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Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

Sexual Morality

Moral – concerned with goodness or badness of character or disposition or with the distinction between right and wrong. **Morality** – science of morals, points of ethics, particular system of morals, degree of conformity to moral principles.

Sexual – of or pertaining to relations between the sexes especially with reference to mutual attraction and gratification of resulting desires.

Once again we find that we are so dishonest and deceitful that we cannot be trusted to play nicely without a code of conduct imposed and enforced by 'authority'.

The essence lies in the fact that there are several needs fulfilled by sexuality and we have extreme difficulty accepting that our needs differ, in both quality and quantity. As we have demonstrated in a multitude of ways, we have failed to develop the ability to negotiate the terms of our sexual relations on an individual basis and have allowed, nay, demanded, that others, church and state, establish the rules.

What qualifications do these others have to undertake this responsibility? Absolutely none whatsoever! It is clear that societal norms do little to induce or enhance the healthy 'gratification of resulting desires'. Indeed, like most attempts at prohibition or control, many aspects of sexuality have just been forced underground or lead to extremely unhealthy suppression, repression and denial of perfectly normal behaviours and harmless predilections. The violation of Star status in our society shows how successful this has been.

What 'desires' are we talking here? While much could be spun out of this there are only three real motives – sensual gratification, security and reproduction.

With all the major religions agreeing that, to a greater or lesser extent, carnal pleasure is a bad thing, what hope do we have of healthy sexual expression. None if we stick to those rules! The Thelemic Law "Do what thou wilt..." tempered by the implications of "Every man and every woman is a star..."

comprehensively addresses this matter. There is nothing to restrict any interaction between consenting individuals. Any such restriction is, by Thelemic definition, SIN.

Sex has become a tradable commodity. The security sought through conventional marriage has fidelity as a key ingredient. Part of the transaction involves the understanding that in exchange for a certain level of service the property in genitals is transferred to the partner. This leads directly to the ludicrous concepts of "wife-swapping" or "sharing". It is entirely contrary to Thelemic thought to allow any construct that gives automatic authority over the use of one's body to another. Certainly these things may be agreed upon by individuals, but as a universal structure it reduces both man and woman to little more than chattels. Other particularly disgusting manifestations include the 'trophy wife' and the marriage for money or power.

Reproduction is fundamental to the True Will of the species and should not be subject to any artificial influences whatsoever. It is a tragedy that our society has become so fragmented and focused on material wealth that community has all but died. In a healthy community care of the young (and old) are a joint and several responsibilities, with paternity and marital status totally inconsequential.

These are very curt statements, but when dealing with complete nonsense it seems pointless to waste words or aim for exhaustive analysis. Bottom line – one of our most fundamental functions has become wrapped up in red tape by people we don't even know or respect.

The most liberal of us are rarely achieving anything more than furtive contempt for the rules – the extremes of sex represented in society are knee-jerk reaction with little or no ideological foundation.

Then someone tries to introduce the concept of 'love' into a discussion of sex - Wrong place. Sex and love have no intrinsic relationship to one another. Love is often categorised as either Eros or Agape. This doesn't work either – Eros is love of sex with the relationship between the participants immaterial, and Agape is a deep emotional bond between individuals with or without sexual activity. We have been taught that sex without love is a bad thing. Sex without love is just sex and whether it is good or bad depends solely on the competence of the participants. Agape and Eros are both valid they are, however, different and unrelated.

As a Thelemite it is my obligation to see each thing for what it is, stripped of illusion.

There is much to suggest that Homo sapiens are one of the species that, by nature, mate for life. In an ideal mating the full gamut of our functions will be exercised – using our complementary characteristics we fulfil the needs of the other – reproduction, sexual gratification, accomplishment of survival tasks,

companionship, friendship, inspiration, security. It is absolutely consistent with our nature to want these things and there is no reason why we should not have them. It is the suggestion that these personal resources are finite and should be reserved solely for the formal partner that needs to be questioned, and which will be found to be the leading cause of disharmony. That which exists between true complements is special and sacred – it is the ultimate state we seek.

If it exists at all, it is extremely rare. Those who make headway must feel an obligation to share their joy, but even then it will only be a sharing of a recipe, or even just some of the ingredients. The unity of complements can only be enhanced by open and generous giving, it cannot be diminished, and on the way others may find the Light of Love, only by which the divided may be united.

The **Book of the Law, 1:41**, says “Refuse not thy wife, if she will!...” This is a clear statement of priority of natural law. It is right that one’s formal partner should have right of first refusal, but beyond that each individual must be free, truly free without fear of consequences, to “Do what thou wilt...”

1:41 goes on to say, “There is no bond that can unite the divided but love: all else is a curse...” This must be interpreted on two levels. First there is the union of the specific man and woman – vital to the True Will of the species and with every potential to be wonderful for the partners. Then there is the unity of humankind, Universal Love, attained through the elimination of artificial barriers, jealousies, fears and marketplace mentalities. The curse refers to our attempts to enforce varying degrees of unity by law or custom, or worse, blackmail.

We are at a significant point in the evolution of humanity. The Aeon of Osiris is falling apart around us. In spite of the general acceptance of the Dying God, we have failed to let go of the guilt associated with the sexual act, we continue to wallow in Original Sin. The Aeon of Horus isn’t going to result in all of humanity suddenly waking up one morning with an entirely new outlook on sexuality. We are not all going to suddenly become open, honest and unselfish. The dawn of the new Aeon is going to require brave souls to explore the new frontiers. We will find ourselves at odds with others, but far harder is the extent to which we find ourselves at odds with ourselves. We have generations of indoctrination to shed.

This is new territory and we cannot expect ‘someone else’ to go there for us – there will be no more sacrifices on our behalf. The apparent license suggested by Thelemic Law is not comparable to the periods of decadence of the Greeks or Romans. It is not comparable to Pagan fertility cults. It is about individual action under Will. While the directive in Liber Al is to exceed, excess is a relative term and it is not the right of one to judge another on this score. The essential point is that each individual make a decision to act in a way consistent with their own True Will, without influence from ‘unauthorised’ sources.

We aim towards a Thelemic society in which sexuality plays its proper part – the whole process and its variations becoming so ‘normal’ that it requires no

thought beyond the moment. But at present sexuality is the root of all evil – it has become perverted in a multitude of ways to lead to the viciously possessive and competitive society in which we live. This means that we must find out what 'normal' really means. We must explore all possibilities and form our own judgments. When all the nonsense is stripped away we can expect to find something quite sane and reasonable. This will not and cannot arise through intellectual endeavours – our conditioning is going to have to be shattered by force (**Liber AI, Chapter 3**).

In summary, pretty well everything we think we know about sex has been dictated by others. Only an exhaustive and systematic PRACTICAL study is going to lead to any meaningful results. It is easy to grasp these ideas intellectually, when there is little risk of having to put the understanding to the test. It is quite different to have to feel the fear and do it anyway. Of course, the fear may be quite legitimate – we may lose our partners, our families, our jobs, our social standing, and our financial security. We may lose everything we currently value. But that is only a problem if one doesn't actually believe in Thelema and our role in the dawn of the Aeon of Horus.

Sexual Morality is the primary battleground. There is no factor as insidiously destructive to the human spirit as the repressed and distorted sexuality of the passing age. As in any revolution there will be excesses that we may, in hindsight, realise were unnecessary, but with our understanding as individual Stars no-one will, in reality, be harmed – although many may feel mortally wounded.

We must remember our Oaths. Attainment is not attainment if it is held onto for personal profit. And to choose personal comfort over attainment, once the Light has been seen, is the path of the Black Brother.

- **Adamas 161**

Love is the Law. Love under Will