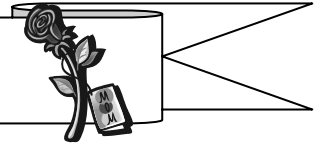




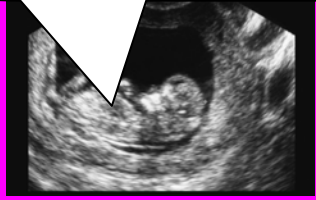
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Dear Friend,

Below is an insightful article,
“*Sex Education As Risk Management: Benedict XVI and the Lies of the Pro-Choice Movement*”

by Colin Mason

“On 17 April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI addressed a crowd of Catholic educators gathered at the Catholic University of America. After congratulating them on their efforts against a "crisis of faith" and a "crisis of truth," **he went on to tell them why American education was failing.** "(Today) we observe timidity in the face of the category of **good** and an **aimless pursuit of novelty, parading as the realization of freedom,**" the Pope said, "We witness an assumption that every experience is of equal worth and a reluctance to admit imperfection and mistakes. And particularly disturbing, is the reduction of the precious and delicate area of education in sexuality into a ‘**management of risk,**’ bereft of any reference to the beauty of conjugal love.”

While these words were primarily intended for Catholic educators across the country, they hold a special meaning for the pro-life movement. They describe, in a beautifully succinct way, what we fight against every day - a sexual culture of lies, misrepresentations and illusions that results in an

epidemic of contraception, sterilization, and abortion.

The modern pro-choice movement is the spawn of the "sexual revolution" of the 1960's, in which a few million angry college students abandoned traditional norms of decency and the marriage bond. **In its place they proposed a culture of what they termed "free love," which turned out to be a euphemism for unbridled lust; sex without responsibility or commitment.**

As the world has since seen, sex without responsibility is sex without love. The "free love" of these sexual revolutionaries turned out to be not so free at all, (and for the “hook-up generation”, not love either) but rather was **emotionally and physically destructive on a grand scale.**

The sex-education establishment denies all this. With typically modern schizophrenia, they aggressively advertise sexuality as a no-strings-attached recreational activity, while at the same time spending all of their time warning against the risks of this behavior.

The wonder and beauty of conjugal love is reduced to a series of don'ts: Don't get a sexually transmitted disease, don't get overly attached to your temporary "partner," and, above all, don't get pregnant. Having never known the wonder of committed, life-giving conjugal love, its adherents are **passing on the only knowledge of sexuality that they do know: sex as a momentarily diverting activity with an alarming collection of risks.**

Consequently, says Benedict, sex is taught as risk-management. **Never mind that these dangers, real and imagined, vanish when sexual activity is relegated to its proper place; i.e., marriage.** For the "children of the revolution," the traditional route is not an option.

Alone among his peers, Pope Benedict reminds us that sex is a beautiful act of love, not simply risky amusement.

Educators justify their program by claiming that, once children are taught the "safeguards" against sex's inherent "risks," they will be free to make "informed decisions" about when and how to engage in sexual activity. This is nonsense. How can children make informed decisions when they are deliberately left uninformed about the positive purpose and true beauty of the sexual act, as well as its rightful place as the consummation of marriage?

The "freeing" of sex from the marriage bond has instead resulted in the opposite of informed choice: a pervasive and fundamental ignorance not only of the true purpose of the sexual act, but the true meaning of conjugal love.

Sex education leads, through the treacherous sexual pragmatism of politicians and social "experts," directly to contraception, sterilization and abortion. If kids must ride their skateboards, they say, then society must mandate helmets and kneepads. In the same way, if they must experiment with sexuality, society will provide them with convenient contraception and abortion. In

other words, the "culture of death"- a term coined by Benedict's monumental predecessor, John Paul II--really began as a culture of lies.

This mentality is easily the greatest boon to the pro-abortion movement. Now that love-making has been robbed of love, the fruits turn into liabilities. **Children become symptoms, yet another disease that follows upon "risky sex." Abortion becomes the antidote, and the new generation flocks to it because they have never known anything else.**

Sex education must be replaced by education in marriage and family; love and truth must replace statistics and risks. Children beg for guidance. It is the duty of pro-life teachers (and parents) to give it to them, and explain to them why true love is never free of commitment - in the best way possible.'

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THROUGH OUR DOORS: Co-

Habitation: The girls who come through our doors are constantly saying something like, "I'm not ready for marriage; we need to see if we are compatible." Here are other reasons people give for co-habiting: **"Marriage is only a piece of paper"; "I've been hurt before and I'm afraid of a commitment"; "With so many STD's out there, it's better to stick to one person"; (that is a good argument for marriage...hmm), "It's easier on kids for us to live together rather than go through a divorce"; (what???) "It's cheaper than living apart"; "I**



need to get out of a bad home situation" and "I know people living together for years that are happy". What are we going to do? These people are so misled. The worry for us is that the women and children are so vulnerable. It is the reason for the huge population of single moms and working poor in the Phoenix area. Dr. Laura C. Schlessinger wrote in her book, *Ten Stupid Things Women Do to Mess up their Lives*, "... the ultimate female self – delusion – I'm living with him because I love him. You are not living with him because you love him. Actually, you're living with him because you hope he'll want you. You are living-in to AUDITION, hoping to get the part of bride." With the genesis of the "free love" generation, women have given themselves freely to men before marriage. Men, therefore, have been raised for one whole generation to believe they don't have to be committed or responsible. Why should they? They say: "Think of the 'field' ...if I commit to this one, what am I missing?" By nature a woman is more vulnerable, whether she likes it or not. All women need to feel secure, loved, respected, protected and provided for. A woman, therefore, does well to look for a man who will respect her personhood, honor her sexuality, protect her heart, and provide for her well-being. Men are by nature loyal. They naturally want to make a secure home for their children. He has natural instincts to provide for his family. In a married relationship, then, the woman is enabled to fulfill her role as nurturer and care giver, even if she is a second income producer.



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