

## HOLY SEX

I remember being at a meeting where a famous trade unionist was arguing against the use of nuclear power. He told us of a public debate he'd held with the head of the nuclear industry in Britain. This man had tried to prove how safe nuclear power could be by producing from his jacket a tube of plutonium. In response, the trade unionist produced a piece of coal and took a bite out of it. "That's how safe coal is" he said..." I challenge you to do the same with your plutonium"!

Nuclear power is a wonderful thing, but it's also extremely dangerous. It produces the electricity needed to run a kidney dialysis machine whilst at the same time having the potential to destroy life on this planet.

Sex is the same. Sex is a gift of God given to us to enjoy. It produces children and pleasure, but also makes grown men abuse little children, turns millions into pornography addicts, has killed millions by AIDS, and has led to countless broken hearts and broken homes.

Someone once said that most teenagers have sex drives with BMW accelerators and Skoda brakes. Perhaps you're one of them. It may be that you've already crashed – more than once. Maybe you're involved in activities or relationships that you're uneasy about. Maybe you're the victim of someone else's uncontrolled sexual appetite. Maybe you're asking the question, "How can I enjoy this gift without hurting myself – or others? Here's how.....

The first thing you need to do is to realise that there's someone who can help you. He invented sex, and has given us a guide to how to handle it. It's called the Bible, and He's God. His Son Jesus came to our planet 2000 years ago, defeated sexual temptation, and gives the same ability to all those who receive Him. He also died to pay the penalty for all our sins (including sexual ones), and He wipes the slate clean for anyone who turns to Him. Are you ready to receive Him; to obey Him and to follow Him? You need to take that step at this point. If you don't, it's no use going any further. Why not ask Him now to have mercy on you, to forgive you and to change you?

Once you've done this, the next thing you need to do is to understand that God has provided us with a special protective framework for sex. These "rules" have been given to make sure that the gift of sex stays wonderful and doesn't become dangerous. Just like nuclear power. Those who work in a nuclear plant aren't allowed to walk around the buildings in their ordinary clothes. Nor do they take plutonium home for the kids to play with. This is not because the management wants to spoil their fun, but because they want everyone to be safe.

What "rules" then has God made to guarantee our safety? Well, the main one is this – sex is to be enjoyed only between a man and a woman who have publically committed themselves to lifelong faithfulness. All other sex is in God's eyes, illegal. So, sex with children, animals, someone of the same sex, your boyfriend or girlfriend, someone else's husband or wife – in fact, anyone to whom you are not married, is unlawful and dangerous. However many people are doing it, it is sin, and disqualifies those who practise it from heaven.

Sex is then something bigger than biology. Animals "have sex". Men and women "make love". Most sex going on today is the result of lust, not love. We won't know what love is however until we know Jesus Christ. This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and gave His only Son a sacrifice for our sins.

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