangel, the cherub Lucifer — with no physical body, no sex or power of reproducing himself. Therefore he is envious of these attributes bestowed on man. He tries to discredit them and represent them as evil — yet also to glorify them as objects of lust. Satan is the real author of prudish dualism. He also goes to the opposite extreme today. He also is the real author of the so-called new morality which is in fact gross IMMORALITY. In this extreme, Satan deceives people into accepting sex as an IDOL of lust.

In both extremes, he deceives humanity into EVILS by which he seeks to DESTROY the human race!

This satanic doctrine of dualism is the very antithesis of God's revelation of the true FACTS. It is a diabolical LIE!

God formed MAN of the dust of the ground. MAN IS FLESH — matter. And God beheld everything that he had made, and, behold, it WAS *VERY GOOD*! It is what man thinks and *does* that is sinful. But Satan blasphemes the Holy GOD by saying that what *God made* was very filthy, nasty, evil, and sinful.

This is the satanic dualism injected into the original Babylonian religion of Semiramis, wife of Nimrod (Gen. 10). It spread into the pagan religions and into Egypt. From there it flowed into ancient Greece and then the Roman world. We have already covered its injection into post-apostolic Christianity.

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