

Appendix E: Sex and the Fall of Man

A lot of people wonder why the fall of man was sexual. While I do not have an answer from the DP, I do have an opinion formed from prayer, meditation, and thought.

Sex serves three primary roles

1. Procreate
2. Totally selfless love
3. Merging two into one

Procreate:

This is the most obvious and least applicable reason for sex. Sex is the act that allows us to have offspring. This in and of itself does not cause the fall, but is the root of lineage that allows the fall to propagate. We learn a lot of who we are from our parents, our Primary Group; we learn how to act towards others and how to view ourselves. Simple as that.

Totally selfless love:

The second most important reason is because sex is the absolute manifestation of selfless love. Sex, or better yet 'Making Love', is a totally selfless act. It is when one partner gives everything for the pleasure of the other partner, when they have sex in order to bring their partner the greatest pleasure possible. Fallen sex is the opposite, when a person enters into a sexual relationship in order for them to feel good.

In this way it is a perversion of a beautiful thing into something disgusting. There is no truer example of fallen culture than fallen sex. It is the epitome of selfishness, to use of another persons most sacred part for your own personal pleasure with no regards to their needs or feelings.

The fall of man was not just a sexual act, but rather a paradigm shift. An about face (180 degree move) from a selfless culture to a selfish culture, and sex was the culmination of this shifted mindset.

Love is given to those who give it first, a reciprocal relationship. This is why in the 'ideal world' living for the sake of others gives us the greatest joy, by serving other people we receive the love and admiration of those we serve. They give us what we need to fulfill our spiritual needs, they give us value, respect, understanding, and love.

A fallen culture robs of us of these things. By only living for ourselves we reap the things that are opposite to our needs. People come to fear and hate us, they dislike us because we do not care for them. We manipulate and use another in order to feel good, this leads others to feel misused and unvalued, and while they fulfill our needs for a short time, in the long run we become unsatisfied and lonely because they cannot love us back because of how we treated them.

There is no greater example of this short term gain by abuse and manipulation than fallen sex. It is the thesis of a fallen culture, and the culmination of a life lived with a 'me first' mentality.

Merging two into one:

The most important reason as to why the fall of man involves sex is because sex is the mechanical way in which two beings become one.

In a purely physical sense the act of sex is the merging of two bodies. Physically speaking two become

one. This external relationship is a reflection of the internal goings on of sex, metaphysically sex is the way in which two souls become one.

When someone has sex they imbue a part of who they are into the other person. In the climax of a sexual relationship it is as if two essences for a small fragment of time merge, and then separate. This coupling leaves a residue, a part of each person sticks to the other and from that point on that piece of the persons essence is part of the other. That is to say a piece of your heart belongs to the person you just had sex with, and that piece will always belong to them.

This is why a first love is so powerful, and why people never forget their first time. The act of intimacy is the way in which we give a piece of ourselves to another. From that point forward that intimate action defines a part of who we are, and changes us in some way (becomes a memory that affects our actions in the future.)

This is also why love can be such a dangerous and painful thing. When we give a piece of ourselves to another, and they trash it, it hurts. We close ourselves off to the pain, but it leaves us feeling unwanted and unvalued. In sense we could say it leaves as scar. The more this is done, the more damaged we become, and the more pain and scars we carry around.

When we enter into relationships with these scars, we bring these burdens into these relationships. We cause pain to our partners, and pain to ourselves because we cannot trust our partners to not hurt us like our previous partners had.

More importantly, those pieces we gave to those other partners we can no longer give to our current partner. That is to say, if we have been intimate before marriage, we cannot give our spouse the pleasure of being our first love. That piece of us has already been given to another, and we will never get it back; and since we do not have it we will never be able to give that part of ourselves to our spouse.

This keeps us from being able to give everything to our spouse, and keeps us from being able to become one. There will always be scars from our past that will get in the way, even after forgiveness, things that will forever mar the potential for a most beautiful relationship.

Conclusion:

In conclusion this is why the fall of man was manifested in sex.

Sex is the vehicle for procreation, and the way in which a fallen culture spreads itself out and propagates.

Fallen sex is the perversion of a selfless act into a selfish act, and is a complete reflection of a cultural shift from a selfless mindset to a selfish mindset.

Sex is the way in which we become one with our spouses so that we can come to truly reflect God (since God is both male and female.) The abuse of this hinders our ability to do this, and blocks us from becoming like God. This in turn blocks us from being able to find true happiness.