



Evolution of the Libertine; Soul Harmony Precedes Body Harmony; Thieme's "The Perfect Design": the Physiology of Right Man-Right Woman, Jer 31:22

- (25) The trend today is for young people to readily engage in sexual behaviors that satisfy each others passions and desires. In effect they have become libertines. The development of this word needs to be defined.

Morris, William and Mary Morris. *Morris Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins*. (New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1977), 344-45:

Libertine, now defined as "a dissolute, licentious and immoral man," once had a more honorable meaning. In the days of the Romans, *libertus* (from which the word is derived) meant "a freeman, a man who had been freed from actual slavery." In the sixteenth century there flourished in France, the Netherlands and elsewhere a freethinking sect known as the *Libertines*, who asserted that God was the only being, that the whole universe is God and that, ergo, man cannot sin. Theory was followed by practice, no distinction was made between good and evil by the *Libertines*—and eventually the word became a generic term for one who considered himself free from all control, including moral codes.

- (26) In other words, a Progressive. The evolving definition of the word is best developed by:

The Oxford English Dictionary, s.v.:

Libertine. **A. 1. Roman antiquities.** A freedman; one manumitted from slavery. **2. a.** The name given to certain antinomian sects of the early sixteenth century, which arose in France and elsewhere on the continent. **b.** Later, in wider sense: One who holds free or loose opinions about religion; a free thinker. **c. Transferred sense.** One who follows his own inclinations or goes his own way; one who is not restricted or confined. **3.** A man who is not restrained by moral law, especially in his relationships with the female sex; one who leads a dissolute, licentious life. **B. 2.** Acknowledging no law in religion or morals; free-thinking; antinomian. **3.** Free or unrestrained in constitution, habit, conduct or language. **4.** Characterized by habitual disregard of moral law, especially with regard to the relation of the sexes; licentious, dissolute; characteristic of or resembling a libertine.

- (27) The downward trend of this word's definition coincides with the downward trend of those who engage in a libertine habit of mind as is demonstrated by Paul in Romans 1:18-32.
- (28) The oft used excuse justifying libertinism's stress on sex education is that young people are going to engage in premarital sex and they need to be protected from its dangers such as pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases and instructed in the mechanics of how to carry out the congress with a condom.
- (29) Absent from this alleged "education" is emphasis on soul compatibility and rapport and the serious and often permanent damage premarital sex does to the participants' souls.
- (30) Further there is the damage it does to the body. God has prepared a right opposite number for virtually every person and this "rightness" applies both to the body and well as the soul.
- (31) God has designed a physically perfect woman to physically fit her right man. To engage haphazardly in libertine sex will damage this physical harmony and destroy the ultimate happiness that God intended for the right man-right woman relationship.



- (32) This is a sensitive subject but it is required in order to effectively communicate this doctrinal principle. We have established how soul rapport is imperative to the harmony of the marriage relationship. It is also important to understand that there is physical harmony as well.
- (33) The divine institution of marriage is perfect and therefore the people involved are perfectly suited for each other in both soul and body. Knowing this gives young people the proper biblical rationale to abstain from sex until marriage.
- (34) In order to make sure you get this I am going to quote directly from the Colonel's writings on the subject:

Thieme, R. B., Jr. "The Perfect Design." In *Right Man~Right Woman*. Rev. ed. (Houston: Berachah Tapes and Publications, 1973), 16-20:

The Perfect Design. Even the woman's body was designed differently from that of the man. Her anatomy is covered with erogenous zones. She was designed to respond to and be fulfilled by her right man and at the same time to fulfill him. There are certain ways in which the anatomy and physiology of one woman is designed to respond to only one man. Although it is first of all soulish, it overflows into the body. Her response to the right man is intensive—it is physical—it is sexual—and it is glorious! (pp. 16-17)

On the other hand, when the right man becomes involved with the wrong woman, he is miserable until the day he dies. All the females in the world—the most glamorous, the most beautiful, will never cut it. Without your right woman, you are an unfulfilled man. There is only one woman who has a soul and a body designed just for you, and that one woman is your half. Without her you are nothing, and with some other woman you are miserable! If you have the wrong woman, you are a mess. When a man has sex with anyone but his right woman, he is giving away his glory to others; he is depriving his right woman of that response of glory.

The wrong woman will be cruel; she can't help being cruel. You weren't designed to be with her. Everything you do in life is going to be neutralized by having the wrong woman, and it will be a cause of mourning until the day you die. Whether it is two who do not belong to each other or two who have been unfaithful to each other—either way it goes—they will never get away from the sadness and the sorrow. It can't be drowned out or sublimated away. There's no way you can change it. There's one right man for one right woman. No one else will do!

The Jews of Judah illustrate this principle perfectly. (p. 17)

Jeremiah 31:22 - [KJV] How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

Jeremiah 31:22 - [NASB] "How long will you go here and there, O faithless daughter? For the Lord has created a new thing in the earth—A woman will encompass a man."

This verse is a warning to the Jews against apostasy. The backsliding daughter is Judah pictured as a woman. An analogy is set up between the Jews and their relationship with the Lord, and the right woman's relationship to the right man. The Jews were to have one Lord. This is why their idolatry got them into so much trouble. Idolatry is often illustrated in the Bible by fornication. Their backsliding and apostasy resulted from negative volition toward doctrine, scar tissue on the soul and finally idolatry.



To awaken them to their apostasy and to remind them that there is only one Right Man (the Lord) for them, the passage goes on to say: “the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth” The Lord is Jesus Christ, who is the Creator (Colossians 1:16). Although He created man to resolve the Angelic Conflict, He did not leave man alone. At the time of original creation, He added a doctrine—the right woman for the right man. Neither polygamy nor harems were a part of God’s direct will! Therefore, “the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man” (Jeremiah 31:22). The true connotation of this passage has been hidden in the English; but in the Hebrew it is a revolutionary statement. When the Lord Jesus Christ built the woman, what did He do next? He led the woman over to the man—and the woman encompassed the man! (p. 18)

“Woman” in this passage is not “Ishah,” which emphasized the whole woman. Instead, the Scripture uses “*neqevah*” [נִקְוָה] here, which is the Hebrew word for female and emphasizes her physiology. The woman’s body is different from the man’s body. The next word, “*tesovev*” [תְּסֹבֵב], is the piel imperfect of the word “*savav*” [סָבַב], translated here “to surround or to encompass,” and actually means “to embrace or to fit.” A woman shall fit a man. Her body is different from the male because she is designed to respond to the man. She is designed like a lock. Did you ever get the wrong key in a lock and jam the whole apparatus? That could be the story of your married life for the next fifty years if you get the wrong man or the wrong woman! (p. 18-19)

There is only one man who is designed for a specific woman. Your life may be characterized by “operation skeleton key,” but it won’t work! Promiscuity destroys the whole concept of sex. A lot of you think, “So what, if I have a little fun now!” Are you ever mistaken! You are so far out of line in your thinking that you are going to make hash out of your life.