

A Limited View

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I attended recently, a seminar under Catholic auspices on pre-marital chastity or sexuality. For the most part, the participants were secular university people representing many disciplines such as medicine, biology, and theology. My very limited contribution was pastoral. I came to listen as did every one else in the room.

Even the moral theology professor, with an international reputation, said very little. He remarked that the moral theologian needs data. His reflections were only as good as the extent and accuracy of the observations fed to him by the other disciplines as well as from the man on the street.

This contrasts unfavorably with our teaching on sex which has been a neat syllogistic construction built on a limited view of the natural law. It was put together like a series of propositions in a syllogism. If new data proves one premise wrong, the whole falls apart.

Here was a group of Catholics, professors and students celibate and married, gathered together to listen to one another and see if they can arrive at the most elementary consensus for the re-building of a sexual morality that would not be contradicted by the teachings of the bible, the discoveries of the behavioral and physical sciences, and at the same time make sense to young people who are coming to terms with sexuality before marriage.

The question of pre-marital chastity or sexuality can no longer be presented and resolved by the old formulas we offered for kissing, necking, petting, premarital intercourse, masturbation, and homosexuality. The previous teaching laid heavy emphasis on the emotional and biological responses. It was a yardstick, tape measure, stop watch approach to human conduct. We had not quite come to the point of measuring sex reaction with a sextometer, but we were close to such an invention.

Young people today see sexuality not as something almost entirely physical but rather as something totally human. They see it as a great potential for human development. They know that it has the power to raise a person up or pull him down, to stir him to ecstasy or plunge him into despair, to order him to, or alienate him from another.

Sex is not something apart

from life. On the contrary, it expresses powerfully our interpersonal relationships and concern for one another. As one of the scholars in the room pointed out, this is a non-generative approach to sexuality which is new in the history of the Western world. Until recently, we viewed sex almost exclusively in terms of providing continuity in families, the nation and the human race.

The students who seemed to be leading the meeting by the presentation of their avant garde views on pre-marital sex, were responsible young men. They used the word commitment continually. No one defended "Playboy" sexuality which does not imply commitment since it is selfish and exploitive and therefore, not a means of growth. Growth and commitment were key concepts. Pre-marital expressions of sexuality, they held, must be a means of personal growth for the people involved as well as being a true commitment to one another.

Unfortunately, I could not attend the second day of the seminar to see how the group worked through the other elements which must be dealt with in developing a theology of sex in an era of personalism.

As a retreat master for high school students, talks and counseling sessions on sexuality were part of my trade. I had long since rejected the simplistic biological and stop-watch approach to boy-girl relationships. I may not have leaned heavily on the words, commitment and growth, but I was in the same tradition. Every relationship demands its proper physical expression because it is not two souls who meet, but two persons. A handshake an eye-ball to eye-ball look are physical expressions, not necessarily of friendship, but of a willingness to relate here and now.

As friendships between sexes develop, our expressions of friendship will have sexual overtones. A kiss in our culture is a sign of fondness or tenderness in relationships within the family and close friends. It is a very limited form of commitment. Intercourse is the full sexual sign of commitment and implies the permanence of an indissoluble marriage. In other words, these physical signs have meanings. If one person kisses another, when there is hostility beneath it, or it is exploitive, then he or she is like Judas who used a kiss to betray his master.

If husband and wife enter the marital embrace without the giving or self donation that implies, then they are engaged in a sinful relationship even though it may be biologically proper. In my language, it would not be love, which translated into student language would mean that there was no commitment and therefore, it would stunt or retard emotional growth.

This column is not meant to be a treatise on the subject. I am offering only a few initial observations. Maybe we can come back again to the subject in future columns.

BK Quiz Kids

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Noted Lutheran Scholar At Cardinal's Mass

Collegeville — (RNS) — The rousing singing of Martin Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," closed the service.

Cardinal Doepfner was introduced by Abbot Baldwin Dworschak of St. John's Abbey, who said the presence of the cardinal and his countrymen was "another important incentive given to us to get the work of the Church done without delay in this critical post-conciliar period."

He invited the cardinal and the other Germans to witness the vitality of the contribution made by pioneer ancestors from Catholic Bavaria in the area served by St. John's.

A frequent commentator on the ecumenical movement, Dr. Pelikan is a professor of church history at Yale. A Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod theologian, Dr. Pelikan received the St. John's University Pax Christi Award and spoke at the university's commencement in June.

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Paulist Terms Luther As 'Catholic Reformer'

Dallas — (RNS) — A Paulist priest-scholar who is an authority on Martin Luther said here he 16th Century Reformation leader was truly a "Catholic reformer" and many of his views are generally accepted by Catholics today.

Father Harry J. McSorley of Washington, D.C., said Catholics no longer regard Luther "as a man in whom there was nothing of God."

"Ten to 15 years ago," the priest said, "Catholics did not like to speak of Luther and when they did his activity was referred to as a rebellion or revolution."

"Now, as a result of the Second Vatican Council it is recognized that the Roman Catholic Church must always undergo reformation of which she always stands in need. This is so stated in the Council's decree on ecumenism."

Father McSorley studied Luther's writings in 95 volumes and other Reformation materials during 1960-61 at the University of Heidelberg in Germany in preparation for a Doctor of Theology degree from the University of Munich, awarded

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His research findings and other studies were incorporated in a thesis, "Luther's Doctrine of the Unfree Will: A Contribution to Ecumenical Theology and Ecclesiology."

The priest observed that his studies showed that Martin Luther was "a deeply religious man."

Research has determined, he said, "that the Catholicism which Luther rejected was not truly Catholic." The scholar continued:

"There were real errors in time and in place. The Church in Germany was guilty of serious doctrinal errors. The chief error was a view that maintained a sinner, by doing everything he was capable, by his own natural powers could win the grace or forgiveness of sins from God."

"I maintain that Luther rightly criticized and rejected this error. In doing so he was a Catholic reformer."



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