Uncommitted Sex

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The Pill – mid 60's – disconnected sex from the creation of children. Step-by-step this has led to sex being seen and used as a sort of social event that people enjoy – like a dinner out or a game of football. The consequences, however, of using sex in this totally new way has been ever more disastrous for marriage, children and society

This growth in uncommitted social sex has, overt he last 50 years, led to it becoming harder and harder for people to create lasting couple relationships (i.e. – uncommitted sex harms the processes that lead to true family bonding). The steps from 1960 seem to have been something like this:

Growth in uncommitted sex in the late 60's and early 70's seems to have had three main negative outcome:

- 1) Men expected it but many women especially less educated didn't take the pill leading to unwanted children that men felt no responsibility for (rise in single parenting)
- 2) Having several sexual partners and separating again and again led to the growth of attitudes that meant it was more likely that people divorced when they were married
- 3) The fact that men could get their sexual needs fulfilled WITHOUT striving to grow into a responsible young adult with qualities that might make him a good husband meant that many men could act in irresponsible ways well into their late 20's and still get sex and they still do.

These 3 negative outcomes each have their own negative outcomes: For example:

- 1) The growth in the number of children being raised by a single parent either through single parent pregnancy or through divorce led to a rise in children who themselves find it harder to build their own successful couple relationship (thus children of divorce themselves have higher divorce rates) or to a growth in the number of young adults who are frightened of entering into marriage (and thus to a growth in far less stable cohabitation). This has led to even more children being raised by a single parent.
- 2) The lack of a father figure around for many children has had profound negative consequences. Daughters without a father are more sexually active. Boys are more likely to end up in prison. The drug culture in the West grew rapidly on the foundation of feeling a lack of love from one or more parent. Daughters without a dad their to protect her are some 30 times more likely to be sexually abused by their mother's visiting boyfriend leading a growth in anti-depressants and drug abuse by women.
- 3) In certain subgroups in society, the possibility of finding a young man who is 'husband material' became harder leading to a growth in the number of women who first thought about having a child before having a husband. Of course this made it even harder for them to find a man to marry and to even more children raised by a single parent
- 4) The growth in uncommitted sex led to a massive rise in STD's and this is still growing each year. This leads to a rise in the number of women who can't have children.
- 5) the growth in the number of divorced men led to an increase in prostitution in order to fulfil their sexual needs. The growth in sexually abused girls led to more of them becoming prostitutes. The growth of this divorcee centered sex industry created a platform for the rapid growth of online pornography when the internet came along... and this in turn is having a profoundly negative affect on young adult pairbonding today. Many men are now addicted to online sex leading to even more divorce.
- 6) The growth in family breakdown and the growth of sexually abused children has led to a growth in the number of people who would call themselves gay or lesbian. In the 1980's before political correctness took over a lot of studies were done on Gay men because of the AIDS crisis. In extensive interviews, some 50% of gay men clearly stated that sexual abuse as a child was the root cause of their decision to involve themselves in same-sex sex. The growth in same-sex sexuality has led to a desire for same-sex marriages to be allowed under the law which in turn will weaken heterosexual family building even more.

7) More recently we have seen a growth in internet sites that encourage infidelity. With sex being seen as a social event – some people have less inhibitions about committing infidelity. Of course, this has it's own negative consequences – STD's, unwanted kids, destroyed marriages, etc

Put simply, extensive uncommitted sex has profoundly negative social consequences that soap-operas and Hollywood movies find it hard to acknowledge. It is probably the ROOT cause for the breakdown of marriage that we have seen over the last 50 years. We now have a situation where over 50% of children are being raised without a father – and this figure keeps rising by the year. This is incredibly expensive for society – drug abuse, increased jail numbers, single parent poverty, and much more costs states billions each year. One can talk about countries doing more to strengthen marriage through marriage education, etc. (e.g. Relationships Australia) - but if society can't find a way to reduce the rate of uncommitted sexuality – if society can't reconnect sexuality to its original purpose – that of being the place where new life is created – then a rise in unwanted kids, the ongoing immaturity of men, and increase in divorce rates are automatic consequences.