

Is it okay to have sexual intercourse?

Of course it is . . . if you are married to the person you would have sex with. But God says¹ that if you are not, it is forbidden. He calls it fornication. He doesn't say why it's forbidden, but He doesn't need to--He has power over our eternity, so we'd better obey whether we know His reasons or not! Do you want to go to Heaven, or do you want to be grounded forever in Hell?

If God was watching you right now, would you have sex? You know what? He IS watching you right now!

Consider the following

Disease

Former U.S. Surgeon General Everett Koop said, "When you have sex with someone, you are having sex with everyone they have had sex with for the last ten years, and everyone they and their partners have had sex with for the last ten years." Therefore, it is extremely likely that you will get a sexually transmitted disease (STD). Some STDs are fatal.

Of all effective birth-control methods, only the condom and diaphragm provide ANY protection against STDs!

BUT even the condom is very poor protection. Even when a promise to use one is kept, they deteriorate before and during use, they leak, and they break. The HIV virus is far smaller than human sperm (1/450th the size)² so the virus often passes right through the wall of the condom.

A study where HETEROsexual couples used condoms showed that, in spite of low sexual activity, 17% of partners of AIDS patients became infected within 18 months.³

Condoms are also ineffective in preventing the spread of human papilloma virus (HPV). HPV causes 90% of American's cancers of the cervix, vagina, vulva, and penis.⁴ Cervical cancer is the number two cause of cancer deaths among U.S. women. HPV is probably the most common sexually transmitted disease in America.⁵ The American Cancer Society estimates that in the U.S. in 1994 there will be 15,700 new cases of cervical cancer and 4,900 related deaths.⁶

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control report⁷ that 56 million Americans--that's 1 in 5--have an INCURABLE STD. Except for the common cold and flu, STDs are now the most common disease in North America.⁸

The same U.S. agency reports⁹ that four of the top five notifiable diseases in the United States are STDs.

You can have more than one STD at a time.

Sex educators often lie to students. The Centers for Disease Control recommend that medical personnel exposed to even allegedly disease-free bodily fluids wear a surgical hat, face shield, mask, outer protective garments, shoe covers, and DOUBLE gloves. Sex educators often recommend a very, very THIN condom.¹⁰ Would you trust your life to a balloon?

Contraception and Abortion

So you don't want to get pregnant or get someone pregnant. Good. And you're not ready to drop out of school to take care of a baby or to be able to afford to pay child support. Good. Note this then: Contraception is far from foolproof in preventing pregnancy. If it was foolproof, why would there be 1,500,000 abortions annually in the United States? Only 2% of these are for rape + incest + alleged

fetal deformity + the life of the mother. The 98% is for ordinary birth control.

Contraception is related to abortion in two ways: First, if contraception fails, very often the mother chooses abortion. (Mother *is* the right word: Life began at fertilization.) Second, MANY CONTRACEPTIVES WORK AT LEAST SOMETIMES BY ABORTION! The IUD ALWAYS does!

All birth control pills and related chemicals such as Norplant and Depo-Provera work three ways¹¹: 1) by preventing ovulation, 2) by making fertilization difficult, and 3) by preventing implantation of the fertilized egg--the new human being--on the wall of the uterus (womb). When the first two methods don't work, the third usually does. The third is abortion because the new life (egg and sperm already combined) is killed. The IUD only works by method 3. Thus, the IUD only works by abortion. Following are statistical estimates of annual U.S. deaths by abortion caused by contraceptive use.¹²

| Contraceptive Type | Infant Homicides | |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Low Est | High Est |
| Oral Contraceptives | 834,000 | 4,170,000 |
| Intrauterine = IUD | 3,825,000 | 3,825,000 |
| Depo-Provera | 1,200,000 | 1,800,000 |
| Norplant | 2,250,000 | 2,925,000 |
| Totals | 8,109,000 | 12,720,000 |

In addition to contraceptives killing babies, many are also dangerous to YOU. It is well documented in much medical literature that the birth control pill increases YOUR risk of contracting breast cancer, thromboembolism, and other diseases. Smoking causes heart disease. Taking the pill greatly magnifies this effect of smoking. The pill also causes complexion problems and weight gain. Boys and parents will notice this.

The following table shows rates¹³ at which various contraceptives fail to prevent fetal implantation.

Implantation is when the fertilized egg attaches herself or himself to the wall of the uterus (womb), which is 7 - 10 days after fertilization. Therefore, the table does NOT show percent of women getting pregnant. Many, many more get pregnant than reported in the following table.

| Method | Percent of Women Having Fetal Implantation During One Year |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Total Abstinence | 0 |
| Norplant | .04 |
| Sterilization, men | .15 |
| Sterilization, women | .40 |
| IUD | .80 |
| Depo-Provera | 1 or less |
| The Pill | 3 |
| Condom | 12 |
| Diaphragm/Cervical Cap | 18 |
| Early withdrawal | 18 |
| Emergency* | 25 |
| No method | 85 |

* **Emergency contraception is nothing other than a form of abortion.**

The Alan Guttmacher Institute, a research affiliate of Planned Parenthood, said in a 1996 publication¹⁴ that 58% of women surveyed said they had been using birth control during the month they got pregnant and that condoms were used in 56% of the birth control failures.

Your common sense and emotions

Consider the following questions:

How meaningful is your relationship if sex is needed to keep it going?

Are you only as useful as a cow is to a bull?

Saying NO may be difficult, but aren't YOU worth it?

Do you think your friends respect a pushover?

Wouldn't you feel guilty if you killed a baby?

If your parents found out either about your past or future unmarried sex acts or your abortion, would you feel ashamed and guilty? Would you hate yourself? If so, then wouldn't that be justified?

Did you know that God already knows? Whatever you may have done, He will forgive you ONLY if you repent. Repent means turn away from. God says you must not have unmarried sex and you must not have an abortion. Where do you want to spend eternity?

God says "Thou shalt not murder"¹⁵ and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."¹⁶ What neighbor is closer to a woman than her unborn baby?

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