



Naked Without
Shame

– The Bible's Revolutionary View of Sex –

Obsession?

Hypocrisy?



Design

The Bible

The Gospel





“the founder of
eroticism”

Marquis de Sade
1740-1814



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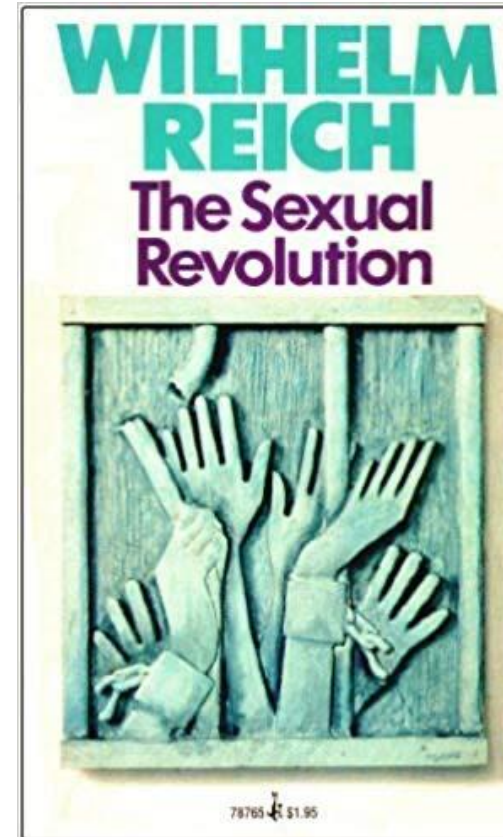
No God and therefore

– *no moral values*

– *no design, purpose or goal*

Whatever is, is right

"A sexual revolution is in progress, and no power on earth will stop it."





“The pleasure of living
and the pleasure of the
orgasm are identical.”

Reich's Sexual Revolution

abolition of lifelong, monogamous
marriage

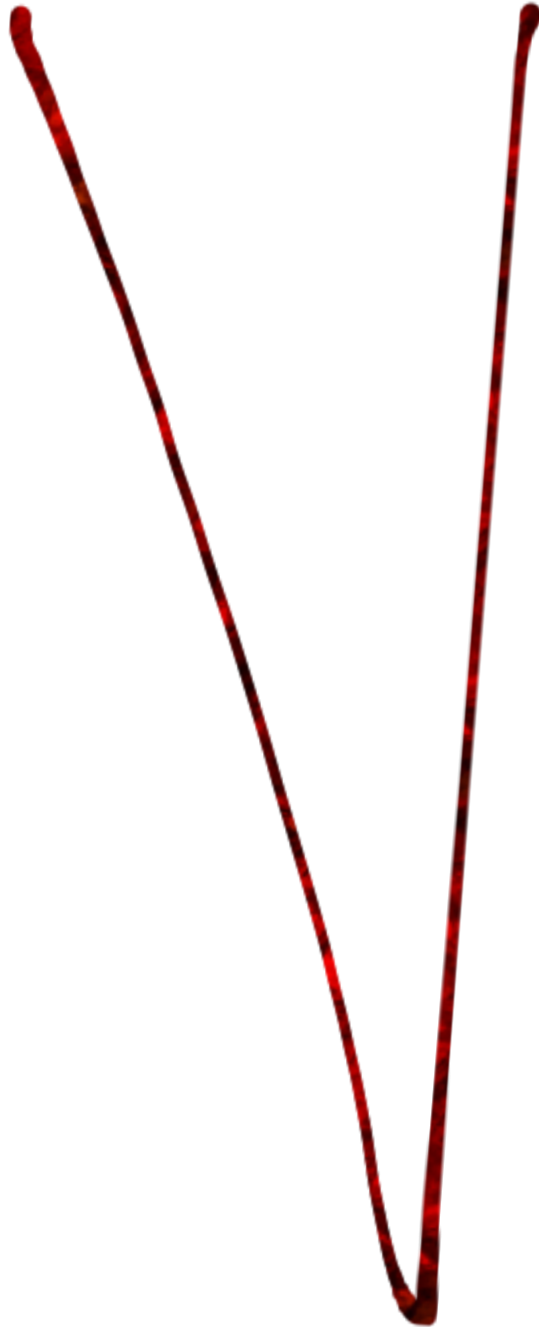
encouraging infantile & adolescent
sexuality

suppression is destructive

and abstinence is pathological

the category "sexual perversion" should
be eliminated

Sex



Marriage

Love

Permanence

Procreation

Body

Consequences



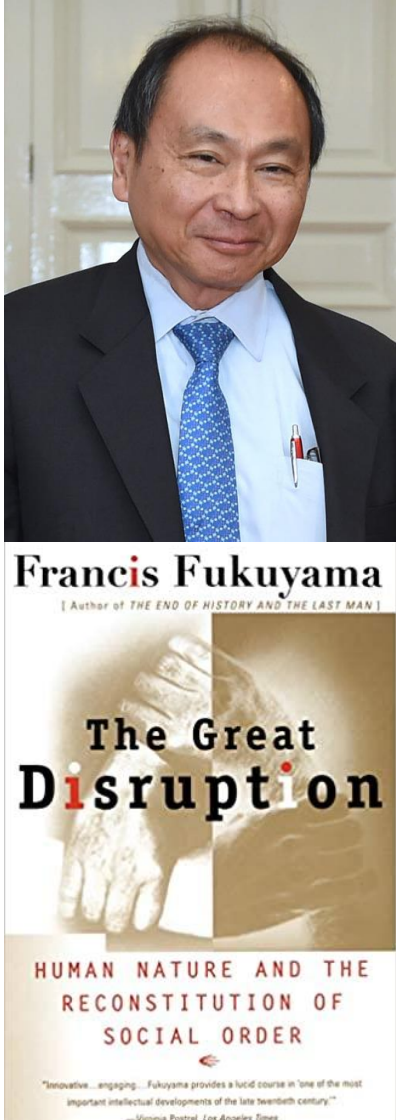
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Family stability

Human life

Health





One of the greatest frauds perpetrated during the Great Disruption was the notion that the sexual revolution was gender-neutral, benefiting women and men equally, and that it somehow had a kinship with the feminist revolution. In fact the sexual revolution served the interests of men, and in the end put sharp limits on the gains that women might otherwise have expected from their liberation from traditional roles.





II.
The Bible's Revolutionary
View of Sex

Why sex?

Genesis 1-2

Procreation

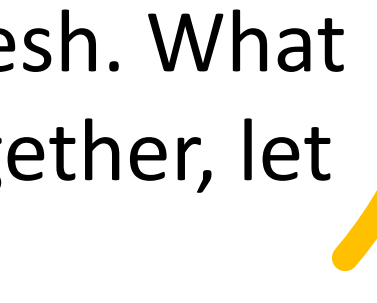
Sign of Unity

Joy and pleasure



Jesus in
Matthew 19:4-6

“Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning *made them male and female* [Genesis 1], and said, *Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh* [Genesis 2]? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”



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Completed in sexual union:

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The covenant is *created* by public promises and *confirmed* in the sexual union



Marriage should be
honored by all, and
the marriage bed
kept pure,
Heb 13:4



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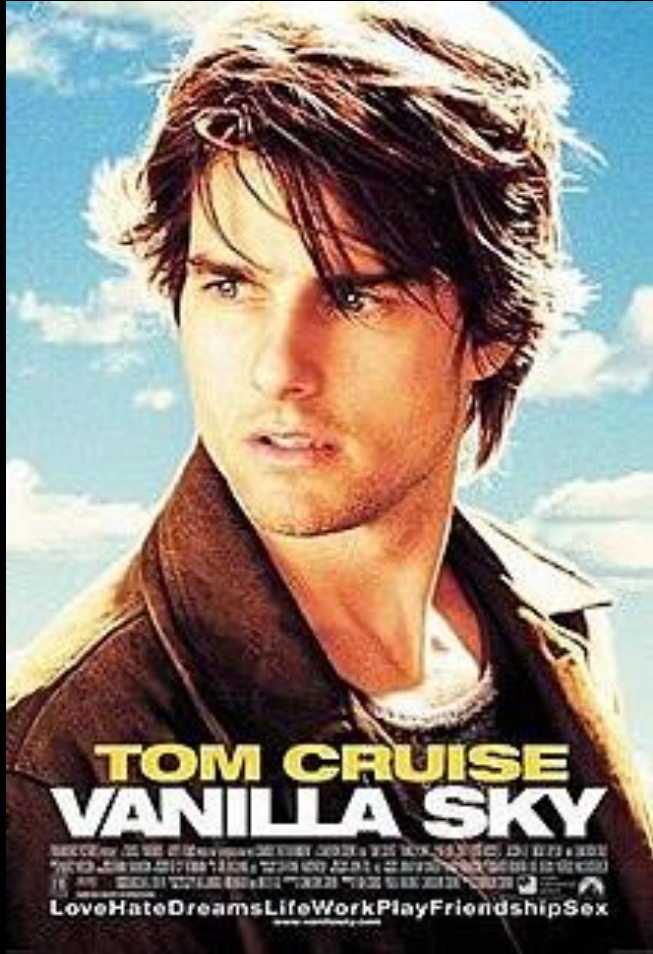
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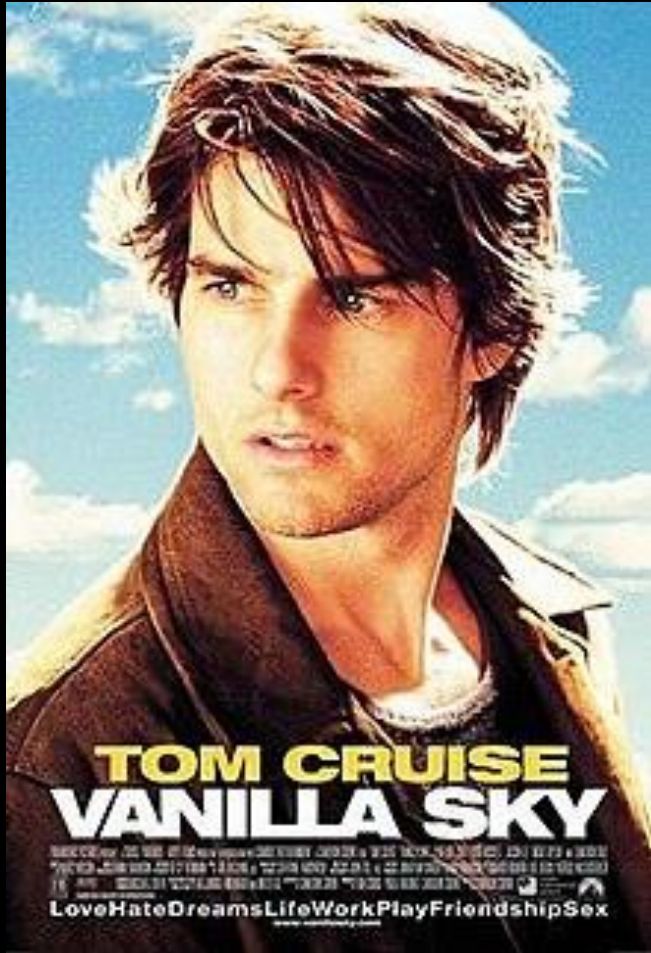
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It has a *unique* function in a real love-relationship:
– it is a sign of exclusive belonging





Julie: Don't you know that when you sleep with someone, your body makes a promise whether you do or not.

A Larger View of Life

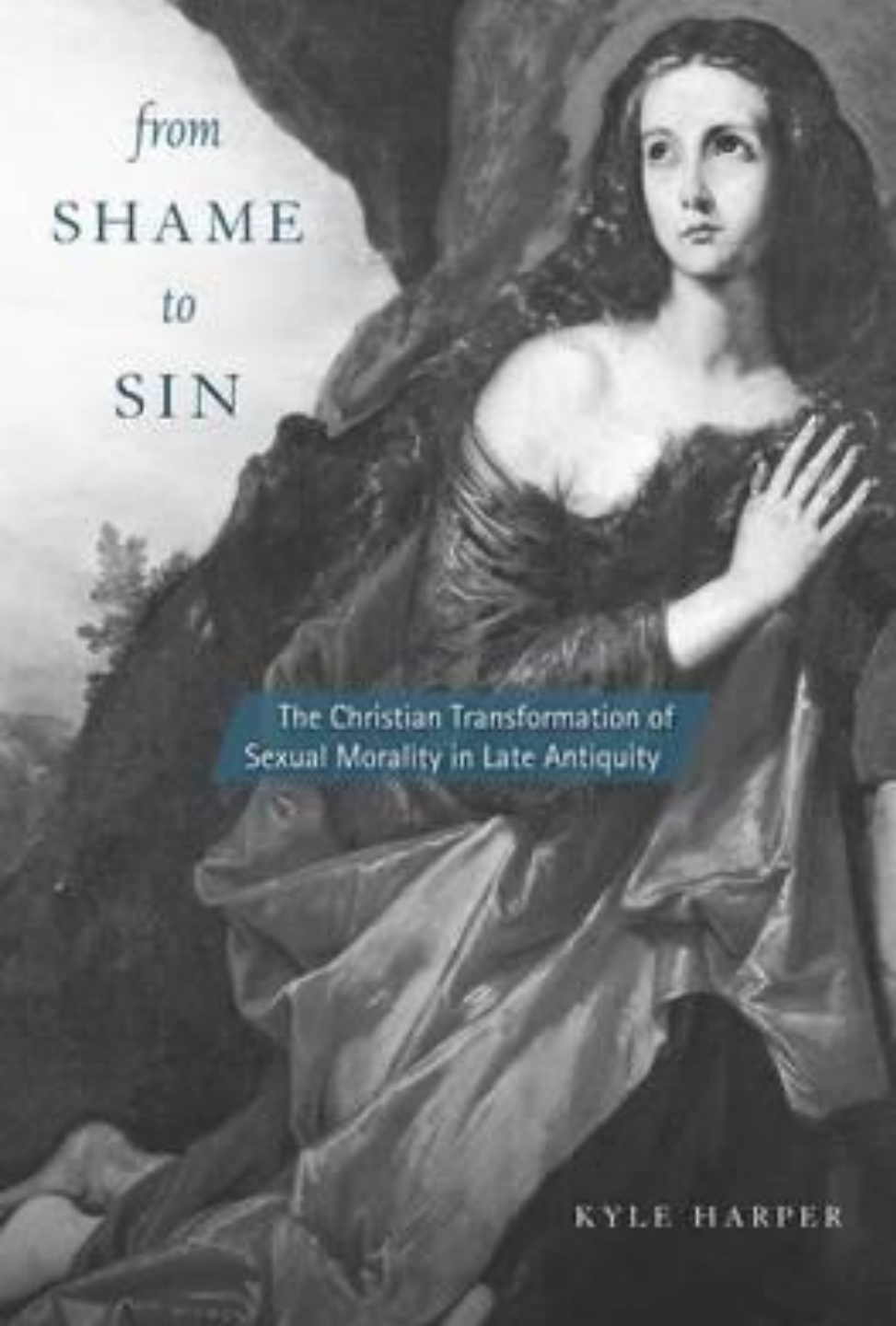
Sex is good but it's not ultimate.

Marriage is good & sex is good

Singleness is good & celibacy is good.

Different callings with a common goal





from
SHAME
to
SIN

The Christian Transformation of
Sexual Morality in Late Antiquity

KYLE HARPER

*The most astonishing development of late antiquity is **the transformation of a radical sexual ideology**, for centuries the possession of a small, strident band of vociferous dissenters, into a culture, a broadly shared public framework of values and meanings.*

*... in the early centuries the Christian leadership **spoke in an apologetic key**. This fact shaped the entire tonal arrangement of early Christian moralizing.*