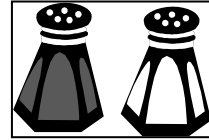


Salt & Pepper - Sexual Sins

Contrasting the ways of the world (pepper) with the ways of God (salt).

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Pepper

The world out there is trying to legitimize many sexual sins: homosexuality, pre-marital sex, extra marital affairs, pornography, and even pedophilia & incest. The world teaches that the acts themselves are not an issue as long as the acts are done responsibly and with consent.¹ Condoms, drugs, and other devices have made safe sex a reality. In fact, a person is intolerant and not being free thinking enough if one takes issue with these acts. Why should we care about what consenting people do in private if they are good citizens and ethical workers!

Salt

Please take special note: most arguments for “sexual freedoms” are conducted quite well, are full of passion, and often sound quite intimidating to disagree with. Do your best to look past all the rhetoric and examine the underlying assumptions, science, and logic. Most all of the time you will find those elements weak at best, and normally outright wrong and/or deceptive. A quick test of anyone’s argument is to check to see if that person provides the means to check out the basis of their viewpoint, more specifically, that they provide references to their source material.

A wonderful thing I discovered in preparing this article, is that the material I refer to has logical presentations, is objective, and is well documented as to the assumptions and sources of the authors’ viewpoints.

God wants the best for us. Like a good father who cares, He tells us what we are not to do for our own benefit. Specifically on sexual issues, God states:

- ◆ Jesus speaking: "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator `made them male and female,' and said, `For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." - Matthew 19:4-6
- ◆ Jesus speaking: "You have heard that it was said, `Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." - Matthew 5:27-28
- ◆ Jesus speaking: But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man `unclean.' For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make a man `unclean'." - Matthew 15:18-20
- ◆ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. - Romans 1:24-27

¹ For examples of what our government says is OK read “[Where Did They Learn That?](http://www.projectreality.org)” on www.projectreality.org.

- ◆ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. – 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
- ◆ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. – Hebrews 13:4
- ◆ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication,² that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. – Galatians 5:19-25 (NKJV)

An interesting test of God's prohibitions is that if they exist for our benefit, then studies should show that those who break sexual prohibitions will suffer hardships. For each type of these sexual sins, scientific studies soundly support God's wisdom.

Safe Sex

Plain and simple, safe sex is a myth.³ Condoms only reduce catching sexually transmitted diseases (STD's), and by very little for some.⁴ God's way of sexual abstinence by both partners until marriage is the only truly effective way to protect against STD's, and is a very acceptable life style to lead until one gets married.⁵

Also the real world effect of advocating birth control can have the reverse effect in practice; e.g. one study showed that a 1/3 increase in condom use among non-married teenage girls actually resulted in 1/3 increase in birthrates.⁵ The consequences of becoming an out of wedlock mother are also quite negative in that about 50 percent of all unwed teenage mothers go on welfare within one year of the birth of their first child, and more than 75 percent go on welfare within five years.⁶

Pre & Extra Marital Sex

STD's are directly or indirectly contracted by extra/pre marital sexual affairs. AIDS itself is the fourth leading cause of death in the world, and is the leading cause of death for adult males ages 25-44 in the U.S.

Besides risking getting STD's, extra marital sex often leads to divorce. The negative consequences of divorce are almost off the scale:^{7,10,12}

- ◆ Thirty years of research now conclusively shows that divorce is harmful to children in virtually every measure, (academically, high-risks behaviors, emotional health, drug use, physical settings).⁷
- ◆ Of those who rated their marriages as very poor but road it out, 86% rated their marriages as very good just five years later.⁷

² Fornication is intercourse between two who are not married, a clear reference that premarital sex also is a sin.

³ "[Sexually Transmitted Diseases](http://www.projectreality.org)" on www.projectreality.org.

⁴ See "[The Truth About Condoms](#)" and "[The Physicians Consortium Responds to Specific Claims by the CDC](#)" issued 7/26/2001 in [CitizenLink](#) against the CDC at www.family.org.

⁵ "[Take Twelve - The Truth About Abstinence Education](#)" in 3/14/2001 in [CitizenLink](#) on www.family.org.

⁶ "[Abstinence - Why Sex is Worth the Wait](#)" at cwfa.org.

The world advocates that we need to be sexually free. Holland has become a very sexually open society. This "openness" has led to 1 in 5 girls becoming victims of incest, 1 in 10 for boys⁸, (even with an age of consent being 14).

The world also promotes not getting committed; however, 88%(80%) of American men(women) who are involved in mutually monogamist relationships are "happy", which is much higher than those with multiple partners.⁹ No unmarried group describes itself as being as happy and content with life as those who are married.¹⁰

Specifically on the half-way commitment of pre-marital living together relationships:¹¹

- ◆ 40% never get married.
- ◆ Those that do have a 50% higher rate of divorce than married couples who do not live together first.
- ◆ Vs. married couples, cohabiting couples report lower levels of happiness, lower levels of sexual faithfulness and satisfaction, and poorer relationships with their parents.
- ◆ Unmarried individuals who live together are three times more likely to be depressed than those who are married.
- ◆ Women in cohabiting relationships are more likely than married women to suffer physical and sexual abuse.
- ◆ Couples who live together are poorer than married couples. They economically more resemble single parents.
- ◆ Marriage is good for one's self. Married couples have substantial benefits over the unmarried in terms of work productivity, physical and mental health, general happiness and long life. For example:
 - ◆ Research shows that married men with heart disease can expect to live almost 4 years longer than unmarried men with healthy hearts.¹²
 - ◆ Separated and divorced people account for 70 percent of all chronic problems drinkers, while married people account for only 15 percent.¹⁰
 - ◆ Single men are over 3 times more likely to die of cirrhosis of the liver than married men.¹⁰

⁷ "[Divorce and Public Policy Fact Sheet](#)" 6/1/2001 in [CitizenLink](#) on [www.family.org](#).

⁸ "[Ominous Dutch Trends Coming Our Way?](#)" 6/7/2001 in [CultureFacts](#) on [www.frc.org](#).

⁹ "[Is the Sexual Revolution Over?](#)" issued 1/25/2001 on [www.msnbc.com](#).

¹⁰ "[What's Marriage Got to Do With It?](#)" of 10/1/1998 in [CitizenLink](#) on [www.family.org](#).

¹¹ "[Five Reasons You Need the Piece of Paper](#)" 1/14/2001 in [CitizenLink](#) on [www.family.org](#).

¹² "[Marriage Matters](#)" of 7/22/1998 in [CitizenLink](#) on [www.family.org](#).

Homosexuality

Homosexuality is a devastating lifestyle. Though many factors lead to one becoming a homosexual, the basic cause is children not learning proper gender identity while growing up. This is best demonstrated by the fact that in a study of homosexual men, 100% of the research participants stated their father or father figure was distant, uninvolved in their upbringing, frightening and unapproachable. 87% spoke of their mother as close, controlling and overbearing.¹³ Also supporting this causation argument is that the ratio of male to female homosexuals is roughly 2 to 1. This correlates in that the parental role model most likely to be absent is the father figure, especially in single parent homes. Other contributing factors include being sexually attacked as a child, being brought up in an extremely unloving environment as a child, and/or sinful living.^{14,20}

- ◆ **The life expectancy of homosexual men and women without AIDS is 33 years shorter than heterosexuals.**¹⁴
- ◆ A survey shows that male homosexual partners are 11.5 times more likely to attack their intimate partners than the rest of the study population.¹⁵
- ◆ 75% of homosexuals have pursued psychological counseling of some kind, many for treatment of long-term depression or sadness.¹⁶
- ◆ Lesbians are 3 times more likely to abuse alcohol and suffer from other compulsive behaviors.¹⁶
- ◆ A study of twins revealed that homosexuals were found to be 6.5 times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual twins.¹⁶
- ◆ Only 10% of male homosexuals could be termed as “relatively monogamous” or “relatively less promiscuous”. 60% had more than 250 lifetime partners, and 28% had more than 1000 lifetime sexual partners. 79% admitted that more than half of their sexual partners were strangers. The average AIDS victim had 60 different sexual partners in the past twelve months. All this vs. the average heterosexual male only having 5-9 sex partners during his lifetime.¹⁴
- ◆ 86% of homosexual males use various drugs to increase and enhance their sexual stimulation.¹⁴
- ◆ Studies show that lasting lesbian relationships are a mythical entity.¹⁴
- ◆ Having a homosexual parent(s) increases the risk of incest with a parent to 29%, which is a factor 48 times higher than for heterosexual parents.¹⁶

Pornography¹⁷

God’s plan lies in the real world. Pornography is a quick fix temptation created by Satan that will always leave you wanting. Just look at the lifestyles of the rich, beautiful, and famous; role models of the world. Yet you constantly hear of how their lives are not truly content or joyful.¹⁸ From Janet Folger: “Compare God’s plan for us to Satan’s lie. God’s plan is that you have someone whom you love and

¹³ “[An Ounce of Prevention](#)” at [www.family.org](#). Also see “[How..Pieces](#)” & [Study](#) from [www.narth.com](#).

¹⁴ “[Homosexuality: Fact and Fiction](#)” from CRI on [www.equip.org](#).

¹⁵ “[Hate and Homosexuality](#)” in [FRC’s Culture Facts](#) – 12/7/01: [www.frc.org](#).

¹⁶ “[The Negative Health Effects of Homosexuality](#)” and “[Homosexual Parenting: Placing Children at Risk](#)” on [www.frc.org](#).

¹⁷ See the Pure Intimacy website for information on pornography and dealing with it at [www.pureintimacy.org](#).

¹⁸ See “[Celebrities struggle with burnout](#)” – 8/10/01 on [www.cnn.com](#).

who will love you for the rest of your life. Satan's plan is for you to go and look at people who could care less about you and whom you can never have."

Also look at the culture and lifestyles one supports whenever one pays for pornography, (currently a \$10 billion/year industry in the U.S.)¹⁹. This culture supports one or more of the sexual sins mentioned in this article, all of which have been shown to be negative. Pornography is often the stepping stone that leads to greater sexual sins, and frequently is accompanied with many other ills of society, such as drug use.

Other Related Truths

- ◆ Pedophilia is perverted, and the effects this act has on children is devastating.²⁰ "But whosoever shall offend one of these little ones who believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." Jesus - Matthew 18:6.
- ◆ Most homosexuals want to believe that they were born that way and had no choice; however, the idea that homosexuality is caused by genetics is a myth, and is not supported by any sound scientific studies.²¹
- ◆ Homosexuals are a small (but powerful) minority. Per the 2000 census and other studies, homosexuals only make up 1.5% of the population.²² Two other studies showed 1.7% and 1% respectively.¹⁴ The widely quoted 10% figure is from a highly flawed study conducted early on in the 1950's by Kinsey.^{14,23}
- ◆ Once gay, always gay is a myth. Homosexuality is like alcoholism; overcoming the sinful lifestyle is very difficult, and requires tremendous amounts of self discipline, but success is quite achievable. Success is also increased by prayer and Christian support.²⁴ Those truly desiring change have a 55% to 79% success rate.¹⁴
- ◆ Hate crimes against homosexuals are but a minute fraction of overall crime in the U.S. Of all murders-0.02%, rapes-0.001%, robberies-0.01%, aggravated assaults-0.01%.²⁵
- ◆ Don't be intimidated by being called intolerant for viewing wrongful sexual acts as sinful. God wants you to be intolerant of sins. The person who is truly intolerant is the one who can't come to accept that you have a right to your viewpoint, and is not willing to listen to your reasoning.
- ◆ An extremely revealing observation is that almost every pro-homosexual group within the church shares one thing in common: they reject the Bible as being fully the Word of God.¹⁴ Being pro-homosexual is but a symptom of a bigger problem of not fully accepting God. They need our love, prayers, and the salt of His Truth. **Remember always to hate the sin, love the sinner.**

¹⁹ From "Folger Addresses Anti-Porn Conference" presented 3/17/2001, www.reclaimamerica.org.

²⁰ "[Harming the Little Ones: The Effects of Pedophilia on Children](http://www.frc.org)" on www.frc.org.

²¹ "[The Gay Gene: Going, Going ... Gone](http://www.frc.org)" on www.frc.org.

²² "[Your Neighbors May Be Gay? It's Only a 1 in 200 Chance](http://www.frc.org)" from 9/7/01 Culture Facts on www.frc.org.

²³ "[Truth About Kinsey](http://www.frc.org)" Power Point Presentation on the [Saltshakers](http://www.saltshakers.com) website.

²⁴ "[A Life-Changing Study](http://www.family.org)" from www.family.org.

²⁵ "[FBI Statistics Contradict Survey about Hate Crimes](http://www.frc.org)" from 11/15/01 Culture Facts on www.frc.org.