

# Necessity for Americans To Grow Up in Deepest of Human Relationships Stressed

**The Future of Sex**  
 "The future of sex," wrote H. G. Wells, "is the center of the whole human future."  
 What is the future of sex in our country? More moral slumming, more breakdown of the God-given relationship of male and female into an off-color sport, a titillating national amusement?

Or will we grow up? Growing up means reaching adult attitudes, mature and healthy adjustment. Today the public presentation of sex makes such growth exceedingly difficult. It is not merely a matter of "over-emphasis." Sex could hardly be over-emphasized, being as it is the deepest of human relationships and the well-spring of man's future.

The question is what is emphasized. Love is rarely emphasized; lust is. A woman, as portrayed on so many paper-cover books, is a creature with her clothing partially off, or torn off, with a smirking man standing over her or moving toward her like a beast of prey. Women are taken. Sex is predatory.

Only rarely is sex depicted as part of a total love relationship, in which man and woman give themselves to each other with the sanction of God and society. Sex in marriage is more or less snubbed. As one teen-ager remarked, "What do my parents know about sex—why they've been married for 20 years!"

Sex is seen as a kind of prize in a game of pursuit. The implication is that once the prize is won, a new pursuit begins.

Temptation is emphasized. Sex appeal is paraded, even

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carried to a science of body measurements, with a fantastic stress on surface values (which may not be values at all). It is as though the human female were always evaluated—as in the polls among college boys—as someone, or something "to spend three days with on a desert island" but never as a real person to join with in sharing a lifetime.

Dr. Goodrich Schaffer, of Portland, Ore., observes, "We are preoccupied—almost obsessed—with the superficial aspects of sex; you might say with sex as a form of amusement. This is not true sex, with its corollaries of love, marriage and child-bearing." Sex is depicted today as a kind of universal tranquilizer. Its purpose, one might think, is to give a quick illusion of happiness-like a pill. It is flaunted publicly to excite and stimulate.

**A Built-in Frustration**  
 But beneath this veneer of good, unclean fun there is built-in frustration. Like narcotics which are used by some to escape from problems—until the narcotics themselves become a far worse problem—sex as an escape from life's pressure simply ends up becoming an added pressure.

Harvard sociologist Pitirim Sorokin has warned, "Our trend toward sex anarchy has not yet produced catastrophic consequences. Nevertheless, the first syndromes of grave disease have already appeared."

Illegitimacy—an increase of 133 per cent in two decades,

from 87,900 illegitimate births in 1938 to 205,000 in 1958.

Veneral disease—on the increase again, in spite of all that penicillin can do. "Shocking increases" among youngsters 15 to 19 years old, the U. S. Public Health Service reports. The American Social Hygiene Association warns us to expect 200,000 new cases of V. D. among teen-agers alone in the coming year.

But far more important than such statistics are the non-measurable human values: the marriages which have soured because of immature sex attitudes; the unhappiness which has crushed down upon girls who flouted virginity and regretted too late; the emotional suffering stemming from sex conflicts.

**Worse Than Ancient Rome**  
 Some observers feel we are going the way of ancient Rome and other sybaritic cultures toward sexual corruption which is the prelude to decay and downfall. Some feel we are even worse. Says Evangelist Billy Graham, "America has a greater obsession with sex than Rome ever had."

Even the mildest critics acknowledge that we have much growing up to do.

A good place to begin is in recognizing why the Creator created sex at all. The purpose of sex is, of course to produce new life, and the Creator chose to allow human beings to become His partners in this amazing process. But the way sex is presented publicly these days, re-

production hardly enters the picture.

"When sex results in pregnancy, that's tragic," a college girl remarked in a human relations seminar.

Tragic? Indeed it may be when sex is illicit, and that's the way it's most frequently depicted (or dangled like forbidden fruit) in our movies and novels. When human reproduction enters the picture at all, it is—as the college girl said—a tragic consequence of sex relations, an unhappy accident, something to be avoided.

### Stress on Uses

We need, once more, a clear view of sex as a loving and joyous comitant of marriage, a stress on the uses rather than abuses of this miraculous capability. We have so widely advertised illicit sex; we have had little to say of the satisfying relationship of two people who have given themselves to each other in lifetime partnership, to whom reproduction is a blessing, not a curse.

A high school girl told her father that she thought the advances made by boys were "compliments." She felt flattered. Her father, after they had talked it over, gave her a line to remember: "When a boy wants to spend the night with you, there is no greater insult. When he wants to spend his life with you there is no greater compliment."

Growing up requires, too, a spiking of the adolescent notion that that which is forbidden is best. True, our propaganda drums—in song and film and story—keep beating for the excitement, thrills and "kicks" of illicit sex. And sex in marriage is,



**DISCUSSES EXHIBIT**—Blind and deaf since early childhood, Richard Dwight Joy discusses an electrical exhibit with his teacher, Miss Jean Pollard, left. Dick's sensitive fingers on Miss Pollard's lips "listen" as she talks. He is in the process of qualify-

ing for his final merit badge, and when this is accomplished, will become an Eagle Scout—something not too many youths with all of their facilities have been able to accomplish.

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by comparison, made to seem quite dull.

Psychiatrist Abraham Franzblau of New York comments, "The assumption that the illicit is better and more satisfying than the licit is a characteristic of immaturity. It is given circulation only by those who have never known the joys of even a moderately happy marital relationship."

To psychiatrists, promiscuity is known as an "unhappiness disease." They are familiar with the futile quest for satisfaction, the inability to form a deep relationship, the remorse and loss of self-respect.

They are also familiar with the potential of marriage. "Marriage some times is thought of as a restriction of sex, confining it to the limits of monogamy. But, actually, marriage is the only way for real sex freedom to develop," comments Psychiatrist Fred Feldman of the University of Southern California.

"An individual reveals his personality more completely, more intimately, in the sex

the citizens of that future to set our values straight.

When the public presentation of sex stresses "kicks," no wonder many youngsters conclude that this is something to grab now. But when youth is honestly acquainted with the superb potential of sex in the marriage relationship, youth's own inner voice will say, "This is worth waiting for."

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