

LEVITICUS AND US: HOW THE BIBLE IS A HEALTH DANGER

In the Book of Leviticus, God gives all sorts of instructions about whom they should kill. Much of this slaughter is commanded because of sexual acts. In the Book of Leviticus, God tells them to stone to death a woman and a man who have sex when they are not married, as well as a husband who has sex with his wife when she is in her menstrual period, for a man who has sex with a mother and her daughter, for a man or woman who has sex with an animal, or for a man who has sex with another man. Interestingly, there is no condemnation in Leviticus for a woman having sex with another woman. Later, God kills another man, Onan, because he masturbated.

Why all this emphasis on killing people because of sex? Most other religions of the earth do not see sex as having anything at all to do with sin. I would suggest that it all goes back to the story of Adam and Eve, where God commanded them to “be fruitful and multiply.” That is THE big theme of the Hebrew Bible. When God made his covenant with Abraham, the deal was that Abraham and his descendents would worship this god and no other gods, and in exchange God promised that he would make Abraham’s descendents “As numerous as the stars in the sky.” So the whole focus is to increase your population. Why? Because you need big numbers to expand and take over the lands of other peoples. So, you better not do other kinds of sex, and not even have sex with your own wife when she is in her menstrual period, because that does not lead to reproduction. And that is why masturbation is so evil, because it is not reproductive. When God killed Onan, he said it was because Onan had “wasted his seed.” The Hebrews saw sperm as seed, and the worse thing for an agricultural people is to waste your seed. If you waste your seed you are literally endangering your future survival.

The ancient Hebrews had no conception that the male body produces literally millions upon millions of sperm. Even in an act of heterosexual intercourse, all but one of those thousands of little sperms that are swimming their little guts out to get to that single egg, are going to die along the way. I guess it is sort of sad, if you really want an excuse for a good cry, then let’s all mourn for those poor sperm. People get so upset about an aborted fetus, but nobody gets upset about all the dead sperms of the world. I think we ought to have sperm rescue missions. Think of all those cute little sperms, they never hurt a soul. Don’t they deserve a chance at life? So, I think we ought to start a campaign “an egg for every sperm.”

But there is a little bit of a problem. Every male produces over a billion sperm in his lifetime. So if each sperm is given an egg, then according to my calculations in about four years the population of the earth would be about 587 billion people. You think it is bad to have to stand in line to go to the bathroom at a Lakers Game now . Just imagine.

The point is, I am so sorry to be the bearer of such bad news, but there is absolutely no way that we can avoid wasting seed. Now, if YOU want to give yourself an ulcer over this issue then think about this additional problem. According to the Catholic Church, which teaches that “the ONLY purpose of sex is reproduction” and that masturbation is a mortal sin, then let’s say that they are successful in getting every one of the over three billion males on earth to stop masturbating, and every one of the 300 million homosexual males on earth to become asexual, and every one of the two billion 700 million heterosexual males on earth to only have an orgasm with a female once a month when she is producing an egg. Boy, now that is a perscription for a happy society.

But wait, there’s still another problem. What about those men whose wives have passed menopause? Obviously, if the ONLY purpose of sex is reproduction, then all those men must stop having sex with their wife and only have an orgasm with a younger female who is of egg-producing age. That’s a REALLY good idea.

Now, as you certainly understand, all of this is very silly. But it is more than that. Such a scenario would be mortally dangerous to every male on the planet. Because there is a little medical fact that was not understood by the writers of the Bible. Several recent medical studies of elderly men have found that those who had orgasms at least twice a week when they were in their teens and twenties, have significantly better health when they are old. They have many fewer heart attacks and strokes, and much lower rates of cancer, than elderly men who did not have regular orgasms. Why is that? Think about it. If a teenage boy does not regularly get rid of all that sperm through ejaculation, all those millions of sperm stay inside the testicles and die. Then they coagulate. Eventually all that mass of dead sperms metamorphose into cancerous cells. If sperm is not regularly removed from the testicles via ejaculation, it is a threat to your health.

Don’t say you didn’t learn anything of value in this class. So in all frankness, you guys, it really is to your long term best interest to make sure you get rid of all that excess sperm. Here is a surefire way to make your

date feel guilty on Saturday night, "Come on, baby, think of my old age."

How many of you have heard of these medical studies? When I was a teenager they told us that masturbation would make you go blind. The reality is the exact opposite. According to my last eye checkup, my doctor said that I have pretty good vision for my age. Now, I know you're saying to yourself, "Yeah, Professor Williams, but look you ARE wearing glasses." To which I respond, "Well, life is a tradeoff."

Now, how many of you think you want to be parents in the future? As this medical knowledge becomes more commonly known, I will bet by the time your kids reach puberty parents will be nagging at their sons, "Now, Johnny, did you masturbate three times this week?" "Oh, Mom, do I hafta, you know it makes my hand tired." "Well, Johnny, you know it is for your own good." "Yeah, Mom, I know. But please just don't ask me that in front of my friends, OK."