

Sex And The Bible

What the Bible "Really" Says about Sex - Tom Gruber 2001

What the Bible "Really" says About Sex, and what many people think the Bible says about sex are two different things. Although the Bible clearly condemns immoral sexual behaviour, to go beyond what the Bible clearly teaches is legalism. Words like "adultery", "fornication", and "lust" do not mean the same things today that they meant in biblical times. We've also lost sight of the reasons behind the rules. What the Bible "Really" says about Sex makes a compelling biblical case for "responsible non-monogamy", also known as "polyamory". It also grapples with other difficult ethical questions concerning nudity, prostitution, pornography, homosexuality, situation ethics, polygamy, the sin of Adam and Eve, procreation, marriage, safe sex, love, sex after the resurrection, and family values. Tom Gruber gets to the crux of the matter with laser-sharp clarity. Gruber writes in a style that a layman can easily understand, a skeptic cannot easily refute, and a scholar cannot easily dispute. This highly-controversial book is a must read for all open-minded individuals seeking an accurate understanding of What the Bible "Really" says About Sex.

God and Sex - Michael Coogan 2010-10-01

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Good Christian Sex - Bromleigh McCleneghan 2016-07-05

Moving beyond the deep-seated cultural feelings of shame that have long fueled the conflict between Christianity and sex—and the belief that there is only one right and valid way to practice one's sexuality—this renowned University of Chicago pastor uses enlightening personal stories and examples from theology to show how sex is powerful and holy. For years, Christians have been told to adhere to one singular path when it comes to sex: abstinence and purity. Yet this limited focus ignores the reality that people's sexual and romantic lives differ widely, even among those who consider themselves devout believers. Church leaders have often refused to address the topic—or have preached in ways that are harmful to the emotional and spiritual growth of the faithful in the pews. Pastor McCleneghan is determined to reshape the issue—and fundamentally transcend this disconnect between sexuality and spirituality that has left many Christians feeling guilty and sinful. Written in her measured, non-judgmental voice, *Good Christian Sex* combines humorous personal anecdotes with theological research to transform how Christians think and talk about this basic human need, offering a new understanding that reconciles human love and religious faith. Breaking with outdated conventions, McCleneghan explains how the Bible and Christian tradition inform our beliefs about desire, pleasure, nudity, fidelity, premarital sex, and the variety of sexual practices, and encourages Christians to talk about their bodies, their sensuality, and their longings in a frank, positive, and realistic way. Warm, insightful, and honest, *Good Christian Sex* is a message of hope, that at last lifts the veil of shame felt by many religious people.

Sex Texts from the Bible - Amy-Jill Levine 2014-05-08

A fresh look at the Bible reveals a richness of insight about sex and sexuality For some people, the Bible's perspectives on sex may seem too one - dimensional or antiquated to apply to modern - day life. Others may hold up the Bible as the ultimate moral guideline when it comes to sex and human sexuality. A close reading of the Bible reveals that while its rules and lessons about sex and sexuality may not be applicable to

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Sex, Mom, and God - Frank Schaeffer 2011-06

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Sex is Not Sinful? - Jack Wyrzten 1970

Explains the position of the Scriptures on sexual morality.

The Strange Woman - Gail Corrington Streete 1997-01-01

In the worlds of ancient Israel and early Christianity, political and religious laws limited women's options. But some women created options by participating in adultery, prostitution, and other sexual variances, thus resulting in a kind of independence not available to other women. These actions subverted the social system, leading to punishment for some women and power for others.

All About Sex in the Bible - Alla Peace 2012-02

"All about Sex in the Bible" is based exclusively on Biblical quotations, which are related to sexual activity, rules, metaphorical meanings of sexual language, and scientific knowledge on this subject. Traditionally, the Bible viewed as a religious book. Surprisingly, it is overloaded with countless verses on the topic of sexuality, including a description of depravity of God of Old Testament, Patriarchs and Kings, all kind of sexual pleasures and seduction, and cruelty triggered by sexual desire. The book consists special chapters on associated subjects, such as circumcision, Mary's virginity, Jesus' birthday, analysis of the meaning of "whore of Babylon" described in Biblical Revelation', and some scientific facts on related issues. In addition,

the major chapters are supported by Appendix', which includes Glossary, Index of Persons, Geographical Glossary, and Bibliography.

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The Sex Texts - Arthur L. 2013-09-16

For all intent, virtually all accepted mainstream Catholic Christian tenets remain untouched for the past two millennia. It follows then that we take for evident truths—for example, our views on the Creator and creation's sexuality, gender issues, and human relationship concerns—may in fact be nothing but establishment dogmas gleaned from wrong interpretation or translation of the original text and intent of Jesus Christ and the Bible authors. Now, isn't the mere chance of that being true too scary? *The Sex Texts: Sexuality, Gender, and Relationships in the Bible* by L. Robert Arthur raises just that possibility, despite the strong likelihood of facing stiff criticism from many sectors, mostly of the established Catholic persuasion. Yet those inclined to know the true message of Jesus Christ and his closest disciples may well take heed to scrutinize, at the very least, what Robert is trying to point out in his work. *The Sex Texts: Sexuality, Gender, and Relationships in the Bible* promises to raise a storm, but the public debate it could engender may yet start a new direction for the rest of humanity.

Sex, Ideology, and Religion - Kevin Harris 1984

"Presents the first complete survey of what the Bible has to say about women, exposing the Bible as deeply sexist and condescending toward women." --from Publisher.

Sex in the Bible - Michael R. Cosby 1984

An introduction to what the scriptures teach us about sexuality.

Sanctified Sexuality - Sandra Glahn 2020-09-22

Expert biblical and practical advice for handling today's most challenging sexual issues. Although modern culture constantly changes its views on sexuality, God's design for sexuality remains the same. Bringing together twenty-five expert contributors in relevant fields of study, Gary Barnes and Sandra Glahn address the most important and controversial areas of sexuality that Christians face today. From a scriptural perspective and with an irenic tone, the contributors address issues such as: • The theology of the human body • Male and female in the Genesis creation accounts • Abortion • Celibacy • Sexuality in marriage • Contraception • Infertility • Cohabitation • Divorce and remarriage • Same-sex attraction • Gender dysphoria. An ideal handbook for pastors, counselors, instructors, and students, *Sanctified Sexuality* provides solid answers and prudent advice for the many questions Christians encounter on a daily basis.

The Bible, Sex, and this Generation - Monicque Sharman 2003-08

Learn What The Bible Really Says About Sex! --How should Christians view and treat those living in defacto relationships? --Do men and women today really have to wait until they are married before having sex? What happens if they don't? --Have you ever wondered why Jesus gives an 'exception' for divorce in only one gospel? --Why were men described as 'righteous' in the Old Testament allowed more than one wife? --Have you ever pondered how these and other Biblical teachings on sex can be translated into your life today? Using Scripture, we answer these questions and more in a sensitive yet straightforward way.

Discover real reasons why couples should stay together for life, along with guidance to help those in your influence discontinue hurtful sexual patterns. As well as being a must read for parents, counselors, church leaders and scholars, this resource will be valuable for anyone who has ever or will ever have sex.

Women, Sex and the Bible - C. Thomas Dennis 2003-06

Sex in the Bible - J. Harold Ellens 2006-03-30

What is the Bible's stance on such controversial issues as homosexuality and polygamy? What does it have to say about sexual behaviors that some would deem perverted or criminal? Is sex always wrong if it is not used to create life? Ellens answers these and other questions in a book that argues that our understanding of what the Bible has to say about sex is frequently misguided. He corrects our impressions with a look at the Scriptures themselves, considers what they might have meant to people in the past, and reflects on how we understand, or misunderstand, them today. Focusing on early interpretations and contemporary misconceptions, Ellens guides readers through what the Bible actually says, showing how these messages have been interpreted in different contexts, and suggesting new ways of reading and translating them for use in our own lives. Readers hoping to reach a better understanding of the Bible's views on sexual practices and sexuality in general will find their questions answered here. What does the story of Adam and Eve reveal about sex and sexuality? What does the Old Testament say about sex and how might we interpret that in our own lives today? How does the New Testament say we should behave in our sexuality and our lives? What lessons can we learn from a closer examination of the Bible and its teachings on human love, marriage, and sexuality? These are among the many questions Ellens answers in an effort to help us all come to a better understanding of the gift of sexuality and its attendant behaviors in our lives. In non-judgmental prose, he elucidates the Bible and our understanding of its teaching on these and related issues. *The Law of Love* - Wylark Day 2002-12-09

What does it mean to be righteous? To be holy? By what standard will God judge us when we die? As the Bible tells us in 1Corinthians 8:2 "And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know." For nearly two millennia, Christians have followed the philosophy of Asceticism: a philosophy which teaches that ignorance about sex is best because it is based on Fear. Yet God's philosophy is LOVE; and to love requires knowledge. In this, the second volume of *Sex and the Bible*, we will therefore take a very close look at the teachings of the Bible, in order to discover what God really thinks about SEX. Roll over, St. Augustine!

Sex Working and the Bible - Avaren Ipsen 2014-12-18

The Bible contains many stories of prostitution. Feminist and liberation readings of these biblical narratives have often made sex workers invisible. 'Sex Working and the Bible' examines stories of biblical prostitution through the experiences and understanding of sex workers today. The Bible narratives - ranging across Rahab in the Book of Joshua, the story of Solomon and the two prostitutes, the anointing women traditions, and the apocalyptic vision of the whore of Babylon in Revelation - are set within both a practical and theoretical framework. This radical book offers a new, more inclusive way of approaching issues of gender, sexuality and prostitution in the Bible.

Sex and Religion in the Bible - Calum Carmichael 2010-03-30

If we look to the Bible for historical accounts of ancient life, we make a profound error. So contends Calum Carmichael in this original and incisive reading of some of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament's most famous narratives. Sifting through the imaginative layers of these texts with an uncanny sensitivity and a panoptic critical eye, he unearths patterns connecting disparate passages, providing fascinating insights into how ideas were expressed, received, and transformed in the ancient Near East. Ranging from Jacob's encounter with Leah to the marriage at Cana to Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well, these readings demonstrate the remarkable subtlety and sophistication of the biblical views on marriage, sexuality, fertility, impurity, creation, and love.

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