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**THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX**

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**Saigon — Before the Fall**



**P**lain Truth readers need to be aware of a significantly diabolical attack on innocent young children in the "new morality" crusade to abolish morality.

Even some child psychologists — liberal as they are — have been shocked at a forthcoming book supposedly on "sex education" for children. But apparently, from advance notices, it will "educate" them in masturbation, boy-girl sex play, and attempts at pre-puberty sexual intercourse, with hints at homosexuality. I will give you more details of this book later.

But actually, it is merely the latest daring step in a spirit-world-inspired conspiracy to destroy human society and ultimately to destroy the human race.

There is a seldom noticed, little believed, and less-heeded passage in the Bible which speaks of a real "Satan, which deceiveth the whole world." And another, ignored and little-believed passage states that "we wrestle [contend] not against flesh and blood [humans], but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness [wicked spirits] in high places" (Eph. 6:12).

It is little understood or realized, but this whole "new morality" crusade is a spirit-world conspiracy against the human race.

Few would believe it possible that the whole world, with its advanced scholarship and higher education, could be deceived. But then, a deceived person does not know he is deceived — else he would not be deceived.

The conspiracy takes advantage of the generations of sex ignorance, repression, and attitudes of viewing sex as degrading, shameful and sinful, leaping to the opposite extreme.

How did it all start? I think few know what is happening to them — even if realized. It is happening to EVERYBODY directly or indirectly. It is CHANGING THE WORLD. And not for the better, as the "liberal minded" suppose, but from the frying pan into the fire.

It appears to the world as an emergence from the age of "hush." We have come out of the prudish, Victorian extreme. But the world has leaped completely past the real TRUE concept into the opposite extreme, more deadly by far than the former.

Let me give you a quick, pinpoint synopsis of what has happened. The attitude of "shame" toward sex is actually of great antiquity. It flowed on the tide of the ancient Babylonian mystery religion into the Western Roman world. Into and through the Middle Ages sex was generally regarded as sinful, except for procreation. Although supposedly a Christian teaching, in actual fact it never was. It was neither the teaching of Christ nor the apostles. It is not found in the Bible. The Bible teaches the use of sex in marriage as a natural marital love relationship — not for procreation ONLY. It condemns only fornication, adultery, perversion. The Bible does not condemn sex itself, but the wrong USE of sex. The Western world received this attitude that sex, of itself, is evil from pagan religions.

The fruits of the "sex-is-sinful" teaching were marital unhappiness, frustrations and broken homes.

And in the United States, because sex was revealed as indecent, degrading, shameful and sinful — even in marriage, except for reproduction — the dissemination of knowledge about sex and sex dysfunctions was legally barred from the public. When I was married, in 1917, there was no public instruction available.

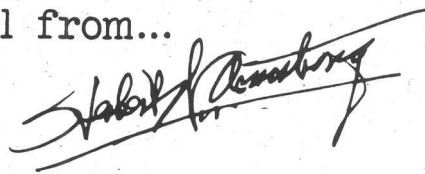
Then came World War I. It brought tremendous changes in thinking, in behavior patterns, in social customs, in the double standards — and in morals.

Previously, about 1904, a startling conclusion had been reached by Sigmund Freud, founder of psychoanalysis. His revolutionary opinion had resulted from his researches and clinical experience. Freud had decided that sexual repression, the attitude of shame, and ignorance about sex were the CAUSE of neurosis, nervous and mental disorders.

He and his followers in the newly appearing profession of psychiatry urged knowledge dissemination and sexual FREEDOM as the panacea. Reverse the interpretation of "morality." Emancipate the people — women especially — from restraints and attitudes of guilt. Start a campaign of liberation. Liberate people — women especially — from the chains of repression and ignorance. Define sex as GOOD — any use of sex, in or out of marriage!

In the wake of World War I, the agitation started by Freud and his followers

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finally brought about a toppling of the legal barriers. And the moral barriers began toppling simultaneously.

Immediately an avalanche of literature on the subject of sex, authored primarily by medical doctors and psychoanalysts, descended on a sex-curious public. Yet something was criminally WRONG with this set of literature. What I have termed the "missing dimension in knowledge" was emphatically absent. The instruction-treated only with the physical and mental aspects. And even so, to my knowledge there had never in the history of mankind been any truly scientific, highly technical research in this delicate field. As a matter of fact, the first such study began AS RECENTLY AS 1955!

And even so, in all the new technical studies, the APPROACH and ATTITUDE is diametrically OPPOSITE to the true one.

As I have mentioned repeatedly, even to heads of state with whom I have meetings around the world, I explain the one root CAUSE of all the world's troubles and evils is the WRONG WAY OF LIFE! There are just two broad, general ways or philosophies of life, and they travel in opposite directions. I simplify it by calling this world's way the way of "GET" and the other the way of "GIVE." Or, one might call the world's way LUST and GREED, and the right way LOVE. I define "love" as an outgoing concern for

the good and welfare of others equal to one's own SELF-concern. This world's human society is living on the SELF-CENTERED way. It's the way of competition, get the best of the other fellow, GET, TAKE, ACCUMULATE — the way of lust, greed, and vanity — the way of selfishness, jealousy, and envy — the way of hate, destruction, and violence.

Today, in the wake of probably the first "scientific, scholarly, and technical" study of sexual response and causes of sexual dysfunction, by Masters and Johnson in St. Louis, and the Cornell University Program of Sex Therapy in New York, there have sprouted numerous "institutions" or practitioners of sex therapy — some utterly unqualified.

The recent New York jury verdict against Rhenatus Hartogs is an instance of the abuse that usually accompanies some new field of profession springing up. Apparently the question of his competency was not involved, but the doctor was sued for malpractice by a Julie Roy, who won a verdict of \$350,000 damages. As Max Lerner writes in his syndicated newspaper column, it is common knowledge in therapy circles that erotic relations between therapists and patients are on the increase.

Of course, if one should ask a therapist his opinion about erotic relations between patients and therapists, he

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# THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX

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by Herbert W. Armstrong

## Part I

The world has emerged from the age of hush. In the last half-century a moral revolution has swept over the world.

The professional "authorities" — the psychoanalysts and the medical doctors — decided moral standards were in need of revision. They have been revised, radically, under the catchphrase "the new morality."

There is of course general awareness, if not yet total acceptance, of the change. Yet few realize the facts of the true origin of the "sex-is-shameful" attitude, or of the impetus behind the moral revolution. The facts are stranger than fiction!

You live today in a mixed-up world that has lost its way, especially in the area of sex and marriage. And there is a very significant reason!

### The Most Vital Dimension Missing:

The world, since World War I, has been deluged with books, pamphlets, and articles in magazines and newspapers about sex. Still, the most necessary dimension, in knowledge of the subject has been missing — unpublished until now!

Today protest fills the air. Revolt is everywhere, against almost everything! And in no grievance is revolt so widespread as that against the repressive moral codes of traditional Christianity. The revolters reject the authority of the church. They have embraced what they term "the new morality."

Just what are the generally unknown FACTS? What was the real origin of the traditional Christian morality? Did it come from Christ — from the original apostles — from the Bible?

And what triggered the moral revolution and finally plunged the world into the sexual "freedoms" of today?

### Origin of the "Old" Morality

Christianity, following its first generation, absorbed the pagan dualism of Greece and pasted the label "sinful" on sex. Through the centuries since, the moral standards of the Western world were regulated by the Roman Catholic Church.

Does that mean, then, that Christ introduced and taught this attitude that sex of itself is shameful and evil? Emphatically it does not! Jesus never represented sex as anything other than that

which our Maker created, and all that he had created he pronounced "very good."

Jesus taught against wrong uses of sex. He forgave a repentant woman caught in the act of adultery, with the admonition, "Go, and sin no more."

The original apostles never deviated from this teaching. The biblical teaching throughout is the same.

What, then, was the real source of this attitude of shame? It flowed on the tide of the Babylonian mystery religion into the Roman world. And how did this concept come to be accepted as Christian? The facts, I repeat, are stranger than fiction.

Emphatically it was not the teaching of Hebraism, nor of Jesus, nor of the original church of God. It reached the Roman world by way of Greece, but it flowed, at an earlier date, into Greece from Egypt. Yet it stems from a still earlier source, to be revealed in the following chapter.

In the first and second centuries the Roman world was dotted by pagan schools, on the curricular model established by the Grecian Plato. Plato had received this dualistic attitude toward sex from his teacher, the philosopher Socrates, himself a sex pervert. This dualistic teaching had become the basic hypothesis of all Grecian thought, writing, and religion.

Sex was regarded as low and degrading, an act in which man descended to the level of the beast.

This was the underlying attitude in the teaching of the pagan schools throughout the Roman Empire. There were no Christian schools. To establish such schools would have been impossible. Textbooks had to be printed laboriously, by hand, one at a time. The printing press was not to be invented for centuries. All textbooks were pagan.

Second- and third-generation Christians were reared and educated from childhood in these pagan schools. By the beginning of the 6th century this dualistic concept toward sex was firmly rooted in Western Christianity. It is still the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. Protestants in general have passively followed Catholic teaching on sex, but have tended to be more lax in practicing it. In rapidly increasing numbers, Protestants now are forsaking this tradi-

tional teaching and accepting the "new morality."

### Knowledge Legally Withheld

And because sex was viewed as indecent, degrading, shameful and sinful — even in marriage, except for procreation — the dissemination of knowledge about sex was forcibly withheld from the public.

Even as the United States entered World War I in 1917, it was still unlawful in America to publish, sell, or distribute any knowledge about sex or instruction in its use. Certainly married people sorely needed proper instruction. But all teaching was legally banned.

Parents taught their children nothing. They themselves knew nothing. Their parents had never taught them. And, besides, it would have been too embarrassing! The commonly accepted attitude was: "Keep our children innocent and pure through ignorance until marriage — and then instinct will tell them what to do."

But instinct did not teach them. Humans, unlike animals, do not come equipped with instinct. Blindly, with a smattering of "gutter-acquired" mis-knowledge, the newly married blundered their way into disillusionments, shattered dreams, bitter resentments, frustrations — and, too often, the divorce courts and broken homes.

True, a very large percentage of girls and wives were kept "pure." The girl, as late as 1917, who lost her virginity unmarried had also "lost her honor." Some even decided they could never face "decent" people again and ran off to enter houses of prostitution. Of course a double standard had developed. Every man wanted a virgin for a wife, but a majority were less careful about their own male virtue. The girl who had "gone the limit" was "damaged goods."

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### The Fruits of Prudery

But what were the real fruits of that dualistic concept of virtue? Some 90% of marriages were rendered unhappy — many utterly miserable and unbearable — because of false attitudes and sex ignorance. Many a wife was virtually raped on her wedding night. The stupid husband didn't mean to injure his wife. He was just plain IGNORANT! He needed instruction that had been denied him.

Many wives called their husbands "BRUTES." They simply were ignorant of the fact that brutes, guided by instinct, are not guilty of such things. Husbands said their wives were "frigid" and too

often began to visit prostitutes.

What price IGNORANCE!

Then came World War I. It brought tremendous changes in thinking, in behavior patterns, in social customs, and in the double standard. Women won the vote in America. Wives began entering employment and becoming financially independent.

### The Freudian Conclusion

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from his clinical experience and researches. Freud had decided that sexual repression, the attitude of shame and ignorance about sex were the CAUSES of neuroses and many mental disorders.

He and his followers in the newly appearing profession of psychiatry urged knowledge dissemination and sexual freedom as the panacea. If repression and self-denial caused the neurotic disquiet, why not reverse the interpretation of morality? Emancipate the people from restraints. Put a new definition on sex. Define it as GOOD, not degrading, shameful and EVIL — any use of sex, in or out of marriage. In the wake of World War I the agitation resulting from Freud's revolutionary conclusions finally brought about the toppling of the legal barriers. And the moral barriers began breaking down simultaneously.

With the removal of legal restraints against sex instruction, medical doctors, and psychoanalysts began grinding out volume after volume imparting heretofore banned instruction about sex.

Previously, the publication of knowledge in other fields had been accelerating. But in the delicate area of knowledge about sex the medical and associated professions had held a monopoly. Now sex information was hurled at the public from all directions. Even today almost every magazine one might pick up off a newsstand will contain at least one article on the subject of sex.

### The "New Morality" Appears

Yet something has been criminally wrong with this avalanche of sex literature. There has been missing the most vital dimension.

The world began throwing off the restraints. The revolt was on, against prudery, repression and ignorance. The new sensual knowledge — with its most-needed dimension missing — quickly began to be gulped in by curiosity-hungry

minds. World War II shot morals into the gutter. And now they have plunged all the way into the cesspool.

Permissiveness is the current fad.

Today, it is actually becoming popular in more and more colleges and universities to allow students to visit the dorm rooms of those of opposite sex at any or all hours around the clock — and sleep with them if desired. Some have introduced the new system of “co-ed dorms” — both men’s rooms and girls’ in opposite wings on the same floor, no restrictions whatsoever.

Today pornography is rampant on school and college grounds, and smut has become a multi-million-dollar industry in the United States.

Today we have “progressed” completely past “topless” bars and restaurants. When they became no longer shocking, “bottomless” followed, and finally, *the supreme jolt* as a shocker — and in several places — to entertain a lust-gripped audience, actual live sexual intercourse performed in the nude on stage. Not simulated. “FOR REAL!”

Along with this trend has come the hippies, “rock-festival” orgies attended by thousands, fast-growing drug addiction, hundreds of thousands literally “blowing their minds.”

I mentioned, above, that the revolters have rejected the authority of the church. But where is the authority for a right moral code?

#### Do Humans Really Know Right From Wrong?

After all, what is *right* — and what is wrong? What is really *BEST* for each individual? It is generally assumed that every sane person “knows the difference between right and wrong.”

But DO THEY?

Millions of Christians still think any use of sex outside of marriage is *SIN* — and therefore wrong. Perhaps other non-Christian millions still believe the same thing. On the other hand, millions now believe in the “new morality.” They believe in complete sexual freedom. They believe denial and repression are wrong.

There are other views in between.

What is the *TRUTH*?

The *TRUTH* is that the most tragically needed dimension in sex knowledge has been *MISSING!*

#### Now Even Marriage Being Questioned

In the modern rebellion against just about everything — including puritanical taboos — the world is tending to reject any and all authority and is turning more and more to impulse and unbridled desire.

Now some psychiatrists are questioning the institution of marriage. Who started the marriage custom, anyway? And *WHEN*? If man is merely the highest of the animal kingdom, *when*, in the evolutionary development from lower animal into man, did marriage with home and family life start — and *WHY*? Animals do not marry. They have no “home life.” Yet all animals reproduce. Marriage is not necessary for reproduction.

Do we really *need* any *AUTHORITY* for what is right or wrong about sex — about marriage? Is sexual freedom by mutual consent *really* harmful to any-

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would become very professional and emphatically disapprove. I will say, for the Masters and Johnson’s Institute, they maintain an iron-clad policy of refusing to treat one patient alone — they treat only husband and wife *together*, and never with a single therapist — always with a male and female therapy team.

However, I feel constrained to mention that, in this world keyed to the *SELF*-centered way, the tendency is to approach the whole subject from that philosophy. They teach husbands and wives to think *selfishly* of what each gets out of the relation, rather than the approach of outgoing concern and expression of true *LOVE* for the mate.

New books have very recently appeared in bookstores dealing with the newer knowledge now emerging from the more scientific studies on sexual response and dysfunctions. But meanwhile, following World War I, many books were published authored by medical doctors, psychologists, marriage counselors, and self-styled sexologists. In all, as stated above, there was a glaring absence of the “missing dimension in knowledge.” In 1964, I tried to fill in this essential gap with publication of a book then titled *God Speaks Out on the New Morality* and a second revised edition titled *The Missing Dimension in Sex*, in 1971. Nearly one million copies have been mailed out, gratis to those requesting them.

These books have been explicit, frank and forthright, with all essential details, yet revealing the heretofore unrealized *real meaning* of marriage and presenting sex as our Maker intended sex to be used in an abundant happy life.

Meanwhile, since the legal bars against sex education were removed after World War I, the educational campaign to “liberate” the Western world from all repression and attitudes of prudery continued apace. Younger generations coming along absorbed the new attitude.

Articles and stories about sex in newspapers and articles in magazines have made the Western public extremely sex conscious. Advertisements and TV commercials utilized the sex appeal continuously. Sex is flying into the face, before

body? Is the game, becoming prevalent, of husband and wife swapping wrong? Is it harming the participants or is it beneficial?

Let’s see what *MODERN SCIENCE* — and the *SCIENTIFIC METHOD* has contributed.

Vital *NEW KNOWLEDGE* awaits the reader. □

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the eyes, and into the ears of the public constantly. The public attitude has been revolutionized.

In the last decade or so, in many cities, “topless” restaurants began to appear. When the shock of female breasts no longer shocked, the “bottomless” signs began to appear. Newspaper stories appeared of performers in bars performing actual sexual intercourse nude in public on stage. Stories of “swinging” couples brought shocks to newspaper readers — that is, two or more couples meeting and swapping husbands and wives.

Group sex parties were reported. Sex became a popular subject of conversation, especially among teen-agers. Actual promiscuous behavior has followed, but not as rapidly as the propaganda and relaxing attitudes.

On college and university campuses of co-ed institutions, it is now reported that the large majority in the United States are coming to “Co-ed Dorms” — dormitory buildings, where both sexes are housed in the same building. In many cases, girls are assigned rooms in one wing, men in another wing on the same floor — with open access back and forth.

Meanwhile, marriage is being cheapened in the public eye. A prominent theologian and churchman in England has publicly talked of “healthy adultery” being good, and even in some cases saving the marriage.

The modern conspiracy, inspired by an invisible demon world believed by the educated *DECEIVED* not to exist, has done a sensational job of leading the Western *ADULT* world on the course to spiritual and moral *DESTRUCTION*. And now, it is influencing the unsuspecting adult “educated” to turn the diabolic attack on young children.

It is done subtly, even as the cigarette industry cleverly lured women into the cigarette habit. Up until the twenties about the only women who smoked were prostitutes. The psychologists in the industry knew that, once a woman developed the cigarette habit it would be far more difficult for her to break the habit than for men.

So by the mid-twenties, we began to see big billboards and full-page and double-page advertising pictures of a man smoking, but now cleverly and subtly they began to place a beautiful young woman beside him, smilingly enjoying inhaling in the man’s smoke secondhanded. Then, later, they began showing a woman asking the man beside her if she might not enjoy one puff on his cigarette. This was followed by boldly showing beautiful young women themselves smoking. And soon the tobacco industry had doubled their market for more profit.

And so now the first book subtly reaching young children is to be published in its English language edition.

Intended for children, it is replete with photographs, apparently of supe-

rior photographic quality, which blink at nothing. The book, authored by a German woman, Dr. Helga Fleischhauer-Hardt, is said to have already created an uproar in Germany. There, the Ministry of Communication in the government is said to have labeled it pornography. This, of course, multiplied book sales.

The English version is due for release in May 1975, at \$12.95 per copy. The book, titled *Show Me*, is highly photographic. It starts with photographs of naked children, in semi-chaste manner, hand-covered, who turn devilish eyes at each other, saying “aw, come on, show me.” Of course, they show. The sharply focused photographs continue showing mutual boy-girl fondling through many love-making techniques.

The release of the book in America probably will be followed, as it was in Germany, by loud outcries of indignant protest. Still, Dr. Fleischhauer-Hardt maintains that looking at these pictures can in no manner harm a child. Apparently others disagree. The text follows masturbation with several versions of intercourse, and even “a hint” of homosexuality.

The director of education for the Sex Information and Education Council from the United States (SIECUS), Doctor Derek Bursleson, refused to endorse the books.

Nevertheless, as long as it remains legal to distribute and sell such a book, thousands will buy it.

Apparently, at the start, the book will be placed on sale in bookstores on the East and West Coasts, but not yet in the Middle West or South.

This “*new morality*” movement has made phenomenal progress since World War II. It has seriously changed America’s way of life.

Aware of this clever, subtle, satanic campaign to destroy society’s morals, destroy the sanctity of marriage, and, ultimately to destroy all humanity, I began to wonder, “What can I do about it?”

Well, perhaps little. But I could, and have, written this article in the hopes of forewarning many of our millions of readers. And I can, and do, offer once again to you who have not already received a copy, your own free copy of my own book, *The Missing Dimension in Sex*. It is the *ONLY* book that I know of which presents sex as our Maker intended — as clean, wholesome, beautiful of itself, and intended to be used in *MARRIAGE* not *only* for reproduction, but for the expression of a wholesome *LOVE* between husband and wife, joined in holy matrimony by the *ETERNAL* and glorious God. It is clean-minded and wholesome, yet it is frank in presenting all needed details. It does cost money to publish and mail out a book of this size — 235 pages. Nevertheless, this book has been helpful and a real eye-opener to many thousands, and I cannot make a charge for it. We have nothing to sell. □