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Our Master's Answer to the Question

"What is the reason behind physical abstinence in the marriage relationship before the Blessing?"

"Adam and Eve's fall was on the physical level. Therefore, physical abstinence is necessary in order to make indemnity and restore the lost conditions by Adam and Eve. You may still incline to one another spiritually, but the physical abstinence is important.

"Further, you must abstain both spiritually and physically. That is, if you abstain physically but spiritually continue, that is imperfect. Therefore, the spirit-world requires you to be completely separated from both levels.

"When a man loves God more than his wife, and a woman loves God more than her husband, then even though you live together and sleep in the same bed, you feel like brother and sister. No matter how many years you have lived together, no matter how close you are, still your love for God is stronger than that toward your partner.

"Jesus said he was the Bridegroom. The Lord of the Second Coming is to be your Bridegroom. You should love him more than your partner. As you feel closer to him, you will not feel as close to each other, even though you live together. Otherwise, you can not be restored.

"The fall was the fall of love. Therefore, you must be re-channelled. If a man loves the Lord more than the woman, she should follow the man as Abel. If she loves the Lord More than the man, then he should follow her as Abel. You must come to this point, even for a short period.

"Adam fell while he was still imperfect. Now a perfect Adam has appeared. Eve must be united with this perfect Adam in order to be restored. So Jesus said,

'Whoever does not love me more than husband or wife, mother or father, is not worthy of the kingdom of heaven.'

"Husband and wife must love the Lord more than anyone else. Restoration is the restoration of Heart and Love. Husband and wife must feel stronger love toward the Lord than between themselves. Your present relationship of love is satanic. The new relationship of your love will be divine and heavenly. It will be oriented through the Lord. Your love for God, and accordingly for the Lord, must be stronger than the love between you.

"Those who have spiritual experiences will know this very easily."

The Tide

I stood and watched
the tide
Going out to sea
Leaving the flat
Ugly beach bare
So like my life.

Then the tide
returned
Not by human force
Driving, churning,
Filling every crevice.
May my life
be filled by Thee
Father.

- Maxine Adamson -

What Is Love?

By Roy A. Burkhardt

Love is the response of the real self in you to the real self in another. Love is feeling toward another as God feels toward you.

Erich Fromm in his book "The Art of Loving", says "Love is union under the condition of preserving one's integrity, one's individuality. Love is a power which breaks through the walls which separate a man from his fellow men, which unites him with others; love makes him overcome the sense of isolation and separateness; yet it permits him to be himself, to retain his integrity..."

Dr. Viktor Frankl says this: "Love permits us to see the spiritual core of the other person, the reality of the other person's essential nature and his potential worth. Love allows us to experience another personality as a world in itself, and so extends our world....Love helps the lover to become as the lover sees him. For the loved one wants to be worthier of the lover, a worthier recipient of such love, by growing to be more like the lover's image, and more and more the image of what God conceived and

wanted him to be."

There is the love between friend and friend, between parent and child. The love between a man and his wife is a special love. When two people respond to the Christ-self in each other they respond also physically, and this response deepens their union. God has created this process so that two people, being one in spirit, desire each other physically that they may know union as a sacrament, as a sign of their love. If the only thing they have is physical desire, it will not last. But if they have spiritual union, their physical union makes for wholeness, and they have something that will never die.

If a person is not free to bring the total self to a union, then something has hurt him terribly. He may even be psychopathic. Or, if he is a victim of his desire and is an addict, then again he may be psychopathic. But if he is free to want and to fit that wanting into the will of God then he has excellence and indeed the whole intent of creation is fulfilled.

Then two people can build a relationship in which children can safely be born and grow up. If we could have just one generation of families like this we could eliminate most mental illness, most physical pathology, and a new person would come to be.

(Source: "Sex, Love, Marriage, and The Home", published by The General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel)

Descartes

*This is the third in a series of scientists and philosophers from "Makers of the Modern Mind", by Thomas P. Neill, Ph.D.

Descartes concluded that we have immediate knowledge only of our own ideas. He was going to build a new philosophy from scratch because the philosophers of his day could agree on nothing. He planned to convert philosophy into "Universal Mathematics" and to make all sciences one.

Descartes wrote in an atmosphere that was "charged with theology". He applies the clarities of science and the zeal of religion to his new philosophy. He turned to the material of the newly popular physical sciences.

Descartes was so interested in the mind of man that he failed to learn to what extent and in what way it depends upon the body, upon sight and touch and taste and smell. The first philosopher - maker of the modern mind took the mind out of man and thereby made it nonhuman. He worked alone, isolated from man so he failed to observe the whole man.

He taught that the world and all knowledge will be known in a flash by intuition and not by the laborious process of taking in information through our senses, reflecting upon it, and resolving it into organized bodies of knowledge. It will be a single science, including all knowledge and reducing it all to the same method of treatment.

He was convinced that no one had yet possessed certain knowledge of anything. His science would give him true knowledge for the first time in history. He would do this by reason and by following the right rules of methodology. He was convinced all people could use his method effectively and surely. Even the man in the street could use his method.

He was dogmatic in implying that if you don't agree there is something wrong with your mind.

Descartes decided to ignore everything that philosophers had done in the past so he could receive no error from them. He also decided to sweep away any preconceived ideas that he might have. He makes his mind a blank. He then proceeds to receive into his mind only those ideas that are truly certain which for Descartes meant clear and distinct. To him, what was clear and distinct to the mind was true and certain. This, of course, is very wrong. There are things in the world of which have fuzzy and confused ideas, but it is egoistic to deny their existence because they are not clear in our minds. Sometimes we have crystal-clear ideas that prove to be wrong. Reality is bigger than our minds, not limited by them.

Cartesianism teaches that knowledge is innate (inborn), that we are born with a natural inclination to form certain ideas and make certain judgments; knowledge lies deep in the recesses of our minds and by probing in the right way we can draw it to the front of our minds where we come to know it and to be fully conscious of it. The ideas were put in our minds by God when He created us. We need only uncover them, and recognize them for what they are. In this way we build our knowledge.

The ideas are known intuitively, grasped in a flash of intellectualism. Our ideas do not depend on realities outside the mind; they do not depend on the senses. They depend only on the mind itself and God.

The mind is pure thought, the body is mere extension. The body becomes a mere machine. Man's body is no longer human. It is the machine in which thought is located.

The soul is not affected by the body it inhabits nor does the body take on anything from the soul. This concept gave to the modern mind a twisted concept. The complicated but undeniable interaction of the body and the soul on each other made an insoluble problem.

Descartes denied man his reason and gave him the spirit of an angel, a pure spirit unencumbered with a body, a mind that is pure thought and knows things immediately without taking those steps which rational beings must take.

The existence of things outside mind had to be taken on faith. (material things)

BRIEF NEWS REELS

Portland, Oregon

Gerald Johnson has returned to the Portland Chapel, taking his responsibility of custodian. He will be helpful in many ways in Portland until he goes to another mission field.

Esther Carroll is preparing for the West Coast Monthly Training Fellowship meeting that will be held in Portland February 10, 11, 12.

Berkeley, California

All the family wish to express our deepest sympathy to Marie Laux whose father passed away on January 14, 1967.

On January 16, 1967 Mrs. Kim and Joon-Soo moved into the apartment on the Berkeley Chapel premises. The house where they had previously lived is being sold so they had to move. Mr. David Kim is still in Clearfield with the Job Corps, and his visa has not yet been settled.

Los Angeles, California

Our Los Angeles family is doing well for our Master. They are very active. They had a New Year's day gathering at John and Sandi Schuhart's. They planted Father and Mother plants at Sacred Ground as a pledge for the new year, 1967. Our Master will admire this spiritual event taking place on New Years Day. May God Bless all of you!

Chicago, Illinois

Eileen Welch and her students are doing well. We have very promising information from that area. Let us pray for the Chicago Chapel for their great mission in this new year.

Tokyo, Japan

Mr. Chei sent a letter to Mr. David Kim saying he plans to visit Korea for a short while. Then he will come back to the United States. The work in Japan is advancing tremendously, and they are ready to receive our Master's party anytime.

Mr. Chei sent his greetings and love to all the West Coast United Family.

San Francisco, California

Daikan and several other members of the Japanese family plan to travel to Oregon to attend the monthly training and fellowship meeting which will be held there February 10, 11, 12. This will also be a time for celebrating our Master and our Real Mother's birthday.

The "Little Angels" will perform in San Francisco on February 16th. Then they will go back to Korea. There is a possibility that Mr. Pak will accompany them to Korea. The Bay Area family will have a chance to enjoy their talented performance. Do not miss this occasion!

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Compensation

Who never wept knows laughter but a jest;
Who never failed, no victory has sought;
Who never suffered, never lived his best;
Who never doubted, never really thought;
Who never feared, real courage has not shown;
Who never faltered, lacks a real intent;
Whose soul was never troubled has not known
The sweetness and the peace of real content.

- E. M. Brainard -