## Revolution in World's Morals - Sign of Progress or Cowardice? The nineteen-sixties are ap-This article is by Anglican Bishop lan

period of revolt and confusion in the area of morals.

Those in revolt are the people between puberty and parenthood who are more honestly articulate and more violent- of the advertising world have is by H. A. Williams, Dean of ever before.

their parents, who are often literature and pop songs. tongue-tied because they fear to I am here speaking of those virtue, on closer inspection seem old-fashioned.

Robinson assures them that form is restricted to a few areas Sex", which said: 'We reject alwhat is needed is a radical suitably gift wrapped, and that some completely the traditional love' is purely a question of approach of the organized 'ethic of the situation', with physical satisfaction. nothing prescribed - except love! 'Nothing,' he boldly red by these media is 'Kiss and peats. 'can of itself always be be damned', 'Go as far as you

hear that sex relations are the hearing today. healthiest and most important human sport, that adultery has 2. The desire for normality probably saved more marriages than it broke up. They may hear the statement, blasphemous to any Christian, that Christ had said little about sex or marriage as befitted one with no experience of either.

Many parents feel confused dren live.

The problem comes from a for the child.

Many young people find this is the right thing to do. themselves living in two worlds — the world of their parents traditional patterns of behaviour still make sense — and Kinsey presents of erotic experipleasures of every kind are there is a body of scientific calling, including relations with opinion which refutes the genmost readily available and least eral validity of the Kinsey Rethe opposite sex, which are the port as being typical of the beexpensive form of entertain havior of the American male

### Magnitude of Problem

been since statistics have been kept, standing at 6.5 per cent of all births registered in 1964, tion, infection and conception. In Queensland during 1964, 27 per cent of the mothers under the age of 20 were unmarried.

Today, these have to a large degree been banished by the (An increase of 10 per cent motor car, the antibiotic and the pill. The newly affluent over the past ten years.)

It is estimated that almost in, whilst their parents, who 90,000 illegal abortions are per- were passing through the period timidity but a spirit of power to seduce the woman they love. formed in Australia every year, of the depression, had to make and a recent World Health Or do at home or in the back seat ganization survey of twelve of the cinema stalls. New anticountries records that Austra- biotics have done much to wipe lia has the highest death rate out fear of infection, although no drug can wipe out humilidue to shortion

The English picture as given pill has made conception conin a 1964 B.M.A. report on so-trol relatively sure. cial disease shows an increase over four years of 78 per cent It was not until 1958 that the another is to desecrate sex. for girls and 62 per cent for Church of England, speaking boys under the age of 24 years. through the Lambeth Confer-This report also indicates that ence, finally made up its mind two out of every three babies that family planning was morborn to girls under 20 are con-ally and theologicall justificeived out of wedlock.

The picture in America is amongst married people for equalling depressing, for here reasons of health, economics or one out of five brides is pregulamily security. nant at her wedding, and the abortion estimates range from 4. The confusion over people 200,000 to one million every and thing

Among the reasons are:

tion working through society imitators. today which the clever brains

## Chaice, Germs ple who have leisure and money, but feel a little insecure in Don't Bug You

Communion chalice, sometimes subjects is one 'besides which most men their appointed des-London - (RNS) - The criticized as a spreader of disease, get a relatively clean bill lute'. of health in the report of a scientific investigation publish the choice of women it regards ed in the old-established British as "leisure accessories or playmedical journal, The Lancet, things' but never at any time

The investigation was made human beings. by three women scientists at 5. The new morality the Central Public Health Laboratory in northwest London.

They were concerned to find of the church about sex was out if bacteria can be easily perfectly clear. The Christian passed along with the common believed in chastity, by which cup as it is handed from perwas meant pre-marital purity sons to person. They found the and post-marital fidelity.

ing their conclusions was that gained notice by advocating a the blessed or consecrated wine new pragmatic approach in is drunk from the cup. All which there are no fixed moral though this is Communion wine, judgments, in which the needs which is comparatively weak, of love override the rules of the investigators said it con-law, and in which charity is felt tains about 1 per cent ethyl al-to be more important than cohol, which is enough to kill chastity. utes, and other strains within

chalice is wiped with a clean a witness for the defense in the cloth between communicants the number of germs is usually reduced by short of the Archbishes of Caston ly reduced by about 90 per led the Archbishop of Canter-

The report held out two all of offense to many ordinary ternatives to people who might Christians'. lice as a possible source of dis Then came Soundings, a symease - insist on individual posium by Cambridge theolocups, or on the practice of "in gians, with its demand that we first absorbed by the Commun values'. Possibly the most protinction." whereby the wine is need a ion bread or wafer.

Shevlin of Australia. It is reprinted from the magazine, Anglican

ly opposed to convention than been quick to capitalize. The Trinity, who cites two acts of continual stimulation is increas- fornication from recent films as ed by the contribution of some illustrations of charity which Those in confusion include magazines, flims, plays, pulp surpasses the need for chastity.

which emphasize the underlying turns out to be cowardice'. philosophy that infidelity is If the parents turn for guid- adult, desirable and inevitable; ance to the Church, Bishop that the beauty of the human "Towards a Quaker View of

If parents turn for guidance what I want' . . . and this is He is trying to repeat S. Augusto the University, they may what young people are really tine's injunction, Love God and

A noticeable feature of a generation which is conditioned by mass media is the desire to be He argues that 'The moral ing. 'with it', which means a desire precepts of Jesus are not into conform to the custom of the tended to be understood legalgroup. Dr. Kinsey's reports on istically, as prescribing what all Male' (and Female) confirm the he develops in his later book, because they do not understand widespread nature of sexual ex- Christian Morals Today, which the world in which their chil- periment and make youth feel is a far more generally acceptthat to be with it, they must be able presentation of his case.

years, and can often be traced which he had used successfully What they have ricochetted toswer to a child's honest en- his reports he equates what is illegal love. quiry. Parents should realize 'average' with what is 'normal', that youth demands independ- and implies that what is 'norence, and youth must realize mal' is what is 'right'. This is that the parental refusal to ack- a dangerous assumption, for nowledge this is often rooted when this same rule is applied in a deep and concerned love to cheating, lying or stealing, it simply means that if you know enough people who do it, then

A University Counselor says suggestion that it be controlled pear to hold, and at least lip. America feel they are not actu- social pressures are all the service is given to the idea that ally virile if they cannot keep other way. their own new, exciting world, ences in men of their age. It is where, free from all control, well to note, however, that and female.

3. The abolition of old fears

Past generations were control led and inhibited by three fears

Today, these have to a large youth have cars to make love

able. This of course referred only to conception control

Harvey E. Cox, in his book "The Secular City," provides an secret between two shamed 1. The climate of our civilization interesting theological analysis human beings but rather the There is a sexual fermenta-on working through society of the American magazine Play-the American magazine Play-ov, which has several local creator, who delegates to us the

These glossy products aim to ing up, to do well. be guide books for young peo their choice of sports cars, cock-

tails, jazz groups and neckties. Cox notes that the authoritative tone of Playboy on these nal order of creation, and is for The guidance also extends to

as persons, equals or fellow

Recently, however, a group One important factor govern of sincere theologians have

First, Bishop Robinson of Woolwich attracted consider-In any case, they said, if the able attention by appearing as bury to say of him that he was a 'stumbling block and a cause

vocative essay in the collection

He believes that 'A great deal of what Christians often call

The Quakers then published church to morality, with its supposition that it knows precisely what is right and wrong.'

Bishop Robinson then producplease', 'Take what pleasure you ed "Honest to God" with its can', 'It's my life and I can do chapter on the 'New Morality'. do what you like', rather forgetting, however, that to do this successfully implies a level of sanctity and maturity above the

Sexual Behaviour in the Human Christians must do'. This theme

What the 'new theologians'

The Church and chastity

ticularly amongst the younger usual and unexpected. sections of the population, is therefore not surprising. Sex is one of the strongest instinct given by God to man and the

In spite of all this, the Church of God has not change its point of view. It has always believed:

• That any sexual relationship outside marriage is sinful. That sins of unchastity are

not the greatest of all sins. exist to condemn the sinner but more deny it than you can the rather to reconcile him to God. Law of Gravity.

The present situation may in In Australia, the illegitimacy which have now largely van part be due to the voice of the Christian position on the imbeen since statistics have have been since statistics have have been since statistics have been since statistics. definite as it has taught the ence can be illustrated in the They were the fears of detectruth about the two great sac following six points for both raments of marriage and recon. girls and boys.

> The church bases its belief on the testimony of scripture.

God, says the apostle Paul, has not given us 'a spirit of duce others, they do not wish and love and self-control'.

For the Christian, promiscuity in any form is a degradation of love because it divorces a physical act from the context of love in which it also finds ation and memories, and the sanctity and meaning. To use one person simply for the purpose of selfish gratification of

> One of the best ways to overcome urgent temptation is given to us in the Old Testament story of Joseph, who, when assailed by the passionae demands of an eager, imperious woman, neither argued nor delayed he fled, saying, 'How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God'.

Another way of overcoming temptation is to have the right view of sex. It is not a sordid task of being pro-creators with him. It is something worth sav

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may carry out his highest act they think of marriage. of self-giving.

of it. Any attempt to do so is the boy trapped. always followed by that dissatisfaction, frustration and recrimifishness.

selves for each other. Outside sical, marriage, a mutually agreed upon self-denial between lovers can even be fun in its frus- be faithful. Here the Kinsey re naturally reject the first comtration and the strength obtain-port, whatever its deficiencies, mandment about loving God ed by self-denial will stand suggests that girls with pre However, few would wish to rethem in good stead later when marital experience are twice as ject the second about loving perhaps for reasons of illness, likely to be unfaithful to their your neighbor as yourself. Even war or occupation, they find husbands after marriage. themselves separated from each other for long periods.

the suggestion that sex within ment are those with no pre marriage is dull and dutiful and marital experience. only illicit experiences are rich, periences are third rate impostors mostly disappointing and greater marital happiness.

pre-marital experience and curiosity, they may want to feel important, they certainly want to feel important.

child with the inadequate sug-not exactly as the narrator gestion that 'he must make up would suggest. his own mind'. This is inadequate because he is not equipped to make this decision. The hand, trust between them be parent's role is not that of a gins to erode from that modisinterested bystander, a critic ment. lack of mutual respect between The late Dr. Kinsey was a have rightly reacted against is or a resolute dogmatist. He is parent and child which has progressively developed over the beings the statistical methods christian moralists of the past.

A man has just as much to be a sounding board, learn about the techniques of encouraging frank discussion of refusal as a woman. encouraging frank discussion of refusal as a woman. values and standards which he back to the first lie told in an- in the study of gall wasps. In wards has been an advocacy of is prepared to explain and de-

> With this in mind, he will find that only an life which is The clear evidence that prom-prepared to meet the inevitable iscuity is fast increasing, par-situations which are both un-

The Christian life is not a vague ecstasy, not a condition of the spirit related only to the life beyond. It is an everyday life lived richly, deeply, sensiwhere moral sanctions still ap that many men students in makes little appeal because the tively and adventurously, which includes sex as part of its significance and wholeness.

"But I am not a Christian"

There are many who say: am not a Christian, therefore Christian morality does not not apply to me.

The important question however is: 'Is Christian morality • That the Church does not true?' For if it is you can no

I believe that the truth of the

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woman, he wants her for a wife. Although men may try to se-

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this we fail to do if because of

love for ourselves we turn our

In conclusion, I am convinced

that youth does not want un-

love and they know that in the

end this means fidelity and

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search of an ethic and if the

only ethics which gain publicity

are those of the pulp magazines,

then the Church is at fault for

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riage without having the whole which the girl feels cheated and if you know what you are doing evitably determines the health future of unchastity is blurred

Another result may be resortnation which follow pure sel- ing to abortion through which scores of women lose their lives evey year, and for every woman part of us reacts as does a lion The ideal marriage in which who dies several are disabled to its trainer. It reacts immedithe church believes is a life-or rendered sterile, the psy-ately to a stern and determined long union between a man and chological effects often being command, but show a sign of woman who have kept them-far more drastic than the phy-weakness and it will devour you.

The Chesser report suggests neighbor into a thing rather that the women who ultimately than a person for the gratifica-It is time we gave the lie to make the best marital adjust tion of our own physical needs.

Thus nothing we know gives adventurous and exciting. It is any justification for saying that ment, they may want experitime we admitted that illicit expre-marital experience helps ence, they may want to satisfy

It is in the area of morals | Nine-tenths of the exploits that many a parent deserts his recounted in the male group are If a man makes a girl 'second-

Boys should realize that -

affirm with clarity and convic-A man has just as much to

A woman is a person whose integrity or wholeness demands respect. Conscience is a fo-cal point of integrity, and to attack

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Those who do not believe in chastity are disfigured by shame thyself pure." A man wants a wife who will the truths of Christianity will and remorse.

for on this is based the whole opposite is a flabby, furtive, Christian concept of maturity tarnished affair. You cannot have part of mar- often a forced marriage in is talked about repression, but health of the family which in is buoyant and hopeful, the

> Chastity is far more exciting and cynicism. than unchastity, for it has about it the ring of victory rather

The victories of chastity can always be looked back on with triumph and a glad heart, they are doing when they hold

The future of the chaste life by boredom, disillusionment

Chastity does not mean "Thou shalt not. . . . It means 'Thou shalt - use God's great gift in God's appointed way'.

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