



## **The Future of Sex: A Wisdom for Now**

Genesis 1:26-31; Matthew 19:1-7

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### **Genesis 1:26-31**

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea

and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

“Sex Robots Could Save Your Relationship: And more good news on the future of love”

- Beyond Monogamy
- Beyond Binary Gender
- Beyond Humans
- Beyond Romance

- 1.** Sex has been disconnected from child bearing & family.
- 2.** Sex has been disconnected from marriage.
- 3.** Sex has been disconnected from love, emotion, relational commitment, & even humans!

“How Hookup Culture is leaving a Generation Unhappy, Sexually Unfulfilled, and Confused about Intimacy.”

- Donna Freitas, *The End of Sex*

“Sexuality lies at the center of the spiritual life. A healthy sexuality is the single most powerful vehicle there is to lead us to selflessness and joy, just as unhealthy sexuality helps constellate selfishness and unhappiness and does nothing else. We will be happy in this life, depending upon whether or not we have a healthy sexuality. One of the fundamental tasks of spirituality, therefore, is to help us to understand and channel our sexuality correctly. This, however, is no easy task. Sexuality is such a powerful fire that it is not always easy to channel it in life-giving ways. Its very power, and it is the most powerful force on the planet, makes it a force not just for formidable love, life, and blessing but also for the worst hate, death, and destruction imaginable. Sex is responsible for most of the ecstasies that occur on the planet, but it is also responsible for lots of murders, and suicides. It is the most powerful of fires, the best of all fires, the most dangerous of all fires, and the fire which, ultimately, lies at the base of everything, including the spiritual life.

- Ronald Rolheiser, *The Holy Longing*

**Sexuality:** Can be described as the deep desire and longing that drives us beyond ourselves in an attempt to connect with, to understand, that which is other than ourselves. Essentially, it is a longing to know and be known by other people (on physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual levels).

**Spirituality:** Can be described as a vast longing that drives us beyond ourselves in an attempt to connect with, to probe, and to understand our world. Beyond that, it is the inner compulsion to connect with the Eternal Other that is God. Essentially, it is a longing to know and be known by God (on physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual levels).

- Debra Hirsh, *Redeeming Sex*

### **Matthew 19:1-7**

When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?” “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

- The word sex has a Latin root that literally means “*to cut off, to sever, to amputate, to disconnect from the whole.*” To be “sexed,” therefore, literally means to be cut off, to be severed from, to be amputated from the whole.
- It’s important that we know the difference between having sex and having a sexuality.

- Sex is the energy inside of us that works incessantly against our being alone.

### **Matthew 22:29-30**

Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.