

***“Blessed
are the pure
of heart,
for they shall
see God.”***

~Mt.5:8~

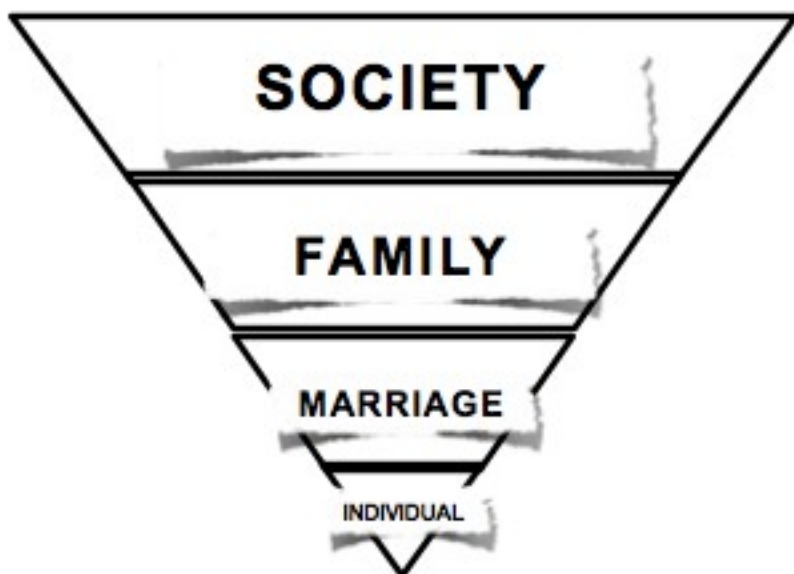


God is Love

~1Jn.4:8~

To “see” God is to experience, to live, to begin to understand GOD Himself and what He is like.

***Only the pure of heart can see
Him in this way.***



A Theology of the Body

Original Solitude

Original Nakedness

Original Unity

The body is the
sacrament
of the person.



WHERE did impurity come from?



...not from the way God created us.

Root of the First Sin



...the root of all sin

Sexual Pleasure within marriage:

(is GOOD — NOT sinful)

- These acts, intimate and chaste, unite the spouses
- These acts are noble and honorable
- They foster the self-giving they signify and enrich the spouses with joy and gratitude

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Sexual Pleasure within marriage:

(is GOOD — NOT sinful)

- They are a source of pleasure for body & SPIRIT because God has willed it so.
- Couples should enjoy the conjugal act, but also safeguard it by using moderation

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Sexual Pleasure within marriage:

(is GOOD — NOT sinful)

- Spouses should engage only in those sexual acts worthy of the dignity of marriage. To do otherwise is to degrade and demean themselves, their spouse, and their marriage, introducing sorrow, anxiety, resentment and guilt into their marital relationship.

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Sexual Pleasure within marriage:

(is GOOD — NOT sinful)

- Each conjugal act should unite the spouses and be open to new life—otherwise, the couple's spiritual life will be compromised, along with the goods of marriage and the future of the family.

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When the sexual love between husband and wife is pure, integrated into a complete married love, this leads to JOY and genuine fulfillment.

Marital love is meant to lead the spouses to the joy that is the fruit of the Holy Spirit—the joy that leads to PEACE, resting in God, resting in LOVE.

Sexual pleasure outside marriage:

(Sinful - Affecting Individual)

- Regret –inability to trust others
- Pain; Shame
- Bitterness; Anger
- Self-hatred
- Contempt for others
- STDs ...later infertility
- Depression...addiction

Sexual pleasure outside marriage:

(Sinful -- Affecting Marriage, Family, Society)

- Adultery
- Divorce/ "remarriage"
- Abortion
- Children conceived out-of-wedlock and so without two parents to raise them and love them

The Stats

- 21.2 million children (more than 1 out of 4) are growing up with only one custodial parent
- Custodial parents
 - ✦ 5 out of every 6 are mothers (84%)
 - ✦ 1 in 6 are fathers (16%)

U.S. Census Bureau: Custodial Mothers and Fathers and Their Child Support:
2005, P60-234, August 2007

Sins against purity are sins because they **degrade** the *goodness* and *holiness* of human love and **human sexuality**. Sexual sins take human sexuality **out of its proper context** and for this reason, they are **destructive**.

“Man cannot live without joy; therefore when he is deprived of true spiritual joys, it is necessary that he become addicted to carnal pleasures.”

~ St. Augustine

***ONLY genuine, self-giving,
and generous love will save
us...loving others as God
loves us, serving and giving
our time to others in healthy
and holy ways.***

CHASTITY is all about

INTEGRITY

The chaste person maintains the integrity of the powers of life and love placed in him. This integrity ensures the unity of the person; it is opposed to any behavior that would impair it. It tolerates neither a double life nor duplicity in speech.

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CHASTITY is all about

INTEGRITY



**INTEGRITY of
the PERSON**

(possessing all of me)



**INTEGRALITY of
the GIFT**

(giving all of me)

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The purpose of Chastity (and self-mastery) is so that I can make a gift of myself.

Each one of us is meant to be a

GIFT

The 9th Commandment

PURITY

everyone

IS CALLED TO



Pure EYES

Pure MIND

Pure HEART

Pure SPEECH

Purity in **BEHAVIOR**
Purity in **BODY**
Purity in **DRESS**

~Modesty~

The 6th Commandment

PURITY
the married
**ARE CALLED
TO EMBRACE**



Safeguarding the marital embrace

- 1) against adultery
- 2) against lust in marriage
- 3) against artificial contraception
- 4) against direct sterilization

COHABITATION



Other Offenses against the 6th Commandment

- Lust
- Pornography
- Masturbation
- Fornication
(pre-marital sex; pre-marital sexual acts)
- Prostitution
- Rape
- Homosexual acts
(NOTE: not the tendency)
- Sex-change operations

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The 6th Commandment

PURITY
*the unmarried
& engaged*
**ARE CALLED
TO EMBRACE:**



Chastity in Continence

- refraining from sex and sexual acts until married
- safeguarding the purity of the other

Homosexuality & Homosexuality Lifestyle

*According the Family Research Council &
"Beyond Gay" by David Morrison*

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- "Many partners" - rampant promiscuity; no "monogamy"
 - + 43% of white male homosexuals surveyed estimated they had had sex with 500 or more partners
 - + 28% reported more than 1,000 partners
 - + 79% said that more than 50% of their partners were strangers

Kinsey Institute of Homosexual Men cited in Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, April 15, 1993

Homosexuality & Homosexuality Lifestyle

- Higher-than-average rates of substance abuse
 - + 50% have a history of alcohol abuse
 - + 50% regularly use at least one illegal drug
 - + 30% are multiple drug user
- Higher-than-average rates of depression and suicide
 - + 40% have a history of acute depression
 - + 30% have seriously contemplated suicide
 - + 20% have attempted it

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Homosexuality & Homosexuality Lifestyle

- Higher-than-average rates of STDs and death from STDs.
 - ✦ 80% have a history of sexually transmitted diseases (such as HIV, AIDS, HPV, herpes, Hepatitis B and C, and syphilis)
 - ✦ 80% currently carry infectious pathogens
 - ✦ 30% currently suffer from digestive or urinary ailments caused by these pathogen

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What about rearing children in homosexual households?

- Partners have higher rates of mental illness
- Partners exhibit two to three times more domestic VIOLENCE
- Children experience sexual confusion and engage in more experimentation
- Children later show higher-than-average rates of depression, drug abuse, and delinquency
- Children suffer more exposure to child sexual abuse

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"The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial.

They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity.

Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.

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The Causes of Homosexuality

- Not genetic
- Father or Mother wound— insufficient bonding with parent of the same sex
- Exclusion or other negative experience in the peer group
- Sexual abuse

According to "The Truth about Homosexuality, the Cry of the Faithful: A Comprehensive View of the Issues Involved in Homosexuality" by John F. Harvey, O.S.F.S.

Distinctions in Understanding Homosexuality

- The Homosexual Inclination/ tendency
- The Homosexual Act
- The Person with the homosexual inclination/tendency

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Homosexual persons are
called to chastity.

By the virtue of self-mastery...
support of disinterested friendship,
by prayer and sacramental grace,
they can and should gradually
and resolutely approach
Christian perfection.

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