

Message Notes

It's Just Sex! ~ The American Lie

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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Revisit the lies of the boombox

Gospel Application - *"We live in Corinth. Will you let the truth turn down the boombox?"*

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Two cities have been formed by two loves: the earthly by the love of self; the heavenly by the love of God.

~ Saint Augustine





HOLY SEX

A (very short!) history of sex in America



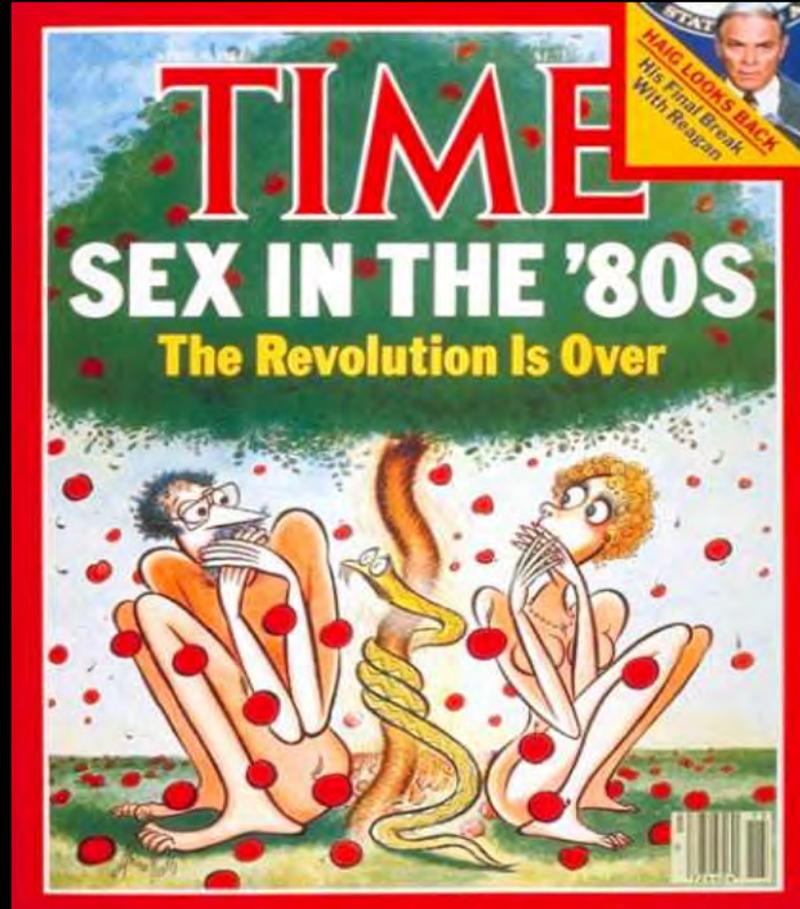
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“Or take it another way. You can get a large audience together for a striptease act--that is, to watch a girl undress on the stage. Now suppose you come to a country where you could fill a theatre by simply bringing a covered plate on to the stage and then slowly lifting the cover so as to let every one see, just before the lights

went out, that it contained a mutton chop or a bit of bacon, would you not think that in that country something had gone wrong with the appetite for food? And would not anyone who had grown up in a different world think there was something equally queer about the state of the sex instinct among us? ”

~ C. S. Lewis, from Mere Christianity (1952)

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“One strong message is that sexual fulfillment is the key to being happy. Both boys and girls are considered weird in our culture if they are still virgins at age eighteen. So it should be no surprise that over 70 percent of young men and women have had intercourse before that age. The message is: “You can't possibly be a fulfilled human being if you are not having sex in a way that excites you – and having it often.”

~ Stephen Hayner, Past President of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (*Discipleship Journal*: July/Aug 1991)

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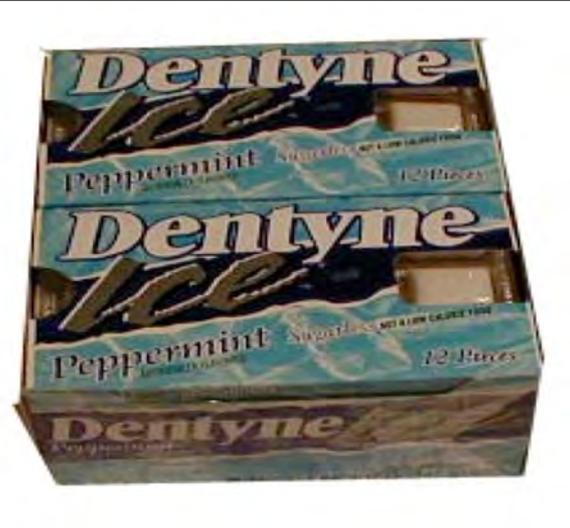
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*“sex sells and the
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~ Scott Stapp
From the song, “Signs”



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American Journal of Sexuality Education

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Study of 500 adults

- 85% would talk to their doctor about a sex problem
- **71% felt their physician would dismiss their concerns**
- 68% felt their physician would be uncomfortable talking about sex
- 9% were asked about their sexual health during routine visits

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The historical situation in the church of Corinth



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Worst Sin? No, but most counterfeit!

“The immoral person perverts precisely that faculty within himself that is meant to be the instrument of the most intimate bodily communication between persons. He sins against his unique power of bodily communication and in this sense sins in a particular way ‘against his own body.’ All other sins are in this respect by comparison ‘outside’ the body – with ‘body’ having in this verse the strong sexual overtones that appear to cling to it throughout the passage as a whole. No other sin engages one’s power of bodily personal communication in precisely so intimate a way.”

~ Brendan Byrne, *Sinning Against One’s Own Body: Paul’s Understanding of the Sexual Relationship in 1 Corinthians 6:18*, “CBQ 45 (1983): 613

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