

Virtue Of Sex

Sexual Ethics in a Secular Age - Eric J. Silverman 2021-03-31

This collection features essays from top experts in ethics and philosophy of love that offer varying perspectives on the value of a contemporary secular virtue of chastity. The virtue of chastity has traditionally been portrayed as an excellent personal disposition concerning the ideal ordering of sexual desire such that the person desires that which is actually good for both the self and others affected by his or her sexual desires and actions. Yet, for roughly the past half century chastity has been increasingly portrayed as an unnecessary ideal with few secular benefits that could not be otherwise obtained. Instead, chastity is sometimes portrayed as an odd kind of religious asceticism with few secular benefits. The essays in this volume ask whether there may be advantages to reconsidering a contemporary virtue of chastity. A recovered and reconceptualized concept of chastity can offer partial solutions to problems associated with externalized sexual desire, including sweeping patterns of sexual harassment, the high divorce/relationship-failure rate, and widespread pornography use. *Sexual Ethics in a Secular Age* will appeal to researchers and advanced students interested in the philosophy of sex and love, virtue ethics, and philosophical accounts of secularity.

Lip Service - Kate Fillion 1996

Women aren't the best of friends, models of sisterly support, or paragons of emotional honesty. From the woman who sleeps with the boss, to the woman who tells her friend she looks fine when she doesn't, to the woman who pressures a male friend to have sex, no woman is immune to the impulses of envy, competitiveness, aggression, and coercion. None of this should come as a surprise women are human beings after all. Yet despite all evidence to the contrary, the myth of women's moral superiority persists. And although gender roles are now more fluid than ever before, especially among the generations born after 1960, the rhetoric of polarization continues. In *Lip Service*, journalist Kate Fillion challenges our cherished convictions about women's natural instincts and shows how our most ingrained beliefs about gender differences actually blind us to the complexities and contradictions in women's and men's behavior. More important, she demonstrates in powerful terms how confining and self-destructive this skewed perspective is for women in all aspects of their lives - including office politics, their intimate relationships with men, their friendships with women, and their own self-images. Based on extensive academic research and in-depth interviews with North American women and men, *Lip Service* paints a startling and ultimately very human portrait of the widening divide between women's actions and how we choose to interpret them. Acknowledging this is not antiwoman. In fact, Kate Fillion so convincingly argues, confronting the darker side of women's behavior frees us from the unequal moral standards and restrictive typecasting of the currently accepted codes of conduct, and allows women to be honest about who they are and what they want.

Mistress Ethics - Victoria Brooks 2022-01-13

The figure of the mistress is undoubtedly controversial. She provokes intense reactions, ranging from fear, to disgust and revulsion, to excitement and titillation, to sadness and perhaps to some, love. The mistress is conventionally depicted as a threat to moral living and someone whose sexuality is considered defective and toxic. Of course, she is a woman that you would not have as your friend, and certainly not your wife, since her ethical sense, if she even has one, is dubious at best. This book subverts these traditional judgements and offers an unflinching look at the lived experience of the mistress. Here she is recast as a potentially loving, free, intimate 'other' woman. Drawing upon feminist philosophy, contemporary sexual ethics and the current cultural moment of #MeToo, *Mistress Ethics* moves beyond a narrative of infidelity, conventional judgment, the safeguarding of monogamy and conventional heterosex that permeates our society. It asks what happens when we let go of our insecurities, judgments and moralistic relationship philosophies and opt, instead, for an ethics of kindness. This kindness - underpinned by engaging with those deemed 'other' and learning from mistresses, both straight and queer - will teach us new ways of thinking about ethics and sex, and reveal how we have better sex, and how we can be better to each other.

On Life and Sex - Havelock Ellis 1947

[The Virtue of Sex](#) - José De Vinck 1970

[On Life and Sex: More essays of love and virtue](#) - Havelock Ellis 1948

On Life and Sex: Essays of Love and Virtue discusses the fundamental principles and practical application of love and virtue. This book contains two volume encompassing 16 chapters. The first volume deals first with the role of parents and grandparents in educating the children concerning love, sex, marriage, and virtues. This part also highlights marriage, the roles of husband and wife, and the play-function of sex. The second volume tackles topics such as family, taboos, obscenity, eugenics, and population control.

Little Essays on Love and Virtue - Havelock Ellis 2015-02-18

First published in 1922, this book contains a collection of fascinating essays on the subject of love and sexuality, written by Havelock Ellis. Henry Havelock Ellis (1859-1939) was an English physician, writer, eugenicist and social reformer who studied human sexuality. Ellis was also an early researcher into the effects of psychedelics and wrote one of the first reports on a mescaline experience in 1896. Originally aimed at adolescents, these essays explore such topics as the moral value of sexual pleasure, reasons for marriage, and the advantages of understanding sexuality from a scientific perspective. A fascinating collection not to be missed by those with an interest in sexuality and the history and development of related ideas. Contents include: "Children and Parents", "The Meaning of Purity", "The Objects of Marriage", "Husbands and Wives", "The Love-Rights of Women", "The Play-Function of Sex", and "The Individual and the Race". Other notable works by this author include: "A Study of British Genius" (1904), "The Dance of Life" (1923), and "Psychology of Sex" (1933). Read & Co. Great Essays is republishing this collection of classic essays now in a new edition complete with a specially-commissioned new biography of the author.

Virtuous Liaisons - Raja Halwani 2003

Author Raja Halwani discusses how virtue ethics illuminates the three central areas of our lives -- care, love, and sex -- which are often considered to be crucial to a well-lived life. Halwani concludes that virtue ethics allows for those sexual lifestyles that are deemed by traditional morality to be wrong -- promiscuity, open relationships, and sex work -- which boldly counters the conservative viewpoint of many virtue ethicists. This argument about the relationship between romantic love and virtue also examines the works of other philosophers.

Sex and Ethics - Raja Halawani 2007-02-15

Sex and Ethics: Essays on Sexuality, Virtue and the Good Life, edited by Raja Halwani, is an anthology that addresses a hitherto very neglected philosophical field comprising issues about virtue and virtue ethics, on the one hand, and sexuality and sex, on the other. The topics range from discussions of particular virtues and vices related to sexuality, to the role of sexuality in the ethical life, to feminism and sex and virtue, to issues surrounding virtue and adultery, promiscuity, and pornography.

[The Virtue of Sex](#) - Leah Griffin 2016-03-03

Their love is strong and there's nothing that can get between them. Except her sexual needs.

[More Essays of Love and Virtue](#) - Havelock Ellis 1931

[The virtue of sex](#) - Jose De Vinck 1970

Venus and Virtue - Jerry L. Walls 2018-01-30

Venus and Virtue are a match made in heaven. While popular culture often tends to think of Christianity as negative about sexuality and sexual pleasure, the fact is that Christians have the best of reasons to joyfully celebrate sex as a gift. Unfortunately, there is as much confusion about sex in Christian circles as there is in the culture at large. The authors of this book believe that this confusion can only be adequately addressed by drawing from the deep wells of biblical truth and traditional theology. The writers, however, are not only experts in biblical scholarship, theology, and philosophy, but also pastoral ministry, counseling, pop culture criticism, and women's issues. This book is not sexy in the typical sense of that word, but by situating sexuality within the cosmic drama of biblical revelation, the true beauty and goodness of sex most clearly emerges. And as that beauty emerges, we can begin to see why Christian morality not only makes profound sense, but also why it positively

enriches the meaning of sex in ways that far outstrip the sexy secular alternative.

Philosophy of Love, Sex, and Marriage - Raja Halwani 2010-05-26

How is love different from lust or infatuation? Do love and marriage really go together “like a horse and carriage”? Does sex have any necessary connection to either? And how important are love, sex, and marriage to a well-lived life? In this lively, lucid, and comprehensive textbook, Raja Halwani pursues the philosophical questions inherent in these three important aspects of human relationships, exploring the nature, uses, and ethics of romantic love, sexuality, and marriage. The book is structured in three parts: Love begins by examining how romantic love differs from other types of love, such as friendship and parental love. It asks which properties of love are essential, whether people have a choice in whom they love, and whether lovers have moral obligations to one another that differ from those they owe to others Sex demonstrates the difficulty in defining sex and the sexual, and examines what constitutes good and bad sex in terms of pleasure, 'naturalness', and moral permissibility. It offers theoretical and applied ethical approaches to a wide range of sexual phenomena Marriage traces the history of the institution, and describes the various forms in which marriage exists and the reasons why people marry. It also surveys accounts of why people should or should not marry, and introduces the main arguments for and against gay marriage. Features include: suggestions for further reading online eResource site with downloadable discussion questions a clear, jargon-free writing style.

Sexual Virtue - Richard W. McCarty 2015-01-08

Uses virtue ethics to offer a sexual ethics inclusive of LGBT and straight people, one that challenges the longstanding procreative patriarchal norm. Richard W. McCarty offers a compassionate and inclusive conception of sexual virtue, one that liberates Christians from traditional patriarchal requirements for heterosexuality, marriage, and procreation. Daring to depart from ongoing debates about what Aristotle or Aquinas had to say, this book sets a new course centered on virtue ethics. It employs new insights from the sciences, biblical scholarship, analyses of church traditions, and revisionist natural law thinking. Eschewing simple deconstruction of traditional Christian norms for sexual morality, McCarty offers constructive ideas about what might count as real human goods for people in a wide variety of sexual relationships. Recreation, relational intimacy, and selective acts of procreation are three ends of sexual virtue that promote human happiness and can be appreciated in a broad Christian framework. While primarily referencing the Roman Catholic intellectual tradition, McCarty's work is also vital and accessible to those from Protestant backgrounds. Addressed to LGBT and straight readers, *Sexual Virtue* provides a compassionate sexual ethics for our time. Richard W. McCarty is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Mercyhurst University.

Educating for Sexual Virtue - Olwyn E. Mark 2018

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is an issue surrounded by controversy and debate. This book critiques the popular moral narrative

of 'informed choice' and offers an alternative, Christian vision of a sexually and relationally educated young person.

Sexy - Jeffrey Mallinson 2017-08

We've lost the art of being sexy. Sure, we've got plenty of casual sex, porn, and sexual freedom to go around, but none of that is sexy. That stuff lacks the joy of transcendence, flirtation, dancing, or genuine intimacy. For some, the solution is louder moralizing and stricter, more legalistic thinking. But what if we reframed the conversation altogether? Instead of focusing on taboos, boundaries, and rules of sexual engagement, what if we were to let unconditional love seduce people back to erotic virtue? What if we stopped asking how close we can get to the ethical boundaries and started asking, who do we truly want to be and, more important, who do we want to be toward those we love?

On Life and Sex - Havelock Ellis 2013-09-17

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Sex and Virtue - John S. Grabowski 2012-08-07

“Grabowski offers a compelling rationale for the virtue of chastity that takes into account the sensibilities and challenges of the contemporary world” (Raymond Dennehy, Professor Emeritus, University of San Francisco). “A welcome addition to an often contentious literature,” *Sex and Virtue* provides a theological foundation for consideration of the moral dimensions of human sexuality from a Roman Catholic perspective (Catholic Books Review). In the hope of contributing to the ongoing renewal of moral theology sparked by the Second Vatican Council, John S. Grabowski discusses the systemic application of biblical and virtue-based categories on the topic of sexuality. A number of issues are examined including: the historical setting regarding attitudes and practices concerning sexuality; key biblical, historical, and contemporary resources for articulating a virtue-based approach to sexual ethics; current issues with which such an approach must wrestle; and some description of how to foster growth in moral virtue, particularly chastity. Ultimately, *Sex and Virtue* offers a compelling vision of human sexuality in the light of Christian faith that can provide a viable alternative to dominant cultural ideologies that trivialize sex and concrete practices that can enable growth in moral freedom. “Sex and Virtue is a splendid result of Grabowski's response to the call of Vatican II to find scriptural support for Catholic moral teaching. The ecumenical potential of this book is tremendous; Christians can only marvel at the resources in scripture for establishing sexual morality—a morality that puts sexuality in service of love, life, and salvation.” —Janet E. Smith, former professor of moral theology, Sacred Heart Major Seminary of Detroit

The Character and Conduct of the Female Sex - James Fordyce 1776

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