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## The New Circumcisionists

How sex is Satan's playground, and what you can do about it.



### THE NEW CIRCUMCISIONISTS

In the old days, the Circumcisionists hated and therefore combated the apostle Paul's message of pure grace. The Circumcisionists said grace was not enough to save a person; one had to add law. The Circumcisionists wanted to boast in flesh. This was their bottom line. We must look behind the ritual they promoted to see what animated these ultimately selfish people: a piece of the pie for humanity to eat. In other words, the flesh wanted to boast in spiritual attainments, at the same time condemning others for not performing.

**Galatians 6:12-13.** Whoever are wanting to put on a fair face in the flesh, these are compelling you to cir-

cumcise only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ Jesus. For not even they who are circumcising are maintaining law, but they want you to be circumcised that they should be boasting in that flesh of yours.

Today, the Circumcisionists are reborn. The difference is that they are not promoting a rite performed upon the male member. It's still all about the male member, just not about snipping the end of it. Rather, it's about controlling it to whatever degree The New Circumcisionists deem appropriate.

### SEX: THE NEW CIRCUMCISION

Our culture is prejudiced against sex. Because of our religious roots, most people in this country consider sex dirty; it's a three-letter word. They won't admit to the prejudice, but their anger over perceived sexual licentiousness (in others), and their inability to speak directly upon the topic without laughing, blushing, avoiding eye contact, or nervously scratching the backs of their necks, gives them away.

Sex embarrasses them.

If a religious person of the first century wished to discredit or destroy someone, non-compliance with the premier Jewish rite became the persecution of choice. *You're not circumcised? Then you're not right with God. You're not complete. Confess your sin. Admit it to the presbyters. Step down from the ministry.* It's a different day now; obstetricians automatically snip baby boys at the hospital. If you want to destroy someone's reputation in this new and enlightened era, simply drum up an allegation having to do with sex. (Politicians are exceptionally adept at this; religious folks lurk closely behind.) It needn't be more than an allegation; facts are optional. Merely plant the idea into

someone's head of sexual impropriety, and the shadow is already cast. The western mind is so squeamish and prejudiced against s-e-x, that one is presumed guilty until proven innocent.

In the arena of sexual behavior, there must be over a thousand ways to offend God. No, not really. Actually there are only fourteen. Here they are.

### GOD'S 14 PROHIBITIONS

I introduce you to these sexual prohibitions from Moses, not to encourage licentiousness (to do what's *not* there) or bring anyone back under law, but to show you that the most stringent sexual restrictions ever to visit earth from heaven are far more liberal and sympathetic to basic human needs than those restrictions invented by a devious sect of sexually-constipated Christianity, also known as "The New Circumcisionists."

From Leviticus, chapter 20:

"Any man of the sons of Israel and of the sojourners sojourning in Israel who should give any of his seed to Moloch shall be put to death (vs. 2).

"I Myself will set My face against that man and against his family and will cut off from among their people him and all those prostituting after him, to prostitute after Moloch" (vs. 5)

"As for a man who commits adultery with another man's wife ... the adulterer and the adulteress shall be put to death, yea death" (vs. 10).

"As for a man who lies with his father's wife, he has exposed his father's nakedness. The two of them shall be put to death, yea death" (vs. 11).

"And a man who lies with his daughter-in-law, the two of them shall be put to death, yea death" (vs. 12).

"As for a man who lies with a male as if going to bed with a woman, they do an abhorrence. The two of them shall be put to death, yea death" (vs. 13).

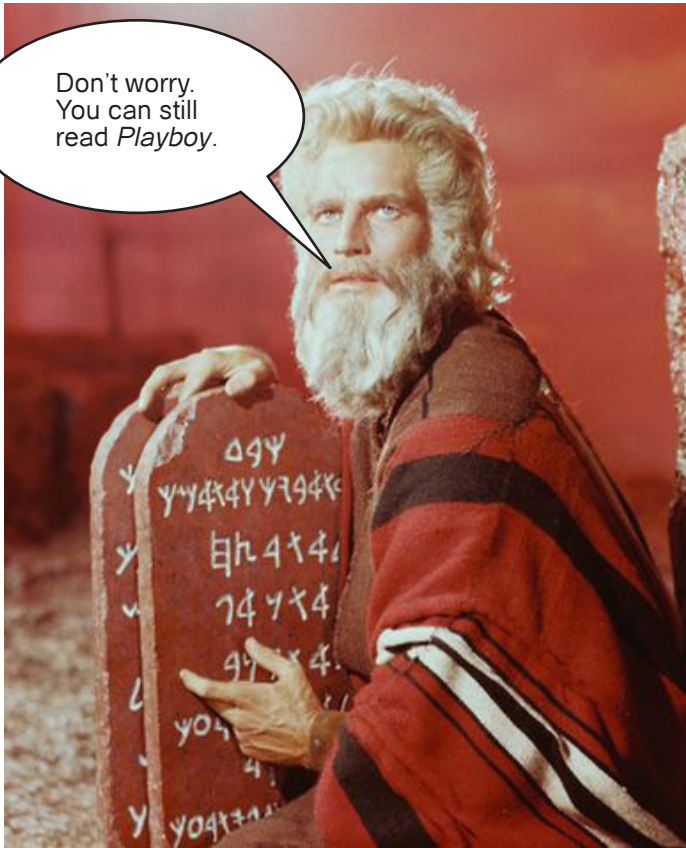
"As for a man who takes a woman and her mother, this is lewdness. With fire shall they burn him and them so that no such lewdness may come up in your midst" (vs. 14).

"As for a man who gives his emission to a beast, he shall be put to death, yea death, and the beast shall you kill" (vs. 15).

"As for a woman who approaches to any beast to copulate with it, you will kill the woman and the beast. They shall be put to death, yea death (vs. 16).

"As for a man who takes his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother, and sees her nakedness, this is a base thing, and they will be cut off before the eyes of the sons of their people (vs. 17).

"As for a man who lies with a menstruous woman and



Don't worry.  
You can still  
read *Playboy*.

exposes her nakedness, he causes her fountain to be naked, and she exposes the fountain of her bloodflows. Then the two of them will be cut off from among their people" (vs. 18).

"The nakedness of your mother's sister or your father's sister you shall not expose, for he who does so causes his kin to be naked; their depravity shall they bear (vs. 19).

"As for a man who lies with his aunt, the nakedness of his uncle he has exposed. Their sin shall they bear; heirless shall they die" (vs. 20).

"As for a man who takes the wife of his brother, this is impurity. The nakedness of his brother has he exposed; heirless shall they become" (vs. 21).

"You will observe all My statutes and all My judgments and keep them so that the land, where I am bringing you to dwell in it, shall not vomit you out" (vs. 22).

### PEOPLE YOU CAN'T HAVE SEX WITH

Leviticus, chapter 18, tells an Israelite who he can and can't have sex with. It's a pretty straightforward list; check it out for yourself. You may be surprised who is *not* on the list. If a person is not on the list, it means you can have sex with that person.

This list deals purely with the individuals involved in the sexual activity, and not with any wrongdoing committed against the individuals, addressed other places in

the law. For instance, rape was a sexual crime punishable by death (Deuteronomy 22:25). The rape law would have included sexual violation of children, as they were spoken of under Mosaic Law as, “your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil ...” (Deuteronomy 1:39). Pedophilia, then, was included under the Mosaic rape law, answering to our “statutory rape.”

### GOT A PROBLEM WITH THIS?

That's it, then. These are the only sexual sins that bother God. It is all fairly simple and straightforward. I can put it in a nutshell:

- ▶ Don't rape people, including children.
- ▶ Don't steal another man's wife.
- ▶ Don't screw your relatives.
- ▶ Don't screw horses.
- ▶ Males, do not put your penises into each other's backsides.<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ If a woman is menstruating, leave her alone.
- ▶ Don't look at your naked sister.

That's it. Anyone adding to this list has a higher standard than God, mocking His prohibitions.

### THE GREEK WORD *PORNEIA*

Many ask about the meaning of the Greek word *porneia*. This word—in spite of the root, “porn”—has nothing to do with our modern-day definition of pornography, which is, “... the depiction of erotic behavior (as in pictures or writing) intended to cause sexual excitement” (Miriam-Webster). Do you know what the Bible has to say about so-called pornography?

Nothing.

The *Concordant Literal New Testament* has consistently translated *porneia*, “prostitution.” Prostitution—as defined by Old and New Testament contexts—has nothing to do with the barter of sex for money. In the Keyword Concordance of the CLNT, “prostitution” is defined as, “unlawful intercourse between the sexes.” “Intercourse” insists upon a penis entering a vagina; “unlawful” means disallowed in the law of Moses. Nothing in Leviticus, chapter 20—or anywhere else in the Bible—disallows payment for sexual services.

Not everything listed in Leviticus, chapter 20, entails unlawful intercourse between the sexes; i.e., prostitution. Every case of a penis entering an illegal vagina (screwing your relatives, stealing another man's wife) *is* specifically prostitution,

<sup>1</sup> Most would use the term “asses” here, but being loathe to offend religious sensibilities, I am using, “backsides.” Technically and colloquially, however, they are still asses.



and is specifically what the New Testament refers to every time the word *porneia* appears. This is an important point. Every time the word *porneia* appears in the New Testament, it is referring to these prohibitions from the Old Testament. How do I know? There were never any other prohibitions. There were never any other standards. These are God's standards; these are God's prohibitions. These are God's *only* prohibitions. Anyone adding to them adds to the Word of God at his or her own peril.

For the specific cases of prostitution (again, this has to do with penises entering illegal vaginas, *not* with paying for sexual services), people were killed. For looking at naked relatives, offenders were merely “cut off” from other people. No one died for exposing a woman's menstrual blood; offenders were merely ostracized.

This passage highlights God's specificity, God *could* have said many other things, but didn't.

What immediately stands out (at least to me) is what God does not prohibit. Some people have told me, “You cannot say that just because it is not on this list, God doesn't prohibit it.”

Yes, you pretty much can.

But what does God *really* hate? It's a legitimate question. There is a specific list in the sixth chapter of Prov-

erbs detailing for us everything God hates. Judging from the wide-ranging and arbitrary sexual prohibitions people saddle one another with nowadays, one would think everything God hates (there are seven things) would all have to do with sex. After all, doesn't God hate sex and sexual lust more than anything? Let's take a look. From Proverbs 6:16-19—

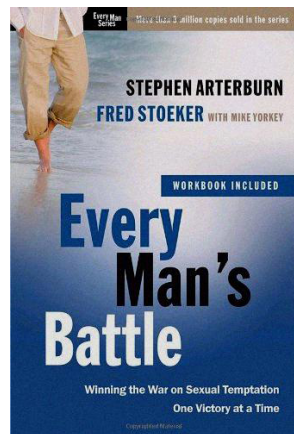
These are six things Yahweh hates,  
Even seven that are an abhorrence to His soul:  
Exalted eyes,  
A false tongue,  
And hands that shed innocent blood;  
A heart engrossed with lawless devisings,  
Feet that make haste to run to evil,  
A false witness who breathes out lies,  
And one who instigates quarrels among brothers.

There are the seven things God hates. Not a word about sex; not a word.

But He does hate people who lie about it, and who use it unlawfully to instigate quarrels among brothers.

#### A NEW LIST FROM MODERN PREACHERS

Apparently, God's list of sexual no-no's are incomplete. God is too liberal. He had no idea how sexually immoral we would become. If God could modify His list of sexual



prohibitions and the things He considers to be crimes of *porneia* (He desperately wants to), then surely He would have given that task to religious, careful, and very zealous men such as Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker, authors of the bestselling Christian book, *Every Man's Battle*.

*Every Man's Battle* is a popular Christian book explaining to men how disappointing they are to Jesus until they can cease and desist from every sexual sin. Of course, the authors themselves define what sexual sin is, taking advantage of the terrible rendering of *porneia* in the *New International Version*, namely, "sexual immorality."

#### REASON FOR WRITING

Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker have no right to turn *porneia* into a general, blasé, natural thing millions upon millions of average, healthy, God-fearing males do every day beneath the smiling gaze of He-Who-Created-

Women-Beautiful-In-The-First-Place, namely: admire the opposite sex.

I say this to liberate you. I say this to keep you from the clutches of those who would bind you with religious bonds and saddle you with guilt for enjoying the simplest yet most profound of life's pleasures.

This goes for you women, too.

I am not promoting sexual excess. Neither am I seeking Scriptural justification for my own habits; I do not pay for sexual favors; I have no sexual addictions; I capitalize upon very few of my liberties, sexual or otherwise—it is my right and privilege to eschew these. What I am doing is defending and promoting truth, as found in Scripture. I am defending and promoting freedom in Christ. I am defending and promoting grace. I am not a promoter of sin, though I will be accused of it. Fine, I'm in good company: Paul preached such amazing grace he continually fielded the following false accusation:

... and why not say, according as we are calumniated and according as some are averring that we are saying, that "We should be doing evil that good may be coming"?—whose judgment is fair." —*Romans 3:8*

I continually tell people: "Don't sin." I, myself, avoid it. The next question, then, must be: *What is sin?* More specifically: *What is sexual sin?* This is a vital investigation because of The New Circumcisionists who today seek occasion against brothers and sisters with the handiest, most prejudice-feeding weapon of persecution available: sexual accusation.

#### SATAN'S FAVORITE TOOL—EVER

Besides religion, sex is Satan's favorite persecutory tool. Satan has finely twisted God's truth, giving us religion. He has finely twisted sexual truth, giving us The New Circumcisionists. Satan works overtime to separate people from one another, especially members of Christ's body. (He works his will here in marriages, as well as in friendships.) He will work overtime guilt-tripping people into despair. In this sense, sex is Satan's premier tool. Not only can he destroy and disfellowship good people with false sexual accusations, he will make these people so terrified and distrustful of their own sexual feelings, they will be driven to religions. Why? *To fight the flesh.*

With sex, Satan kills two birds with one stone.

Now you see why I'm tackling this topic. I expose Satan's lies for a living. It took me awhile to happen onto his favorite playground. (Sex). I studied sexual topics long before realizing the value of these to the accuser of the brethren. (The Adversary.) Now that I know, I am thankful to be a leader on this front, along with Clyde Pilkington and others. We are exposing our enemy's

most diabolical distortions, at the same time liberating you from The New Circumcisionists.

“For freedom Christ frees us” (Galatians 5:1).

Does anyone care what *God* has to say about what is sexually permissible?

### THE NEW INCONSISTENT VERSION

God killed people in the most horrific manner possible for *porneia*. To God, and to Paul—who tells the modern saints in 1 Corinthians 10:8 not to “commit *porneia*” as the Israelites of Numbers, chapter 25 did, and who says in Ephesians 5:3, “But among you there must not be even a hint of *porneia* ...”—*porneia* is an easily-identifiable, specific, sin. Specifically, it entails a man putting his penis into an illegal vagina. The specific sin of *porneia*, or prostitution, has to do with penises and vaginas. And not only with penises and vaginas, but penises going *into* vaginas. And not only penises going *into* vaginas, but penises going into *illegal* vaginas, which occurs in the case of adultery, or, worse, in the worship of false deities, as occurred in Numbers, chapter 25.

Therefore, how *dare* Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker turn *porneia* into a laundry list of personal religious prohibitions with which *they* struggle? How dare they take normal male interest in things feminine (not all men

consider their prayer lives threatened when appreciating a pair of fine legs in a mini-skirt) and confuse it with cult-prostitution, whereby God ordered 1,000 men to be either nailed to posts or lowered onto sharpened stakes? (Numbers, chapter 25). How dare these two men so casually pervert the holy

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word *porneia* (it is holy in that God purified it in a furnace seven times before deciding to use it—Psalm 12:6—knowing *exactly* what He meant and what He wanted to say) and define it in the most careless manner possible to accord with their own personal whims (not every man considers beauty evil) rather than in accord with the precise meaning, as defined for us by Scriptural context, easily verified in a readily-available research tool, namely a concordance.

How dare they take, “prostitution” and so casually accept the inconsistent NIV rendering, “sexual immorality,” simply to satisfy some self-righteous craving for religious perfection, to the end that thousands of normal men (they *were* normal, that is, before reading *Every Man’s Battle*) get seduced into the same sexual bondage (yes, forbidding oneself feminine beauty is equally as binding, sexually,

as pornography addiction) that they, themselves are ensnared in? How *dare* they take this terrible, specific sin (males putting their penises into illegal vaginas), obscure it via bad translating, then use that bad translation to call millions of innocent men into a monumental battle God never meant them to fight?

God wants us men to be “sexually pure,” these authors say (pg. 48). God wants us to “aim for perfection,” they say (pg. 49). “God’s standard,” they tell us, “is that we avoid every hint of sexual immorality (*porneia*) from our lives” (pg. 42).

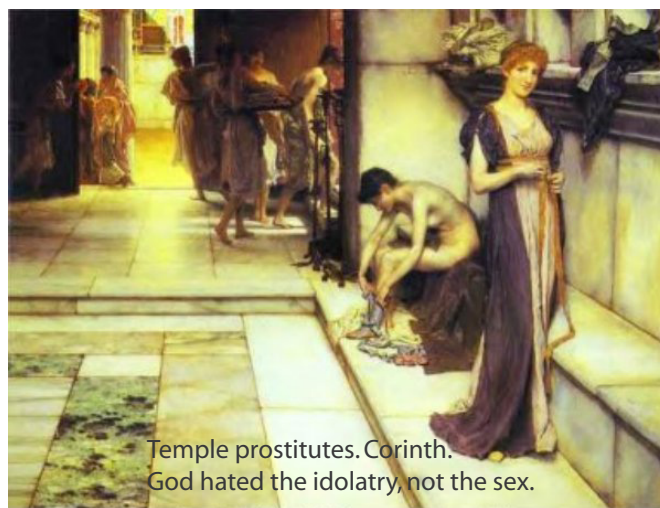
Well, gee. That doesn’t seem so hard any more.

By ignoring God’s definition of “sexual immorality,” Arterburn and Stoeker delve into their own personal religious hells, making “sexual immorality” whatever they want it to be. The result is that many well-meaning men believe everything Arterburn and Stoeker say, locking themselves up into cruel and unusual sexual prohibitions.

Before I list those things Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker have dreamed up for *porneia* (from their own laundry list of personal hang-ups), let me hammer home for you the Scriptural meaning of *porneia*.

### PORNEIA UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

The noun form of *porneia* is used in Matthew 5:32, when Jesus gives the one case in which a man can divorce his wife. The verb form, *porneuo*, means to *do* the thing. (Our Lord speaks here of adultery). This is the form Paul uses two times in 1 Corinthians, chapter 10, warning the Corinthians not to “commit prostitution” (*Concordant Literal New Testament*), which involved men putting their penises inside the vaginas of cult (that is, temple) prostitutes.



Temple prostitutes. Corinth.  
God hated the idolatry, not the sex.

Now we turn to the third Scriptural form of the word, describing *the person* who engages in *porneia*. This form of the word, *porne*, is translated “prostitute” 11 times in the *Concordant Literal New Testament*. The only variation



**She wants you to just stop being immoral—as she defines it—and learn your English lesson.**

from this consistency is the rendering of  *pornos* as “par-amour” 10 times in the CLNT, to define a male prostitute.

A law of language dictates that the various forms of a word cannot mean more or less than the root form. Consider, for instance, “day,” and “daily.” “Day” is the noun, “daily” the adjective. The adjective, “daily,” cannot mean something different than its noun, “day.” That is, if “day” means “day,” then “daily” has to do with a day. “Daily” cannot suddenly mean “hourly.”

As inconsistent as the NIV is with  *porneia* , it cannot help but translate  *porne*  “prostitute” in 1 Corinthians 6:15—which is the correct rendering. Remarkably, however, from verses 16-20, where the verb form of the word ( *porneia* ) appears, the NIV reverts to the vague and meaningless “sexual immorality” (verse 18), then unaccountably translates it yet another way, “sins sexually,” also in verse 18.

I quote this entire passage because from this we can easily see, not only the inconsistency of the NIV (an inconsistency fueling and wrongly justifying Arterburn’s and Stoeker’s sex crusade), but Paul’s allusions to the spiritual

prostitution associated with men putting their penises into the vaginas of cult-prostitutes, leading 24,000 people away from the true God.

Here is that passage from the  *New International Version* . I have highlighted all forms of the Greek word  *porneia* :

**15** Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute ( *porne* )? Never!

**16** Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute ( *porne* ), becomes one flesh?

**17** But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with Him in spirit.

**18** Flee sexual immorality ( *porneia* ). All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually ( *porneia* ) sins against his own body.

**19** Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

**20** you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

The NIV was forced to make the first two occurrences of  *porne*  “prostitute,” because a “sexually immoral” person did not fit the context. After all, when a man “unites himself” with a person who is merely “sexually immoral” (in some vague, undefined way), does he become “one flesh” with her? No. There must be sexual penetration. The NIV is right here. But why do the NIV translators suddenly become interpreters and stop consistently translating the same word ( *porne* ), though now in its verb form ( *porneia* )?

In other words, why do they make  *porne*  “prostitute,” but make  *porneia* , “sexual immorality?” If  *porne*  is “prostitute,” then  *porneia*  cannot rightfully be anything but “prostitution.” This accords with the laws of language (i.e. “day,” and “daily”). Is there a version of Scripture that translates in accord with the laws of language? Yes.

Here is the same passage from the  *Concordant Literal New Testament* :

**15** Are you not aware that your bodies are members of Christ? Taking, then, the members of Christ away, should I be making them members of a prostitute ( *porne* )? May it not be coming to that!

**16** Or are you not aware that he who joins a prostitute ( *porne* ) is one body? For, He is averring, the two will be one flesh.

**17** Now he who joins the Lord is one spirit.

**18** Flee from prostitution ( *porneia* ). The penalty of every sin, whatsoever a man should be doing, is outside of the body, yet he who is committing prostitution ( *porneia* ) is sinning against his own body.

**19** Or are you not aware that your body is a temple of the holy spirit in you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?

**20** For you are bought with a price. By all means glorify God in your body.

What is so hard about translating consistently?

What would be the reason for *not* translating consistently? An agenda, perhaps?

Here is a comparison of the NIV and the *Concordant Literal New Testament*. Notice the inconsistency in the NIV, and the beauty (and common sense) of consistency in the CLNT:

#### VERSE 15

**NIV:** “... unite them with a prostitute (*porne*)”

**CLNT:** “... making them members of a prostitute (*porne*)”

#### VERSE 16

**NIV:** “... unites himself with a prostitute (*porne*)”

**CLNT:** “...joins a prostitute (*porne*)”

#### VERSE 18

**NIV:** “Flee sexual immorality (*porneia*).”

**CLNT:** “Flee from prostitution (*porneia*).”

#### VERSE 18

**NIV:** “He who sins sexually (*porneia*) sins against his own body.”

**CLNT:** “He who is committing prostitution (*porneia*) is sinning against his own body.

The reference to “your body is a temple” in verse 19, should not be lost on anyone. Paul is comparing Christ dwelling in us to the practice of the cult-prostitutes that drew men into the worship of false gods.

Paul says, “he who joins” a prostitute “is one body” with the prostitute. The “joining” here is literal, that is, it’s the sexual union between a male and a female that has the penis of the man entering the vagina of the woman. This is what makes a man and a woman one flesh; it doesn’t happen when they hold hands, it doesn’t happen when they kiss, and it doesn’t happen when they sexually fantasize about one another, or sit on the couch watching R-rated videos, or look at erotic photographs of one another. We are clearly talking about intercourse.

Why are we talking about intercourse? Because the comparison is, “he who joins the Lord is one spirit.” Even Arterburn and Stoeker would admit that “joining the Lord” is more than just reading about Him, or using His name, or going to church. It is an intimate relationship. And yet, while admitting to this, they make *porneia* to be things as innocent as looking at bra ads in the newspaper

and watching “sexy,” R-rated videos.

“He who is committing *porneia* is sinning against his own body.” How can a man looking at bra ads in the newspaper be sinning against his body? This is a matter of flesh penetrating flesh, not eyeballs gazing upon paper, or upon a woman running down the sidewalk in Spandex.

“The penalty of every sin, whatsoever a man should be doing is outside of the body.” Looking at a bra ad is “outside of the body,” and so is watching a woman run. It is all outside the body. Prostitution, however, *is* a sin that involves *the coming together of two bodies*. Thus, prostitution, according to Paul’s context, is *inside the body*.

The Concordant Literal New Testament is not the only version translating *porneia* and its various forms consistently. *Young’s Literal Translation* also gets it right:

**15** Have ye not known that your bodies are members of Christ? Having taken, then, the members of the Christ, shall I make them members of **an harlot**? Let in not be!

**16** Have ye not known that he who is joined to **the harlot** is one body? “For they shall be—saith He—the two for one flesh.”

**17** And he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit;

**18** flee the **whoredom**; every sin—whatever a man may commit—is without the body, and he who is **committing whoredom**, against his own body doth sin.

Here are our three translations under consideration—from worst to best—and their treatment of *porne* and its related form (*porne* being the noun, and *porneia* being the verb) from the four references in 1 Corinthians 6:15-18. I have highlighted the most damaging translation in dark face type—the translation that has sent Arterburn and Stoeker on their mission of error/terror:

	NIV	YL	CLNT
<i>porne</i>	prostitute	harlot	prostitute
<i>porneia</i>	prostitute <b>sexual immorality</b> sins sexually	harlot whoredom committing whoredom	prostitute prostitution committing prostitution

I am taking so much time making a case for consistent translating because it is vitally important to your peace and freedom in Christ. It is important in protecting you not only from Arterburn’s and Stoeker’s personal mission against (and fear of) all things sexual, but from any others who would assign themselves the role of sex police in your life, tricking you into bondage, as the Circumcisionists of Paul’s day did to the Galatians, using the outward rite.

As you can see, it is the faulty rendering of the NIV that has given Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker—and other modern-day crusaders and condemners—license to make *porneia* whatever they want it to be, which is precisely what they do. Thus, they have built an entire book (*Every*

*Man's Battle*)—including all its stern warnings against “sexual immorality”—on a faulty foundation. This would not bother me so much, except that thousands of men have—without question or investigation—taken the words of Arterburn and Stoeker (and the grammatically-warped NIV) as gospel truth. The result is that thousands of men have entered upon an unnatural (and thus unnecessary) sexual battle against their natural, God-given instincts, at the same time jeopardizing their marriages by harboring resentment against their wives, who for the most part promote this course.



If *porne* is specifically (and obviously) a prostitute in verses 15 and 16 of 1 Corinthians 6 (even the NIV admits that), then the two occurrences of *porneia* (the verb form of *porne*) in verse 18, by the laws of language, *must* be “prostitution.” It’s that simple. We understand it clearly in real-world cases. Why is it we somehow lose our minds when it comes to Scripture?

For instance, we have a specific English word for a person who propels him or herself through the water, and it is “swimmer.” This is the noun. The verb form is “swim,” and the thing itself is called “swimming.” Same word, different forms. Now let’s say that someone writes a book, warning people with a fear of water (there actually is such a thing; it’s called, “hydrophobia”) against swimming. Here is a passage from that hypothetical book:

If you have hydrophobia, would you want to be a *swimmer*? I would hope not! Why would you even want to hang out with other *swimmers*? Flee *swimming*, because every hydrophobic who *swims* is sinning against his or her own fear.

Now let’s say an esteemed writer wants to translate this book into another language. This esteemed writer is looking at the English book, and sees the word “swim” (verb) and its various forms, including “swimming,” (a noun; the thing that is done) and “swimmer” (also a noun; the person who does the thing.) The writer translates “swimmer” correctly into the target language, both

times making it “swimmer.” But when this translator gets to the other forms of the word (“swimming” and “swims”) he decides to get creative and take literary license. Why? This hypothetical writer doesn’t like any kind of physical activity—the author, himself, is weak, frail, and allergic to exercise—and believes that most people should avoid exerting themselves. Here, then, is the resultant translation:

If you have hydrophobia, would you want to be a *swimmer*? I would hope not! Why would you even want to hang out with other *swimmers*? Flee *every sport*, because every hydrophobic who *partakes in sports* is sinning against his or her own fear.

Because this person is esteemed in his native country, everyone reading his book (with no access to the original), takes him seriously and stops engaging in any and all physical activity. Before long, thousands of people are becoming unnecessarily sedentary, all because the translator took a liberty and inserted a personal bias—based on his own weakness, personal qualms, and hang-ups—into his translation.

What would you do if you had a heart for people, and you found out about this crime? Would you not write an article—or a newsletter, or a book—to those poor people, making them aware of the original work and the original intention of the original author—and thus freeing them from a terrible prohibition they were never meant to bear?

## THE DEFINITION OF “PROSTITUTION”

The bottom line is that *porneia* ought to be translated “prostitution” across the board, that is, in every single occurrence where the word appears in Scripture.

So what is prostitution?

The *Concordant Literal New Testament* keyword concordance defines it as: “Unlawful intercourse of the sexes.”

The key word is “intercourse.” It is a man putting his penis into an illegal vagina. Prostitution not only includes cult-prostitution, but any such unlawful intercourse, such as that found in 1 Corinthians 5:1—

Absolutely, it is heard that there is prostitution among you, and such prostitution (which is not even named among the nations), so that someone has his father’s wife.

This sinner was not merely fantasizing about his father’s wife. He was not watching her jog in tight shorts. He was not looking at pictures of her modeling bras in the women’s undergarment section of *The Corinthian Gazette*. “Someone *has* his father’s wife.”

For the love of God, this man was putting his penis inside the vagina of his father’s wife.

I know you are probably getting tired of me using the terms, “penis,” and “vagina.” *Martin! Stop using the words “penis” and “vagina.” We are tired of hearing them!*

I know you are tired of hearing them. I understand how tired you are of the words penis and vagina. The words penis and vagina are completely exhausting you; I get it.

Good! I want you to never forget them. Because every single occurrence of *porneia* in the Greek Scriptures has to do with penises entering illegal vaginas. From Old Testament days onward, God has never changed His definition of it. Prostitution (*porneia*), according to Scriptural usage, is “unlawful *intercourse* of the sexes.”

Prostitution, in Scripture, has nothing to do with our modern definition of it, which is “pay for sex.” Nowhere does the Bible prohibit pay for sex.

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Let me repeat that, this time in boldface type:

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Does anyone care what Scripture has to say about these important topics? I would hope so. God would never leave it to *us* to decide what was right and wrong in an area as important and insistent as human sexuality.

#### ONE MORE NAIL

I have one more nail to add to the coffin, to convince you beyond a shadow of a doubt that Arterburn and Stoeker—and other self-appointed sex police—have taken radical, damaging license with the specific sin of *porneia*.

I will soon be showing you a list of the crazy, improbable things Arterburn and Stoeker consider to be *porneia*. But for now, this:

Here is 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, from Arterburn and Stoker’s version of choice, that is, the *New International Version*. For the various offenders of this passage, I have provided the corresponding Greek noun:

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral (*pornos*) nor idolaters (*eidololatrias*) nor adulterers (*moichos*) nor male prostitutes (*malakon*) nor

homosexual offenders (*arsenokoites*) nor thieves (*kleptes*) nor the greedy (*pleonektes*) nor drunkards (*methusos*) nor slanderers (*loidoros*) nor swindlers (*harpax*) will inherit the kingdom of God.

**Question:** If “sexually immorality” (*porneia*, and its various forms) includes every sexual sin imaginable, including adultery and homosexuality, then why is the “sexually immoral” person, in this NIV context, listed separately, along with adulterers and homosexuals?

**Answer:** It is because God is careful and specific, while Arterburn and Stoeker are reckless and have failed to do their homework.

This verse proves that “sexual immorality” is *distinct* from such sins as adultery and homosexuality.

Let’s stick to the sexual sins of this passage. Arterburn’s and Stoeker’s key phrase—the phrase that they use throughout their book to challenge and condemn everyone to live according to God’s supposed standards, namely, “sexual immorality”—appears nowhere in properly translated scripture. 1 Corinthians 6:9 is proof. To warn the “sexually immoral,” as the NIV does here, and then to incriminate (*in addition* to the sexually immoral) adulterers and homosexuals,

**“A sexually immoral person, even according to the NIV context, is different from an adulterer.”**



is like saying, “All football players are prohibited from staying out past 10 p.m.—and that goes for you running backs and linebackers as well.”

A “sexually immoral” person, even according to this NIV context, is different from an adulterer. And an adulterer is different from a homosexual person. I don’t know how the NIV “translators” can look this passage in the eye and not see the mistake. I don’t know how Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker can stare at this translation and go on their merry way, using *porneia* to condemn everything from looking at underwear ads to admiring female fitness enthusiasts.



The NIV makes a mess of this passage; God is not so sloppy. Rather, God is so specific and careful that what He actually *said* in this passage (ignoring for a moment the nefarious nature of the characters listed here), is beautiful.

Here is how the *Concordant Literal New Testament* translates 1 Corinthians 6:9 (I’m sticking only with the sexual sinners):

Neither paramours ( *pornos* ) ... nor adulterers ( *moichos* ), nor catamites ( *malakon* ), nor sodomites ( *arsenokoites* ) ... shall be enjoying the allotment of God’s kingdom.

What fabulous precision.

A  *pornos*  is specifically a paramour, that is a male prostitute. A male prostitute is a man who sticks his penis into illegal vaginas. (The NIV is up to its usual “sexually immoral” trick here, not even realizing that the translation is, in this passage, unworkable.)

A  *malakon*  is most certainly not “a male prostitute.”  *Pornos*  is that, and we have already used that word in this very passage—not that anyone would know it from the rendering, “sexually immoral”). A  *malakon*  is a catamite.

What is a catamite? I had to look it up myself. According to Wikipedia:

“A **catamite** is a young man involved in a sexual relationship with an older man.”

The English element of this Greek word is “SOFT.” The Scriptural definition of catamite, according to the keyword concordance to the *Concordant Literal New Testament*, is, “a male used for unnatural purposes, joined with a sodomite.”

Now I’m up to speed. In male-male relationships, one party plays the male, and the other the female. The male player in this unholy alliance is the sodomite ( *arsenokoites* ) and the man playing the female role is the catamite ( *malakon* ). It is the sodomite, then, who puts his penis into the rectum of the catamite. Got it.

Oh, the marvelous specificity of God.

In 1 Corinthians 6:9, God is not leaving it for anyone to guess anything. God will have none of this loosey goosey “sexually immoral” talk, not even a mention of “homosexual offenders,” which the NIV has for  *arsenokoites* . No, not even “homosexual offender” is specific enough for God. God is into the details. God knows what He wants to say. He knows exactly what He wants to warn against, and by God, it is these four things:

- ▶ males who stick their penises into illegal vaginas
- ▶ people who steal other people’s spouses
- ▶ men who put their penises into other men’s rectums, and
- ▶ the men who let them do it

God really doesn’t give us many more sexual prohibitions other than these. Well, he does have a few more. Does He list them anywhere? Of course He does. He lists them in the toughest, sternest, strictest, most comprehensive list of do’s and don’ts in the entire Bible, namely, the law of Moses—more specifically, the books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy. I already listed them on page 2. If you need a refresher course, read it again. Not surprisingly, Paul’s New Testament warnings coincide precisely with God’s Old Testament prohibitions. Not surprisingly, almost all the sexual sins have to do with penises entering illegal vaginas.

#### ARTERBURN, STOEKER, AND THE MODERN SEX POLICE

Thank God He raised up Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stoeker—among others—to expand upon His prohibitions and to give us *a completely new list* of things that, if not controlled, will put one on shaky, moral ground with the God of the Universe, as well as among one’s sexually constipated friends.

Here, then, is a partial list of the things Arterburn and Stoker consider to be acts of  *porneia* , that is “ungodly sexual actions” (pg. 3). From  *Every Man’s Battle* :

- looking at bra and panty ads (pg. 13)
- looking at *Gallery* magazine (pg. 14)
- looking at Playboy (pg. 146)
- watching *Forrest Gump* (pg. 20)
- imagining sex with Sally Field (pg. 22)



- admiring female fashion trends (pg. 23)
- watching women's fitness shows (pg. 24)
- masturbating (pg. 26)
- sexual fantasizing (pg. 87)
- watching *Baywatch* re-runs (pg. 116)



- looking at suggestive billboards while driving (pg. 117)
- looking at female joggers in "tight nylon shorts" (pg. 126)
- watching "beer and bikini commercials" (pg. 126)
- watching "movies rated PG-13 or higher" (pg. 126)
- looking at "receptionists with low-cut or tight blouses" (pg. 126)

This would be funny were it not so tragic. It would be funny, were not so many people unnecessarily surrendering their freedoms.

But Martin, aren't we supposed to surrender our freedoms if they cause a brother to stumble? No. Rather, we are not, by our freedom, to "sorrow" or "destroy" a brother (Romans 14:15). We potentially do this, not by refusing to partake of a freedom in his sight, but by "scorning" that brother (Romans 14:3) into actually partaking of the thing his weak conscious disallows (Romans 14:20). More about this in the next edition of *ZWTF*.

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