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# Love, Marriage and Sex

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**W**hat, until 1914, had been the Western world's standard of morality? Was it good or bad? Has a whole world in revolt brought anything better? What have been the CAUSES of world acceptance of the "New Morality"?

It is not only a moral revolution. A revolution in government, in economics, in science and technology, in education, in labor standards and in social values, even in religion, has shaken the whole world! WHY?

WHY has the whole world suddenly aroused to violent action? And especially in the area of morals? The "authorities" — the psychoanalysts and the medical doctors — decided moral standards were in need of revision. And they have been revised, radically, under the catch-phrase "*the New Morality*"!

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!

## **The most vital dimension missing**

The world, since the First World War, has been deluged with books, pamphlets and articles in magazines and newspa-

pers about sex. 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 God 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 next issue.

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. Text-

books had to be written 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 passively followed Catholic teaching on sex, but have tended recently to be more lax in behavior.

### The fruits of prudery

But what were the real fruits at the turn of the century of that dualistic concept of virtue? Some 90 percent 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!

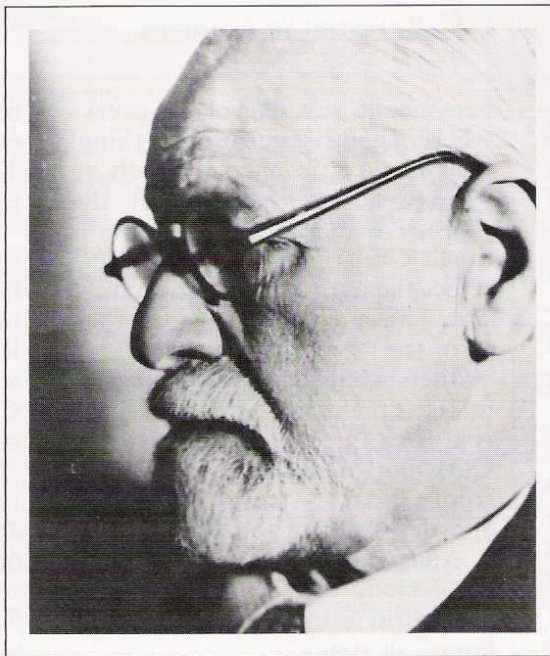
Then came World War I. It brought tremendous changes in thinking, in behavior patterns, in social customs and in the double standard. Women won the vote in America. Wives began entering employment and becoming financially independent.

### The Freudian conclusion

Previously, about 1904, a startling conclusion had been reached by Sigmund Freud, founder of psychoanalysis. This revolutionary opinion had resulted from his clinical experience and researches. Freud had decided that sexual

repression, the attitude of shame and ignorances 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



Into a world of sexual repression, Sigmund Freud introduced revolutionary ideas that paved the way for the "New Morality." (Wide World Photo)

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. Today almost every magazine one might pick up off a newsstand will contain at least one article on the subject of sex. Even the most conservative magazines.

### 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.

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 — and sleep with them if desired. Many have introduced the system of co-ed dorms — both men's rooms and girls' in opposite wings on the same floor, no restrictions whatsoever. Permissiveness is the current fad.

Smut has become a multimillion-dollar industry in country after country.

Along with this trend came the hippies, and then drug addiction, hundreds of thousands literally "blowing their minds!"

The revolvers 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

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# Special Message for Young People

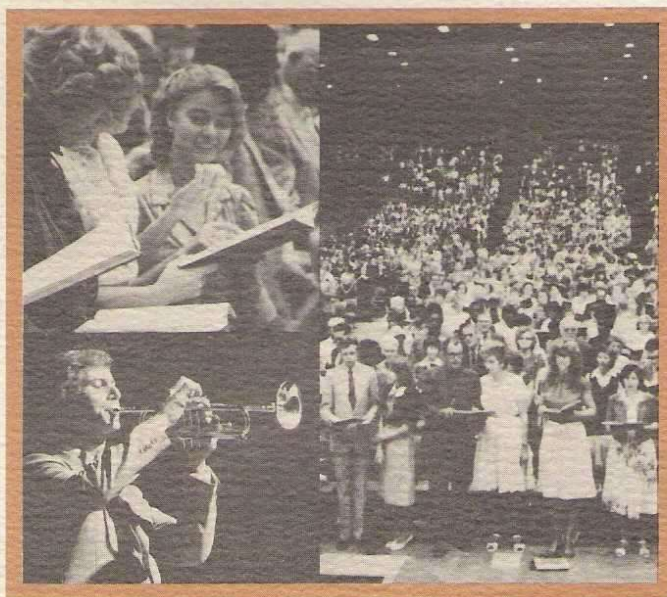
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**H**ow did you come to be here on this earth? Did you just happen, an accident of blind, unintelligent, unknowing, lifeless EVOLUTION?

Or were you put here and given life by an all-knowing, all-intelligent, purposeful, *living*, supreme God, who designed and created the human mind and body?

Let me tell you — and I can prove it, and so can you if you are willing — that the great Creator brought YOU into existence on this earth FOR A GREAT AND MIGHTY *PURPOSE!*

You were born into a world that has developed a certain type civilization. The instant you were born you knew — NOTHING! But your eyes opened, you looked about, and knowledge of what you saw began registering in your memory — began putting knowledge into your mind. Your ears heard sounds, and thus additional knowledge entered through the sense of hearing. Very elementary at first, but gradually, each bit of new knowledge, entering your mind through your sense of taste, smell, feel, sight and hearing, was



added to what had previously been stored there.

Gradually you came to know and take up with the customs, ways and generally accepted ideas and beliefs of this world. You accepted them, took them for granted without question.

Some of them were good — but many of them were BAD. But you took them for granted without realizing they were bad.

You have a *nature*. We call it human nature. Few people realize what it is. Human nature has a spiritual side and a physical side. On its spiritual side, it is VANITY. Vanity loves and tends to exalt the SELF. It is SELF-centered. It is selfish and greedy. It is this way *naturally*. On its physical side,

there are the five senses, and the PULL of these senses to crave to be satisfied. Exercise of these senses can produce sensations of pleasure. Some of these sensual pleasures are healthy, uplifting and GOOD. But many are injurious, harmful and BAD. Yet the bad ones cry out for gratification — probably far more than the good. Thus human nature exerts an automatic, impulsive PULL toward selfishness, greed, vanity, jealousy, envy, hatred, and toward

the lusts (*wrong desires*) of the flesh.

Human nature wants to *BE* good — that is, to *believe* it is good — to be *considered* good. It just doesn't want to *DO* good.

Because GOOD is the WAY of God's invisible, inexorable, spiritual LAW. That LAW is, simply, LOVE. It is love toward God in the form of trusting and willing OBEDIENCE to God's every command and direction, knowing it is for our highest good. It is love toward God in the form of being GOD-centered — having the mind *continually* (consciously or subconsciously) in contact with God, *relying* on God, seeking guidance from God, worshipful in the sense of gratitude, obedience, faith and

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complete trust. It is love toward fellowman — in the sense of outgoing concern, *equal to* love and concern for self.

NOW NO MAN exercises *that kind of love naturally*. You simply were not born with that kind of love.

THAT love — God's love — travels a certain road. It is the road that leads to peace, to happiness, to confident assurance, security, well-being, ENJOYMENT without kickbacks, prosperity — every good thing the heart desires.

Everyone wants that *result*.

That is to say, everyone wants to have the *RESULT* of doing good.

But no one, it seems, *naturally* wants to GO that way — to DO good.

That *WAY* — *doing* good — is the *WAY* of God's law.

This world is *not* FULL of happiness, peace, joy and universal prosperity. It is pretty well filled with strife — in the home, in business, in politics, in war between nations. It is pretty well filled with unhappiness, frustrations, insecurity. It is pretty well filled with crime and violence, with broken homes and unhappy quarreling homes, with sickness and disease, with frustrations, failures, tragedies.

Now GOD is *not* the author of all these troubles in the world.

God has, FOR A GREAT PURPOSE, made humans free moral agents, and allotted 6,000 years for mankind to *make a choice* — whether to accept God's government over him, to be ruled by God's law of LOVE — or whether to set up his own ideas of man-made government, following what comes *naturally* — HUMAN NATURE.

That 6,000 years is about up. When it is — a *very* few more years — God Almighty is going to step in, intervene supernaturally and in divine POWER abolish governments and ways of society — rule all nations with GOD's laws — and BRING PEACE AND HAPPINESS TO HUMANITY!

*HOW* can that be done?

It's simple!

There is A *WAY* of personal, group and organized living that will automatically produce that utopia. And there is A *WAY* that has, for 6,000 years, produced curses, war, strife and violence, frustration, failure — everything this world has.

God is simply going to *enforce*, with divine power, HIS *WAY*. He is going to take over all governments, in a super WORLD GOVERNMENT, ruled by the very CREATOR. It will rule by GOD's LAWS — the *WAY* of love!

Why do some people — even college professors and some who

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are intellectually inclined — become Communists? Because they see many things *WRONG* in this world — they want to BE right — they grasp communism as a last straw and only hope, under the delusion that THEY CAN HAVE A PART IN MAKING THIS A BETTER WORLD! They want to BE right — but they don't understand what God says is right.

So they grasp the straw that makes the lying and false PROMISES of producing the solution. But communism is only another IDEA OF MAN BASED ON HUMAN NATURE. It is a theoretical way that would destroy what little good there might be in this

world's society. It is the most false of false hopes.

But YOU can, when you mature, *have a part* in actually bringing PEACE, happiness, joy and abundance to humanity. God Almighty is *going to do it* — whether or not you have a part in it!

But He is not going to do it alone. He is going to take certain human beings, born in the very LIKENESS of God, who REPENT of their carnal human nature — who cry out to God to CHANGE that nature, and *give* them the matchless supreme GIFT of His divine LOVE that will travel THE *WAY* toward peace, happiness and joy.

These are they who, upon reaching physical maturity, through real repentance of what they *are* as well as what they have done, through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as well as in His resurrected LIFE and POWER, are forgiven their guilty past, given contact with God, *changed, converted*, receiving HIS HOLY SPIRIT, being begotten as HIS CHILDREN, receiving the DIVINE nature.

In other words, they REPENT of human nature — they REPENT of hostility to authority — of resentment against God's law. They SURRENDER unconditionally to GOD and wholeheartedly WANT HIM to rule in their lives. They CHANGE (through God's power given by His grace) from rebellion to submission — from SELF-centeredness to GOD-centeredness. They let Jesus Christ (in Spirit) come into their lives and actually live their lives for them (Galatians 2:20).

They change from THE *WAY* that has brought all the curses upon this unhappy world, to THE *WAY* that will bring a brilliant, joyous UTOPIA to earth in a very few years when God sends the *living* Jesus Christ in all power and glory to RULE ALL NATIONS and bring the happy, peaceful WORLD TOMORROW!

This CHANGE is conversion. This is what it means to *become* a Christian. A Christian is NOT merely one who PROFESSES Christ.

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## Family Fun

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guidebook to help you identify birds or trees? A visit to a nearby spot of historical significance? An afternoon's boat ride?

Some teens get even more creative. How would your family enjoy a treasure hunt? Would Mom and Dad enjoy having others over for snacks and a sing-along or a game of cards?

The important thing is not what you do — every family is different — but if your family participates together in fun, with the attitude of trying to give each other a good time, you'll be building bonds that will last even when the Feast is over.

A word of caution: The Feast can be a busy, even exhausting, time. Tact, respect and a good sense of timing will serve you well in making suggestions that won't turn out more trouble than fun.

Sometimes troubles will come up. God wants your family to have unity, so why not ask Him for special help to overcome any problems?

### Talking together

Staying in a motel, camper, tent or cottage may mean living in closer quarters with your family than you're accustomed to. This might take some adjustment. On the other hand, it might provide opportunities for long talks with family members — talks you didn't seem to find time for or were too tired to start the rest of the year. Driving back and forth to services can be an excellent time for family discussions, too.

And what better subject than the Feast itself? You might use some point mentioned in the sermon as a springboard for discussion.

Working toward the treasure of family fun and togetherness, many teens have found that they have a more exciting, fun-filled and memorable Feast themselves. Why? Because, in the words of one young person, "the family — God's family — is what the Feast is all about." □

## Special Message

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God gives His Holy Spirit ONLY to them that OBEY Him (Acts 5:32). This implants within the mind the *divine nature* — it means a CHANGED MIND!

But it does *not* remove the HUMAN nature from those who are mature enough to be converted. The *mind* governs whether the converted Christian now *follows* the pulls, the impulses, the desires of human nature, or whether he resists them and is LED BY the newly received divine nature. "As many as are LED BY the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14). But one's *human* nature cries out to be satisfied — does not like to be repressed.

Just *receiving* God's Spirit, upon full mature repentance, is not enough. Such a person must BE LED by God's Spirit. His Spirit opens the mind to UNDERSTANDING of spiritual truth and the KNOWLEDGE of God's law. It opens the mind to THE WAY one should follow. God's Spirit also is the love of God — God's own divine love — flooding into the human heart, and flowing on out in love to God and love to neighbor.

One must therefore GROW in spiritual knowledge and in God's grace (II Peter 3:18). He or she must become a DOER of God's law — actually LIVING in THE WAY of peace and happiness and joy. This means a person, even after reaching maturity and being converted, must OVERCOME his own carnal nature, his old habits, the temptations of the world — HE MUST BE CHANGED! He must develop toward perfect spiritual and righteous CHARACTER. The real Christian is undergoing a life of TRAINING to become a RULER in God's Kingdom — in the happy and peaceful WORLD TOMORROW.

One cannot learn everything in a minute, a day or a year. One does not become perfect at one jump. It is a continuous PROCESS. No Christian becomes perfect at the very beginning. He does not

overcome or root out all the sins, the wrong habits, all at once. He must do it little by little. But, "he that overcometh, and keepeth MY WORKS unto the end," says Jesus Christ, "to him will I give power over THE NATIONS: AND HE SHALL RULE THEM" (Revelation 2:26-27).

WHY do THE NATIONS of this earth need ruling by Christ and those trained under a Christian life? Because all the unhappiness — everything WRONG with this world — has come from living THE WAY of hostility to God's law and GOD's government. Because the only way this world can have PEACE, PROSPERITY, HAPPINESS, is to be forced to build a society based on THE WAY that *produces* these desired blessings.

If you want to start on THAT RIGHT WAY, don't get discouraged because you are yet immature and slip and fall down along youth's path meanwhile. Get up and KEEP GOING. Even if you have sinned and are truly sorry, you can repent and be forgiven. Read and study I John 1:7-10 and 2:1-2.

At the time of Christ's coming, the dead in Christ will be resurrected and rise to meet the descending Christ in the air. At that instant those *living* who have been thus *changed*, begotten by God's Spirit, will be changed in composition, from mortal to immortal — from matter to spirit — from human to divine.

THEY are then to RULE with and under the all-powerful, living Christ, until ALL NATIONS beat their swords into plowshares and PEACE shines forth on this war-weary earth!

Jesus Christ taught His followers to PRAY: "THY KINGDOM COME — THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH!" How about it. Shall we pray that prayer?

I DO! □

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adding to already overcrowded dumping sites.

In Japan almost half of the paper is recycled. West Germany recycles almost a third of its paper and Austria and the Netherlands recycle more than a third. About a fourth of the paper in Great Britain is recycled and a fifth in the United States. This gives you some idea of the worldwide interest in recycling — an interest that can include you.

And just think — every ton of that paper saves 17 trees from being cut down!

How can you join in this recycling effort? First you have to find a place to take your recyclable items. To find a reclamation center, you can look under recycling centers in your phone book. If that information is not available, then telephone or write to the glass, metal and paper factories in your area.

After you have a place to take recyclable items, it is simply a matter of collecting things. A good place to begin is with your own newspapers, bottles and cans. Then you can ask your neighbors and friends to save things for you.

You can also roam your neighborhood, picking up bottles and cans and also ask businesses to save items for you. If you're part of a youth group, you might suggest a recycling drive.

Recycling is not a brand-new idea. It was mentioned in a book written long ago. The book was not talking about recycling at that time, however. It was talking about a time just ahead when God will oversee a worldwide recycling effort.

"He shall judge between the nations, and shall rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4).

Weapons of war are not being recycled to constructive uses yet, but you can get involved in some forms of recycling today. Like Karl, you may find it a rewarding experience. □

## WORLD IN REVOLT?

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person "knows the difference between right and wrong."

But DO THEY?

Many Roman Catholics still think any use of sex outside of marriage is sin — and therefore wrong. Perhaps a few non-Catholics 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 is wrong. And even a very large segment of Catholics are relaxing their attitudes! 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 evolution 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 anybody? Is the game, becoming prevalent, of husband-and-wife-swapping wrong — is it harming the participants — or is it beneficial?

Vital NEW KNOWLEDGE awaits the reader in the next issue. □

## What's It Like...

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century England were preserved in Newfoundland.

After the Great Potato Famine in Ireland in the mid 1800s, thousands of Irishmen migrated to Newfoundland. This added a strong Irish element to the Newfoundland dialect.

In the capital city of St. John's, where the accent sounds very Irish, milk is pronounced "meelk." A Newfoundlander with an untainted accent doesn't pronounce his *hs*, and pronounces *th* only as *t*: house would be "ouse" and Ruth would be called "Root."

Since World War II an influx of military personnel and professional people moved into Newfoundland. American and Canadian television and radio also help give Newfoundland a modern flavor.

Vast resources of minerals and forest are being developed, and lately, large deep-sea oil wells were discovered off our coasts. This presents a challenge for Newfoundlanders. If these resources are developed too fast, the rural way of life could disappear and a more urban, industrial way of life would take its place.

We can be thankful that the government and people of Newfoundland, tremendously independent and proud of their heritage, have monitored the rapid growth of industry, and our heritage is being preserved.

Today the fishing villages dotting the coastline remain untainted. Once you get off the main highway, you can visit one of these communities and go for a fishing trip with a fisherman — maybe you'll see a whale or an iceberg. It is here, in a boat, in the water, with a Newfoundlander, that you will find the true taste of Newfoundland. □

Correction: A credit line on page 10 of last month's issue was omitted. It should have read, "Photo by Dunbel."