

# Sex and the Sacred City

Teaching Christians how to  
Discuss Sex with non-Christians

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To the Editor/Producer,

Our culture has, over the last several decades, rapidly divorced itself from the proper uses of sexuality. As human sexual activity became divorced from its proper role as a way of imaging the inner life of God, the proper use of that sexuality became increasingly difficult. Contraception led to abortion, pornography, and soaring divorce rates. As the culture lost its grip on the beautiful interaction between divinity and humanity which is revealed in human sex, various people - all trying to make sense of sex without context - drove us deeper into ignorance. Margaret Sanger, Alfred Kinsey, Helen Gurley Brown and others were prominent in promoting this level of ignorance.

For each of these individuals, and others like them, their unique misunderstandings of God and sex drove them more and more completely down a dark road. Where they led, others followed.

At this point, the vast majority of people have devolved into a level of confusion concerning their own sexuality which is as profound as it is tragic. In November, Hollywood will release a movie that blindly attempts to come to grips with the havoc wrought by one of these individuals, Alfred Kinsey. Although Kinsey had demonstrably serious problems in his own sexual life, the film glosses over or omits these facts.

Instead of highlighting Kinsey's confusion, it attempts to pretend the reverse. In order to understand why both Kinsey and his biographical movie is wrong, we must come to understand human sexuality in its proper context. For more information, or to schedule an interview to discuss properly contextualized human sexuality, feel free to contact the College of Athanasius.

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## Christians Must Dialogue on Human Sexuality

(Peoria, IL - November 12, 2004) - A Christian organization says that recent media events show how poorly the Gospel is being proclaimed: books like *The Da Vinci Code* and the new Kinsey movie demonstrate basic ignorance about the Christian message on sex. The newest movie from Hollywood on the subject, *Kinsey: Let's Talk About Sex*, merely emphasizes how badly Christians have fallen down on the job.

“Christians know that people like Alfred Kinsey and Margaret Sanger were at least very problematic, even if they don’t appreciate how violently they opposed the message of Christ,” remarks Steve Kellmeyer, one of the founders of the College of Athanasius. “The problem lies precisely in the fact that most Christians are unable to discuss human sexuality in terms that appeal to the pagan mentality espoused by Sanger, Kinsey and others. We *must* begin to speak about human sexuality to the rest of mankind as God intends us to live it, in all its beauty, in all its holiness.”

“For the last several generations, too many adults have lost contact with Christian teaching,” says Kellmeyer, “they think of sex as dirty, evil, a function of the body that God puts up with. In fact, it is an absolutely unique and powerful way for us to glorify God. Even the angels can’t participate in God’s life-giving love the way we do.”

Those associated with the College of Athanasius point out that books and movies will continue to portray distorted pagan understandings of God and sex because there is no one to correct them. The truth is that Christians need to understand how to deal with this issue because it won’t go away until Christians begin to deal with it.

Steve Kellmeyer and other cultural commentators are available for interviews on the movie and related topics at 309-685-4085 or by email at info@athanasiuscollege.org

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# The Theology of the Body

## Meditating on Human Sexuality

A clear, concise resource guide on the Theology of the Body, *Sex and the Sacred City*, can be obtained from Bridegroom Press. The College of Athanasius is also offering a six-week on-line course to help Christians learn how to discuss Christian sexuality.

**On-line Course:** College of Athanasius, starting January 10, 2005

**Book Title:** *Sex and the Sacred City*

**Author:** Steve Kellmeyer

**Publisher:** Bridegroom Press

**Retail Price:** \$9.95

**ISBN:** 0-9718128-1-0

**Overview:** Chapter 1: Trinity and the Interpenetration of Persons  
Chapter 2: Creation and the Five Marriages  
Chapter 3: The Fall and the Great Divorce  
Chapter 4: The Arrival of the Bridegroom  
Chapter 5: The Bridegroom's Medicine  
Chapter 6: How Sex Images God's Inner Life  
Chapter 7: Two Ways to be Healed  
Chapter 8: Living God's Life Each Day  
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## The College of Athanasius

Founded by a group of orthodox Catholic teaching professionals from across the nation, the College of Athanasius designs its on-line courses to high standards. The intention: to bring the finest Christian instruction possible to the person who needs it most - the average man in the street.

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- 1) What is the Theology of the Body and where does it come from?
- 2) What is the interpenetration of Persons within the Trinity?
- 3) What does this aspect of the Trinity mean to us?
- 4) What are the five marriages brought into existence at Creation?
- 5) Why is it important to make these kinds of distinctions?
- 6) What harms these marriages, and what are the implications?
- 7) What is Jesus' most important title, and why is it so important?
- 8) How does this understanding of God affect us today?
- 9) What implications does this have for Christian marriage?
- 10) What implications does this have for Christian families?
- 11) How can this understanding transform society?

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