# Whatever became of Sex? – black, white, and fifty shades of grey



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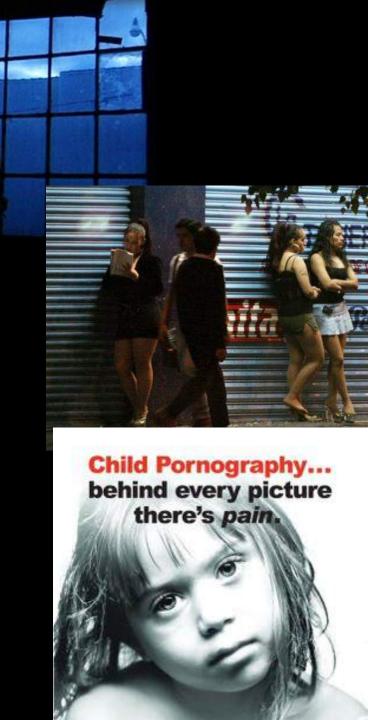




#### Part 1: Agony and Ecstasy

• "If we want to know what's most sacred in this world, all we need do is look for what is most violently profaned." Christopher West

- Pornography
- Sexual Addiction
- Adultery
- Prostitution
- Porn industry
- Rape
- Sexual slavery
- Sexual violence



- Female genital mutilation
- Unwanted pregnancy
- Abortion
- Sexually transmitted diseases (25+)
  - PID, Infertility, HPV, miscarriages...
- Sexual abuse
- Broken hearts

#### War Zone

- Gender, body, and genitality reveal God's glory
- Evil despises beauty
- Every person harmed in some way
  - Lie
  - Steal
  - Accuse (shame and guilt)
  - Kill

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#### **ECSTASY**

- One of the most profoundly pleasurable experiences known to human beings
- Dopamine+...!

How to have great sex!

### So... what voices?

#### Your Body

- Hormones!
- Pheromones
- Oxytocin



## SEX ON THE BRAIN?

The Search for Sexual Sanity in a Confusing Culture





## If it feels good,



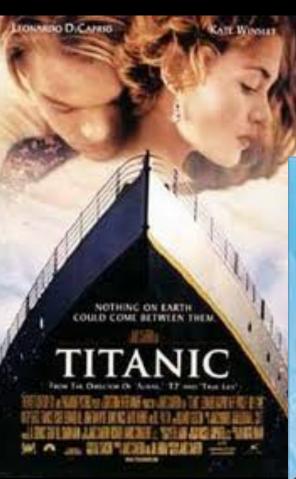
### do it!!

- Biological urge eat when hungry
  - "You and me, baby, ain't nothing but mammals, so let's do it like they do it on the Discovery Channel."

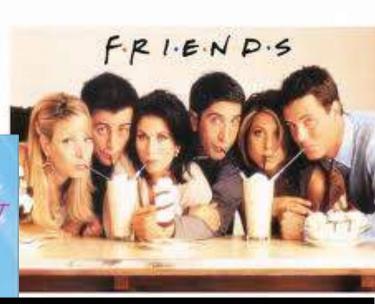
    Bloodhound Gang



Abercrombie & Fitch

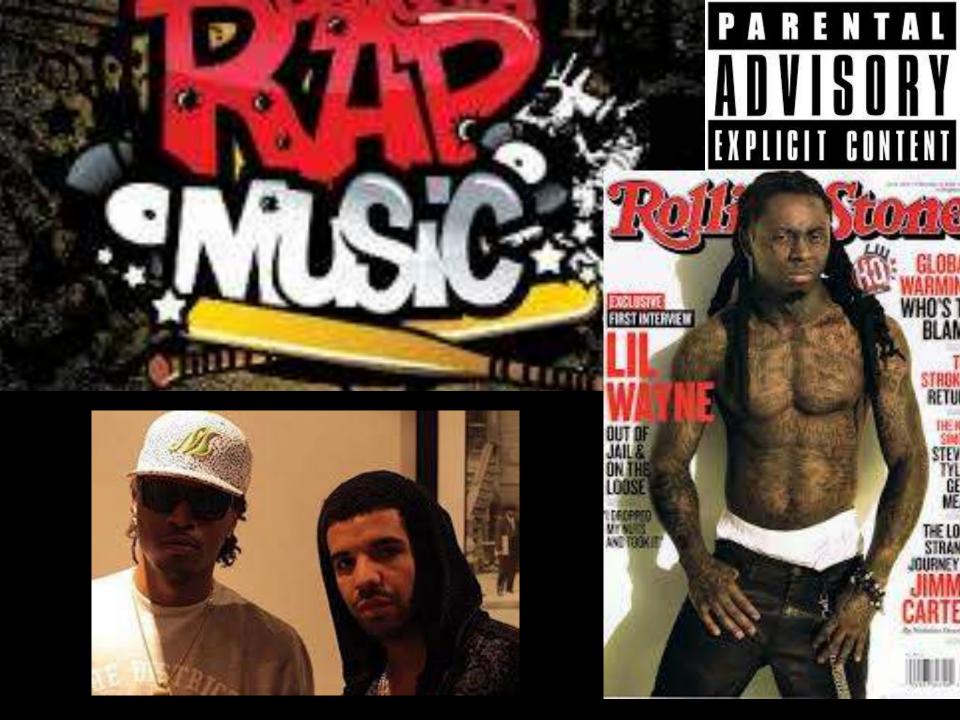




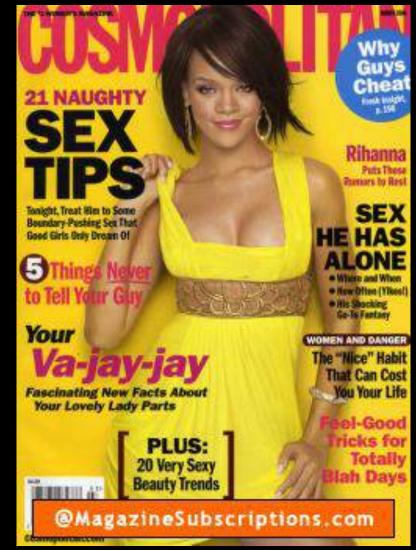












## So... Why Wait?



#### Hook-up Culture

- "Friends with benefits"
- Casual sex without relationship, attachment or commitment
- US national survey: 18-29 year olds not in committed and most not interested one
- +Alcohol



LAURA SESSIONS STEPP
author of OUR LAST BEST SHOT

How Young Women
Pursue Sex, Delay Love
and Lose at Both

unhooked



#### Hooking up

 "in the era of hooking up "first base meant deep kissing, groping and fondling; second base meant oral sex, third base meant going all the way and home plate meant learning each others names."

Tom Wolfe

#### But...

- "We are not designed for hooking up we are designed for bodies and hearts to work together. Sex designed as expression of unity of mind, emotions, spirit and body."
- "Sex is like adhesive tape; promiscuity is like ripping the tape off again. If you rip it off, rip it off, rip it off eventually the tape cant stick any more."
   Budziszewski



## Porn culture

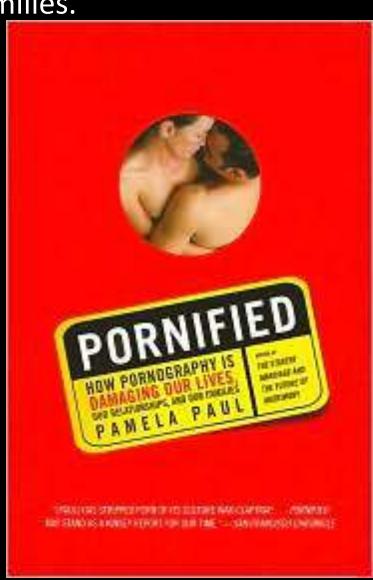




**PORNIFIED:** How pornography is damaging our lives, our relationships and our families.

Pamela Paul (2004)

- \$\$\$billions/year industry
- More than football, baseball
- Hollywood movies: 400 movies: 11,000
- 4.2+ million websites
- "Camming"



#### "Pornification"

- 25% of all daily search engine requests (Ropelato, 2006)
- Av Age of internet exposure: 11-
- 90% 8-16 year olds have viewed porn
- 1000 13-16 year olds in U.K. av 1 hour and 45 mins/ week looking at porn

#### Pornography

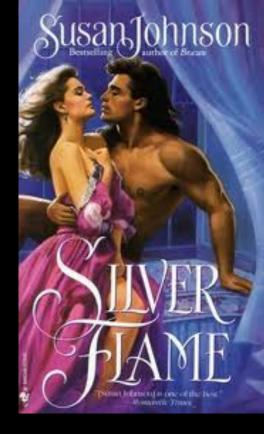
- 68% of college men and 18% college women use porn at least once a week (US)
- 67% young men and 49% young women say viewing porn is acceptable way to express one's sexuality (US)

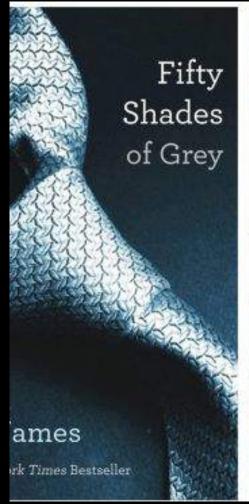
#### **Pastors and Congregations**

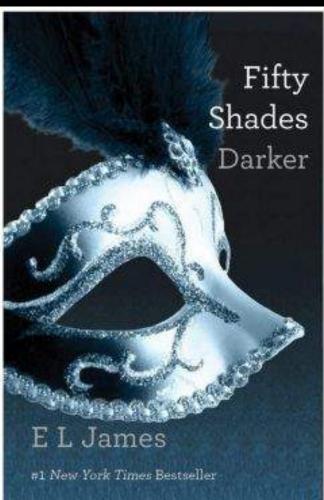
- Rick Warren (2002) survey of 1351 pastors
  - 54% viewed porn in last year
  - 30% of these in last month
- Church congregation survey (2004)
  - 61% in last year
  - 44% in last 6 months
  - 25% in past month

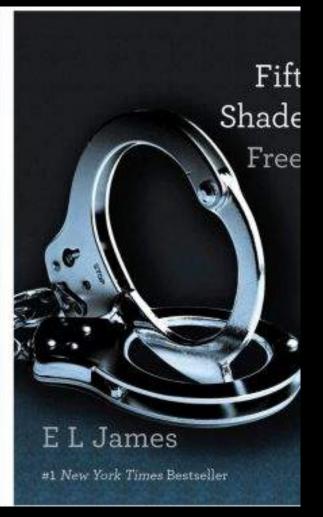
#### Women and porn

- Different porn? Erotica?
- Visitors to porn sites:
  72% male, 28% female
- 17% all women "struggle" with (at least 50% men)
- Sexual Addiction:



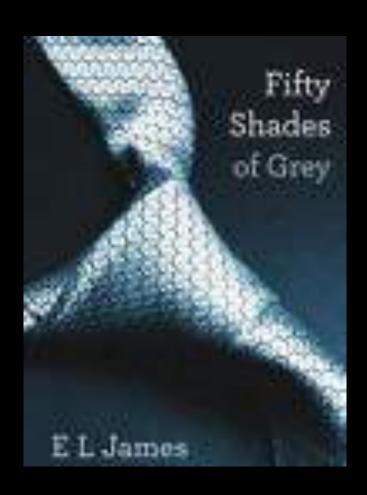






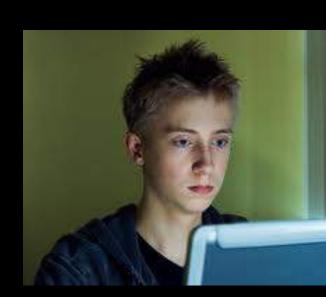
#### Fantasy?

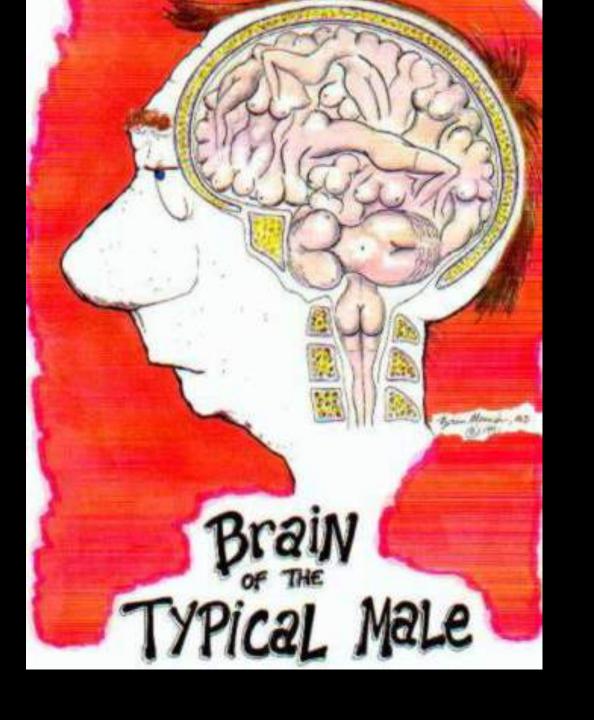
- Person
- Lifestyle
- Sex
  - Helps to escape reality!
- Biblical Imagination
  - Helps to live in reality!



## The pull of pornography

- real relationships difficult
- fantasy easier than reality
- release without responsibility
- channeling emotional tension
- escalation and addiction...
- craving, no control, continue despite consequences





#### The Poison of Porn

Journal of adolescent health Aug 2000

- An exaggerated perception of sexual activity in society
- Diminished trust between intimate couples
- Splits relationships and sex
- The abandonment of the hope of sexual monogamy
- Belief that promiscuity is the natural state

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Journal of adolescent health Aug 2000

- Belief that abstinence and sexual inactivity are unhealthy
- Cynicism about love or the need for affection between sexual partners
- Belief that marriage is sexually confining
- Lack of attraction to family and child-raising
- Anything goes Bisexual, homosexual, group...

#### Social Media Culture

- Facebook
- Tumblr
- Camming
- Sexting

#### GLBTQ

- Gay
- Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Transsexual
- Questioning
- [Intersexual
- Asexual]



- Deconstruction of heteronormative culture
- "Fluid sexuality"
- Gay marriage

#### Gender identity??

- Transsexual
- Intersexual







## Big questions!

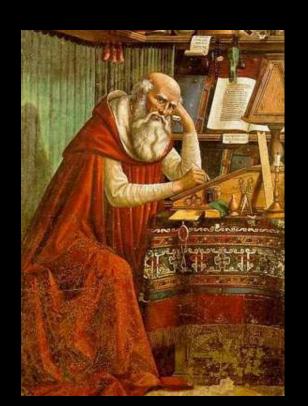
## Carl Rogers Self Actualization

 "Experience is for me the highest authority... It is to experience that I must return again and again to discover a closer approximation to the truth as it is becoming in me. Neither the Bible nor the prophets, neither Freud nor research, neither the revelations of God or man, can take precedence over my own direct experience."



## The Church and Sexual Distortions

Platonic repression/Gnostic suspicion of the body: body bad - spirit good



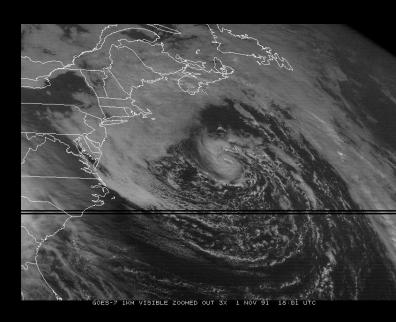
- "Anyone who is too passionate a lover with his own wife is himself an adulterer." Jerome AD 350
- Augustine's struggle

## Sad Legacy of distorted Christian teaching

- Sex is dangerous and dirty
- Shame and guilt
- Fear and suspicion
- Strict rules and don't talk about it!

#### The Perfect storm

- Children of divorce culture
- "Why wait" culture
- Porn culture
- Hook-up culture
- Social media culture
- Gay and lesbian culture
- GBLTQ culture + fluid sexuality
- BDSM culture
- "Anything goes" culture



#### Which voice are you listening to?

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