

GOD, SEX, AND WHAT'S NEXT

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OUTLINE

1. Hippies and The Sexual Revolution
 - a. Hippie Spiritual Children
 - b. Are the Bible's Teachings on Sex Defensible Today? Doctrines, Ethics, Apologetics
2. God and Sex: Two Major Options
 - a. Evolutionary Doctrine (Anthropology): We are Purposeless Animals
 - i. Orthodox evolutionary materialism: "God" is invented by backward people. The Bible's teachings are also inventions, including its teachings about humans (who are really just sophisticated animals). So, we can invent ourselves. But, deep scientific and philosophical problems remain!
 - b. Evolutionary Sexual Ethics: We Get to Be "God"
 - i. Since God is "dead," no one can say what is truly right or wrong about sex.
 - ii. Since sex has no divine purpose, we are free to invent ourselves sexually (L,G,B,T,Q,I,A, etc.).
 - c. Evolutionary Sexual Apologetics
 - i. No defense is needed: obviously "science" says so.
 - 1) But if we are "animals" with no God-given purpose, how can any sexual behavior be deemed "wrong"? Are other non-human mammals guilty of murder and rape? What is the foundation for the "Me Too" Movement? Apparently non-Christians cannot live without at least borrowing ideas which best make sense if the God of the Bible does exist.
 - d. Biblical Doctrine (Anthropology); Biblical Sexual Ethics; Biblical Sexual Apologetics Summed Up in the First Four Chapters.
 - i. Biblical Anthropology: God "Invented" Us! Gen 1:26-27 We are more than animals created for relationship.
 - ii. Biblical Sexual Ethics: God Invented Sex as a Relationship Gift between a Husband and Wife. Gen 2:20-25
 - iii. Biblical Sexual Apologetics, Exhibit A: Disobedience Ruins God's Plan for Sex and Leads to Shame Gen 3:1-7. Trying to be God is based on satanic deception and disobedience. The result is the loss of innocent beautiful

relationships and the introduction of shame regarding sex. The culture has it backwards.

- iv. Biblical Sexual Apologetics, Exhibit B: Fallen Humanity Proves God Right. Gen 4:19-24. The Effects of the Fall: Lamech, the very “civilized” fallen superstar is both a murderer and abuser of his wives. Trying to reinvent ourselves as God has only led to deeper sexual degradation and confusion historically.

3. What's Next?

a. Expect Cultural Deterioration

- i. The Bible Reveals How Decadent Humans Can Become. Adultery (Lev 18:20); Homosexual behavior (Lev 18:22); Incest (Lev 18:6); even Bestiality (Lev 18.23; but cf. Princeton's Peter Singer; zoophiles).

ii. Ancient History Confirms Cultural Deterioration

- 1. Canaanites, Ancient Cynics vs. Epicureans, Romans (e.g., Pompeii)

iii. Recent American History Reveals Its Rapidity (1973-)

- 1. Remove Homosexuality From Mental Illness List
- 2. Decriminalize Homosexual Behavior
- 3. Normalize Hard Pornography
- 4. Normalize Homosexual Behavior
- 5. Normalize Homosexual Marriage
- 6. Normalize/Legalize Transgenderism
- 7. Normalize/Legalize Almost All Sexual Behaviors (LGBTQIA)

iv. History Reveals w/o God, Sexual Behaviors are Determined by Social Networks. (e.g., dangerous behaviors of young people)

- 1. No wonder teen problem: Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria

b. Some Christians will fall away. Young people are more vulnerable, but older Christians are increasingly falling prey to the new religion of free sex.

c. There is no time to lose in choosing to follow Christ.

- i. Learn how to defeat “temptation patterns” by using God’s word and being filled with the Spirit. Gain understanding, pray...and trust God. 2 Cor 10:5

- 1. Understand that temptation ≠ sin.
- 2. Unique challenge: Pornography. Run from it! 2 Tim 2:22 Porn destroys those who enact and consume it. Porn normalizes sin for its viewers and damages the emotional and spiritual bonds of marriage. Billions of dollars insure it won't go away. Accept and adopt digital controls.

ii. Specific responses to cultural challenges today.

- 1. Many have sinned sexually, but sexual sin is not unforgiveable. Embrace the saving grace of Jesus Christ! 1 Cor 6:9-11
- 2. Clearly and simply explain the Good News of Jesus. It's God's power to save. Rom 1:16 Explain that a saving relationship with God leads to righteousness, not righteousness to a relationship.
- 3. Show love and respect at all times; obey God without reservation at all times. There is no contradiction between compassion and commitment. 1 Pet 2:17, 3:15; Rev 14:12 Avoid the “easy” way.
- 4. Protect others by your obedience, especially the vulnerable. Our examples as a community of Christ followers help others to obey, too.
- 5. Never do anything to indicate your endorsement or acceptance of sin. Eph 5:6-11 Can you be friends?

Of course. Can you remain silent? No. Will you remain friends? That depends. Will this be easy? No.

- a. Make clear your position. Would you handle this person differently if they were not a friend or family member? What if a different sin were involved (e.g., drug use)?
 - b. Respond to “God made me this way.” Temptation ≠ “God made you this way.”
6. If a faithful heterosexual marriage is not an option for your friend or family member, then celibacy is. Consider Jesus, Paul, and countless singles.
 7. Truly loving your friend or family member will lead you to warn and help them. Sexual sin has special consequences physically, emotionally and spiritually. 1 Cor 6:15-18 The issue is not whether the culture accepts certain behaviors. The issue is whether the behavior truly harms them and others, especially in their relation to God.
 8. What if someone charges you with being narrow-minded about sex? Response: “What determines for you what is narrow-minded?”
 - a. Explain the problem of the “yuck” factor in deciding what’s right.
4. Decide today to follow Jesus with all your heart.