

WHITE COLLAR CRIME: THE BIG RIPOFF

THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX, PART VII

SADAT'S MASTER PLAN FOR EGYPT



**Egypt's
Anwar Sadat**

Major news headlines this morning read: Another government overthrown — this time in Peru, and a new premier and government in riot-torn Portugal.

Governments are being overthrown at the rate of one or more a month. This morning banner headlines report a bloodless coup overthrowing President Juan Velasco Alvarado of Peru. It was a coup by left-wing military officers. These same officers had staged a previous coup in October 1968, overthrowing the government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry. Apparently the left-wingers felt that President Alvarado was not making fast enough progress toward communism. General Francisco Morales Bermúdez has now taken over as head of state. He has been prime minister since the 1968 government was overthrown.

In riot-torn Portugal, that country has been on the verge of civil war for weeks. Portugal is predominantly Roman Catholic, but communists have been making inroads, just as they have to a greater or lesser degree all over the world. The new premier replaces the communists; he is to form a new government. Apparently this does not end the strife in Portugal, and we shall probably hear of more government changes or civil war.

Incidentally, this communist-rightist struggle in Portugal could possibly trigger the prophesied United States of Europe if forces at Rome feel that the time is right. That's certainly an outside possibility.

The former Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia died a few days ago. He was just eight days older than I. His government was overthrown by a military coup approximately a year ago. One of the last things he did before the military took him was to send me a letter of congratulation on my 82nd birthday. Many asked me after his imprisonment what had happened to the noted emperor. But I didn't know. Nobody except a few military officers in Ethiopia knew.

President Kenyatta of Kenya is also the same age. He told me that he and Haile Selassie were very close friends — closer than brothers, he said. But at that time he had no knowledge as to the emperor's fate.

It is significant that some mysterious invisible force seems to be stirring up strife within nations all over the world, as well as strife BETWEEN nations.

As I write, reports from Jerusalem and Cairo say that it is now a matter of a day or two before Henry Kissinger succeeds, this time in bringing about an interim peace accord between Israel and Egypt. The peace there will not last. Jerusalem is destined to be the news center of the world in the months and immediate years just ahead. No human effort can bring permanent peace to that center of civilization. It is commendable to try, but it will take a higher power to bring permanent peace there.

Last evening I was a guest of honor at a dinner party at the residence of the Israeli ambassador to Japan. Eighteen were present, including the ambassador and his wife, who was a gracious hostess; a former Israeli ambassador to an African nation; and some of my "Japanese sons," members of the Japanese Diet. Nine of the 18 had also been present at an outstanding banquet hosted by the Japanese embassy in Jerusalem just four weeks ago.

Some of my "Japanese sons" were also there, along with a few Japanese archaeologists working on the Japanese archaeological project at Tel Zeror, between Tel Aviv and Haifa. At that banquet were the largest number of Israeli leaders that have been present at any such affair in some time. I am personally grateful that I have been in a position to bring about a warm and peaceful relationship between many leaders in Japan and Israel, and also between Japan and Egypt, but it will take a greater POWER than human to bring PERMANENT PEACE between Israel and the Arab world. Yet that PERMANENT PEACE will come IN OUR TIME. You can read of it in the book of Zechariah, the 14th chapter. □

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THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX

PART III WAS SEX REALLY NECESSARY?

We have covered two vital purposes relating to sex in humans — procreation and marriage. But now, in this final installment, we pose the question: Did procreation or marriage really require the creation of sex? Couldn't God have devised some other means of generation than sex? And wouldn't the marriage and family relationship be happier without sex?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE FORMULATORS of early Christian thought would have answered the above two questions in the affirmative.

Referring to these founders of traditional teaching, Gibbon says, in chapter XV of his famous book, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*: "The chaste severity of the fathers in whatever related to the commerce of the sexes flowed from the same principle — their abhorrence of every enjoyment which might gratify the sensual, and degrade the spiritual nature of man."

Their favorite opinion, continues Gibbon, was that if there had been no "fall" Adam would have lived forever in a state of virgin purity. Paradise might have been peopled, not by "degrading" sex, but by some harmless mode of vegetation.

Apparently God made a terrible mistake when He created sex, that is, in the "chaste severity" thinking of those church fathers!

"By them," continues Gibbon, "the use of marriage was permitted only to the fallen posterity, as a necessary expedient to continue the human species."

Gibbon speaks of these men, as "unwilling to approve an institution [marriage] which they were compelled to tolerate." And, further, "since desire was imputed as a crime, and marriage was tolerated as a defect, it was consistent with the same principles to consider a state of celibacy as the nearest approach to the Divine perfection."

Ignorant of the biblical revelation that God (Hebrew, *Elohim*) is a FAMILY — ignorant of the truth of the KINGDOM OF GOD — these men condemned the very GOD-PLANE relationship of the Eternal! The fruits of that teaching have been an indescribably enormous MOUNTAIN of human woe and misery!

What was wrong with marriage, they reasoned, was not the ceremony or the state of marriage — but the use of sex in marriage! How much better would marriage have been without sex!

And that is the BIG QUESTION to be settled once and for all in this last installment. Was sex necessary for the God-plane marriage and family relationships? Could we not have had these without sex?

WHY was sex necessary, anyway?

Why not some intellectual way, free from passion and sex, of producing offspring?

Satanic Origin

This pagan concept was Satan-inspired (I Tim. 4:1-3). It simply means this:

Satan is an individual being, with NO POWER TO REPRODUCE HIMSELF. Satan is deprived of FAMILY RELATIONSHIP. God, on the other hand, IS the divine FAMILY — Father, Son, and those begotten by the holy spirit and born into it. God has bestowed on mankind the privileges of FAMILY and of reproducing our kind, bringing our human offspring into our human FAMILIES.

Satan resents this!

So Satan palms himself off as the GOD of this world (II Cor. 4:4).

The true God — the Eternal CREATOR — pictures Himself, in His Word, as the divine FAMILY and bestows on man the privileges of reproduction and family relationship. Satan represents God's system of reproduction as being wrong. He deceived the world for hundreds of years into believing marital LOVE through sex is a corroding, contaminating thing.

The "New Morality" Concept

Today, worldwide REVOLT has set in against the repressive "chaste severity" of the "fathers."

The formulators of the modernistic perversion see only one thing — that repression, passively adopted but not practiced by Protestants, became intolerable. The sex-is-evil attitude had to go.

The medieval concept downgraded the God-plane MARRIAGE and FAMILY relationships below asceticism. The "new morality" threatens to abolish these divine institutions!

Instead of coming to the true MEANING and PURPOSES and right USES of sex, they blindly swung to the opposite extreme of declaring ANY USE of sex IS GOOD — NOT EVIL! Therefore, says the modern revolt, "Let's USE IT — freely — in or out of marriage, perverted or otherwise. DOWN WITH ALL RESTRAINTS! Let's LIVE IT UP!!!"

So, in the present moral rebellion, labelling immorality the "new morality," marriage has lost whatever meaning or sanctity it had. Its very existence is threatened.

Now we have seen, in the preceding two installments, that there is vital and deep-rooted MEANING to the MARRIAGE

institution and to the establishment of HOME and FAMILY life.

But the BIG question is: Was sex really necessary for the high and noble God-plane relationship of the marriage state and the institution of home and family? Could not these have been more enjoyable, more pure and clean, more righteous — and better for humanity — without sex?

They Are LOVE Relationships

To answer this BIG question about sex, we need to look further into the FAMILY relationship that constitutes the KINGDOM OF GOD and the betrothal relationship between CHRIST and the CHURCH.

God has given mankind the institutions of marriage and family to prepare us for an ETERNITY of happiness and joy in His kingdom — His FAMILY!

Just what, then, is the very basis and foundation of the FAMILY RELATIONSHIP?

That basis is LOVE! Of all the CHARACTER ATTRIBUTES of God, the very first, greatest, and most important is LOVE! Above all, GOD IS LOVE! (I John 4:8, 16).

The very first of the attributes of God — expressed in the fruits of His holy spirit in man — is LOVE (Gal. 5:22). When this very God-life is infused within us, by His spirit, it is "the LOVE OF GOD . . . shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5).

Thus, in first begetting us, God infuses within us the divine GIFT of His love. The divine FAMILY RELATIONSHIP is a LOVE relationship. The tie that holds the divine family together is the tie of LOVE!

To those thus begotten of God, converted by His spirit, Christ says through John: "Behold, what manner of LOVE the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called THE SONS OF GOD . . . Beloved, now are we the sons of God [begotten], and it doth not yet appear what we shall be [when born]; but we know that, when he [Christ] shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:1-2).

Even now, converted begotten sons of God have spiritual FELLOWSHIP with the FATHER and with the Son, Christ (I John 1:3).

So the FAMILY relationship, both on the divine plane and in the human type, now, is a LOVE relationship — and GOD implants within His begotten children His divine love to equip them for that divine LOVE relationship.

Likewise, the betrothal husband-and-wife-to-be relationship between CHRIST and the CHURCH is a LOVE relationship.

Notice, again, God's teaching that MARRIAGE on the present human level is to be a LOVE relationship, just as is Christ's relationship to His church:

"Husbands, LOVE your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave

himself for it . . . that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. . . . For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh" (Eph. 5:25-31).

For what cause shall a man marry a wife? For what PURPOSE? For that of LOVE!

The betrothal relationship between Christ and the church — of which marriage between humans is the type — is a LOVE relationship. Husbands are to love their wives "even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

But notice again! To Adam and Eve in the garden in Eden, God gave sex as the cause for marriage — as did Jesus in Matthew 19: "He . . . made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man and woman marry (verses 4-5). Because of sex they shall marry."

So we have the two scriptural reasons for marriage — for LOVE and because of sex. These are not two contradictory reasons. They blend into ONE — to express LOVE through sex!

Sex was created, not only as the means of reproduction and bringing about a FAMILY, but, in humans, as a means of expressing LOVE in marriage.

So again I ask, just what is love?

And again I answer, the world does not know!

Three Kinds of Love

There is more than one kind of love. The Greeks had three words for it — each with a different shade of meaning.

In today's modern world, the meaning of LOVE has been all but lost. It has been so romanticized, so confused with LUST, that people carelessly call any sex desire or sex use "love." Usually this is LUST.

Today nearly all popular songs are falsely supposed to sing about love. Motion pictures, television, novels — all confuse and eroticize "love" and induce society to accept lust in the name of "love."

The Greeks are more definitely expressive. They use three words which define love more accurately.

First is *agape*, which is moral or spiritual love. This is the love GOD expresses toward humanity. It is the divine, spiritual love, supplied by God's holy spirit. The natural and unconverted man does not have this love! But God longs to fill him with it — if he will surrender and believe!

Second is *philia*. This is the love of friendship — brotherly love (*philadelphia*) — love of parent or child.

Third is *eros*, which refers to sexual love between husband and wife. But it means love, not lust. The Greek language uses a different word for lust. *Eros*, however, is a love expressed physically, not spiritually.

Just what, then, is love?

If I had to define love in four words, I would say "Love is an *unselfish, outgoing concern*" for the one loved. Love is primarily on the *giving, serving, sharing* side of the fence — not on the *getting, taking, factional, striving* side. It is not selfish.

God is love. Consider how God expresses love toward us who are humans. Yes, even those who are *hostile* and rebellious toward God: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Jesus Christ is God — one of the divine persons who compose the God family. Notice how Christ manifested love: "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us . . . when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son" (Rom. 5:8, 10).

How did Jesus Christ express His love for the church? The scripture has been quoted above: *He gave Himself for it!*

Love is unselfish. It is not an emotion, though it may be expressed with an emotional content. True love *combines* the rational aspect of outgoing concern — desire to help, serve, give or share — along with sincere affectionate *feeling*.

William Graham Cole, in his book, *Sex in Christianity and Psychoanalysis*, gives an excellent analysis of love. He draws an interesting distinction between true mature love and infantile love. The latter is primarily emotional, thoughtlessly selfish, seeking its own gratification. Like "puppy love," it does not love another as he is, or for what he is, but as he is imagined or romantically desired to be.

"Illusion," says Cole, "is the standard diet of infantile love. It is, as the poets say, blind. . . . Cupid appears appropriately enough in diapers" (for our British readers, "nappies").

Mature love, says Cole, is not blind. "It has progressed from pabulum to porthouse."

Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." That is a true statement, of which nearly all humans are ignorant. Carnal humanity is bent on getting, taking, having. The average person, selfishly, is primarily interested in gratifying the desires of his five senses — with no concern for others.

ALL Sense-Enjoyments NOT Sin

The five senses do cry out for gratification. We humans are composed of FLESH — mortal flesh — MATTER. We can receive pleasurable sensations through these five senses. In their "chaste severity" the early "Christian fathers" deemed any pleasurable sensation or experience, through the senses, to be sinful.

THAT IS EMPHATICALLY NOT TRUE!

God even tells us, in His word, that our senses *should be exercised by use*, so that we can distinguish good from evil (Heb. 5:14). Our senses were put within our bodies *to be used — but not misused!*

God created us so that we must eat food to live. He equipped us with the sense of taste. God gave us this sense so that we might *enjoy* the necessity of eating. We should, therefore, exercise our senses to distinguish true, natural,

health-building foods from those false foods which destroy health — and then *give God thanks* and really ENJOY eating!

In like manner God made it possible for us to receive great pleasure and enjoyment of the most upbuilding and wholesome kind from the sense of sight. He gave us the faculty for appreciating the *beautiful*. But a man can *misuse* his sense of sight by looking *lustfully* at a woman.

God equipped humans with the sense of *hearing*. How much inspiring, uplifting, pleasurable enjoyment we receive from beautiful MUSIC! But, of course, this sense, too, may be used for good, or for evil. Glorious music was actually created in the archangel Lucifer. But when in pride and greed his whole character changed and he FELL from his estate of perfection to become Satan, he became corrupted and perverted in all his ways (Ezek. 28:13, 17). Satan is the author of perverted, discordant, degenerate modern music.

IN LOVE, God equipped humans with the five physical senses, to supply man with wholesome ENJOYMENT AND PLEASURE! But the *use* of these senses can be turned in the wrong direction! The *privi-*

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lege carries with it the obligation of responsibility. This is part of the character-building process.

I repeat! Sin is not the *thing* — but the WRONG USE of the thing!

God intended man to be HAPPY! It is God's will that we ENJOY life — that it be pleasurable, satisfying, wholesome, rewarding! But God gave us *minds* — and made HIS WORD available — to distinguish the TRUE values from the false, not to *decide* in our own minds what selfish or lustful desire we would like to *make* right, but to *distinguish* what God reveals he has made right.

The *right* use of the five senses brings enjoyable, pleasurable sensations that are uplifting, constructive, beneficial — not only to the self, but to others. The *wrong* and sinful use of the senses also may produce pleasurable sensations, but these wrong uses are destructive and harmful — not only to the self, but often also to others.

It is a matter of RIGHT or WRONG direction.

How may we humans *know* which use is right, and which is wrong? BY THE LAW OF GOD!

RIGHT Use of Senses

God's law is a WAY of life. It guides actions and uses in a definite direction — always constructive, upbuilding, beneficial. That WAY always is THE WAY of LOVE — the way of *unselfish, outgoing concern*, the way of sharing what is enjoyable.

SIN is the transgression of THAT WAY! Sin travels in the direction of vanity, greed — inflowing selfish gratification. It

wants to be *served*, not to serve. To be *helped*, not to help. To *get*, not to give.

The WHOLE LAW OF GOD is summed up in one word — LOVE! And it requires love *expressed in action* to fulfil the law (Rom. 13:8, 10).

But this law-principle of LOVE is subdivided into the two great commandments — LOVE toward God and love toward neighbor. The first four of the Ten Commandments define love toward God. The last six tell us *how* to love neighbor. Love toward neighbor is *not altogether* outgoing concern. It is also a *sharing* with neighbor: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Of course that is a *lot of love!*

It is human to love your own self. That requires no effort — no character. But what is *not* human nature is to love your neighbor EQUALLY! That requires recognition by an intelligent mind of the TRUE VALUES, and it requires the exercise of WILL, self-discipline and CHARACTER.

The Love Man Doesn't Have

The law allows you to love yourself equally with your neighbor, but NOT GOD! It requires you to love GOD with ALL your heart, mind, soul, and strength!

How, then, may a person LOVE GOD? Actually, the natural unconverted man CANNOT! Take, at random, any man or woman you might meet on a busy street or out on a country lane. Has he the ability to love GOD far more than SELF — with ALL his heart, mind, soul, and strength? DOES the average person love God that much?

What's the answer? God's Word answers: "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). The "we" here is addressed to converted Christians.

A human can only really and truly love God with the *very love* which we first must receive from Him! This is the spiritual divine love God GIVES us by the holy spirit! But we must first REPENT — surrender unconditionally to live GOD'S WAY — and truly BELIEVE in Christ, accepting Him as personal Saviour.

When we love GOD, it is merely HIS OWN LOVE, on a return circuit, flowing on back to Him again! GOD'S SPIRIT is *active — flowing!*

So the first great commandment — to be kept in its complete and true spiritual sense — requires a love MAN SIMPLY DOESN'T HAVE! Of course, God *longs* to GIVE every man that love, and *fill* him with it! But very few are willing!

Now consider TWO EXTREMES:

(1) Love toward your NEIGHBOR *farthest* from any natural affection — a recognized *enemy*. Here is Jesus' teaching of fulfilling the law toward him: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for [not against] them which despitefully use you, and persecute you . . ." (Matt. 5:44). Does the natural, unconverted man have *that* kind of love? The world doesn't consider *that* teaching of Jesus very practical because the world is empty of *that* kind of love.

(2) At the other extreme, two categories of neighbors *closest* to you are singled out in the New Testament for

SPECIAL LOVE. One of these categories is one's neighbors *closest* to him *spiritually* — his *brethren in Christ*. Many scriptures put emphasis on a SPECIAL LOVE for these. Here again, a love is required which is totally absent in unregenerate man. But, in that case, they are not brethren in Christ UNLESS both are in Christ — have received God's holy spirit! Otherwise they are *none of His!* (Rom. 8:9.)

The other of these, singled out in the New Testament for *special love*, is the neighbor *closest* to you *physically* — your *husband or wife!*

And right here is the BIG POINT, vitally important, that probably never before entered your mind!

Four categories have just been cited — love to God, and (love to neighbor) your enemy, your true fellow Christians, and your marital mate.

Man simply is not born with — does not have — the divine SPIRITUAL love required for the first three of those four categories! — to love God, enemy, and fellow Christian SPIRITUALLY, in the manner the law requires!

But when we come to the fourth category — MARRIAGE — we find an altogether different situation!

Even here, when, in the New Testament, the command is given to those IN THE CHURCH: "Husbands, love your wives," the word "love" in the original Greek in which the apostle Paul wrote, is not *eros* but *agape*, which is the divine love which emanates from God!

The true Christian husband loves his wife, not only in the physical and natural sense possible for a natural, yet unconverted, person, but *also* with a special *spiritual* love!

But God well knew that an infinitesimal percentage of humans, from Adam and Eve to now, would yield themselves to receive that divine love of God. And, even so, it is *then* mingled with the physical love God has made possible through sex!

Now we are ready for the ANSWER to this installment's big QUESTION. We need, now, to understand some of the FACTS OF LIFE which few ever grasp!

Marital LOVE

GOD is a spirit. But God *did not create humans out of spirit!* To have done so would have defeated God's whole grand PURPOSE! So MAN is physical *flesh* — made from matter — the dust of the ground!

Of the three kinds of love, expressed by the three Greek words *agape, philia, and eros*, the natural man is capable of expressing only the last two types of love. There is a certain selfish element in the *philia* love — love for children, parents, or family. We may have this love for those of "our club," "our team," "our group." That often is a factional-type love — one of the "works of the flesh" of Galatians 5:19-21 (see especially Moffatt translation).

Why didn't God design things so that married humans would love each other with God's SPIRITUAL LOVE — *without* the physical love of SEX? Simply because it would have defeated God's whole PURPOSE. Simply because God deemed it necessary to make MAN, for now, of

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physical matter. In His divine wisdom, God knew that His supreme PURPOSE required that man be made, first, on the material level — a physical being! Being physical, we were made with the five physical SENSES.

It was God's PURPOSE that humans, unlike animals, angels, or any other living beings, enjoy the blessings of MARRIAGE and FAMILY relationships — actual God-plane relationships. The marriage relationship, as explained, had to be a LOVE relationship. But human, fleshy man is not born with spiritual love. Man's comprehension of MIND — his expression of LOVE — is confined, naturally, to the physical level, through the senses. Unconverted man can express only physical love, and, in marriage, it is expressed through sex.

Man is given a CHOICE. So he has full ability to turn physical sex love in the

to stating that 'fully one quarter of the Bible is prophecy,' and while this estimate appears to be a generalization, it is still approximately correct. As tabulated below, out of the Old Testament's 23,210 verses, 6,641 contain predictive material, or 28½ percent. Out of the New Testament's 7,914 verses, 1,711 contain predictive material, or 21½ percent. So for the entire Bible's 31,124 verses, 8,352 contain predictive material, or 27 percent of the whole" (*The Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy*, pp. 12-13).

For the Practical Man

You may be a no-nonsense, practical man who needs tangible help in finding a job or working out a problem. For the moment you may not be interested in reading poetry, philosophy, or even religion. Well, the Bible is for you too!

The book of Proverbs has plenty of advice for the job hunter. Don't be a quitter (Prov. 24:10). Seek balanced advice (23:4-12; 26:12-16). Be diligent in your search (27:23-24; 24:30-34). Seek wise counsel (Prov. 11:14; 19:20). Proverbs propounds a success formula, not only for the job seeker, but also for the businessman, the farmer, the scholar, the theologian or the housewife. It contains hundreds of practical, down-to-earth gems of wisdom that can be read one at a time, whenever one has the chance.

Get Your Feet Wet

Once you get into it, the Bible is the most fascinating book extant on this earth today! It's all a matter of getting your feet wet. The water's not so cold after you've been in a few minutes. Chronologies and thee's and thou's may turn you off at first, but the solution is to speed read chronological tables and obtain a modern translation (like the *Revised Standard Version*, or perhaps the *New English Bible* if you like more of a free-flowing translation).

But whatever translation you choose, you owe it to yourself to jump in and find out what the Bible has for you! □

wrong direction of LUST. God equipped him with MIND. He has capability to discern and to CHOOSE, and what he sows he shall reap!

Though God made man a physical being, it was still his design to make possible our greatest HAPPINESS.

Of all the truly ENJOYABLE experiences received through the five senses, perhaps the most intense and supremely gratifying — the very pinnacle of sheer exhilaration — is that received in the sex act of expressing LOVE for the one who is dearest of all people on earth, and to whom one has been joined in blessed and holy wedlock by GOD HIMSELF!

I remember when I was a young unmarried man, some of us young men had a good argument for resisting fornication. IF, we reasoned, a man might experience a momentary sensual thrill out of an act of fornication, how much greater would be the satisfaction of waiting to share that act with the one sweetest, dearest, loveliest wife in all the world — giving LOVE — not receiving LUST — with clean conscience. With a harlot or a girl loose and immoral enough to permit fornication, it could not be real LOVE. Besides, it involved a guilty conscience, and it could involve premarital pregnancy or venereal disease. (Remember, conditions and attitudes of teen-agers were quite different then — some 60 years ago.)

Best — for Us

Even in carnality, we realized it was better — BETTER FOR US — to wait for marriage.

The perverted believer in today's "new morality" could argue: "Why not enjoy both?" But he misses the whole point. The supreme enjoyment and happiness of marital LOVE springs from the very exclusiveness of the true marriage relationship — sacred to just the two — unshared with any other. Fornication prior to marriage robs the marriage of something very precious and eminently worth the premarital self-denial.

God made us so that we may really ENJOY the taste of delicious food, the sound of beautiful music, the sight of a beautiful landscape or flower garden, the fragrance of lovely roses. The RIGHT exercise of our senses is RIGHT. God intended this pleasure and enjoyment. God is LOVE, and God expressed His love toward us by making these delights possible. Yet, probably the most intensely delightful of all physical joys God's love has made possible is that of sexual LOVE between husband and wife.

It was intended to endear each to the other, bind them closer to each other.

It was GOD who created these five senses and set them in such dynamic action with their various stimuli. And God beheld everything that He had made and pronounced it VERY GOOD!

God wants us to ENJOY living! God made us so we can find true happiness, here and now — we can simply radiate happiness and joy! His LAW is the guide to the RIGHT USE of these powers which can produce joyous blessings or terrible curses. And He gave us the CHOICE!

God gave us the blessed MARRIAGE relationship and the God-plane FAMILY relationship!

LOVE is God's WAY. But natural man

can express it only physically. So, since humans can express naturally only a human and physical love, we come to the answer of the question posed in this installment:

THE CREATOR, IN HIS WISDOM, KNEW THAT SEX WAS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIP, IN REAL LOVE!

God knew what He was doing!

God's answer to those unhappy early religious "fathers" in their "chaste severity" is: "Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! . . . Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou?" (Isa. 45:9.)

And again: "Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say to him that framed it, He had no understanding?" (Isaiah 29:16.)

Sex was created, in God's loving wisdom, to make possible these sacred God-plane institutions of marriage, home, and family!

Sex was created to stimulate pure romantic attraction and love between a young man and a young woman prop-

erly mated for marriage; to inspire them with desire to share their lives, their problems, their trials and troubles, their hopes and successes TOGETHER; to enjoy the planning and building together of a happy home; and to rear a happy FAMILY.

God designed SEX to produce pure, righteous, clean, holy and rich BLESSINGS! He made it to be the loving BOND which not only would inspire a properly mated couple to marry, but which would PRESERVE that marriage in love. Sex should be the energizing magnet to draw a husband and a wife closer and closer together with increasing LOVE — to heal over those little irritations, disturbances, or misunderstandings which do occur.

Yet, this very bond which should bind the marriage tightly together is also the cord which, misused and perverted, severs more marriages than all other causes combined. Misused, it can bring nightmarish divorces, wreck homes and lives, leave children without parents, and spawn juvenile delinquents!

Let's save sex for MARRIAGE. Let's turn to the WAY of all the blissful joys and blessings God made possible and intended! □

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