

A Lesson on Dancing

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Dancing

If it's wrong, why?

Roller Skating

- *“Dancing on Wheels”*
- Therefore it is wrong to roller skate!
- The author had a wrong concept about dancing.
- Is dancing wrong? If so, why?

Some Pro “Arguments”

- “Everyone is doing it”
- “I don’t believe it’s wrong”
- “I don’t have any bad thoughts when I dance”
- “Situation ethics”

situation ethics

- **A system of ethics that evaluates acts in light of their situational context rather than by the application of moral absolutes.**

Quotations Used

- **Only the first quotation is from a religious source and it speaks in favor of ballroom dancing**
- **The remainder are from secular sources**

SA Express News

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“The dancing ban at Baylor, an unspoken tradition that has dogged the Southern Baptist college since 1845, was swept under the rug that was cut by Dr. Robert Sloan, the university's president, and wife Sue Sloan, who had reserved the first dance. Yes, the Baptists boogied at dusk. And for the record, the world didn't come to an end.”

“Right or Wrong?”

- **If it was wrong in 1845 what made it right in 1996?**
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- A strict adherence to a literal interpretation of the Bible.
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Definitions

- ◆ **erotic** 1. Of or concerning sexual love and desire; amatory. 2. Tending to arouse sexual desire.
- ◆ **ecstasy** 1. Intense joy or delight. 2. A state of emotion so intense that one is carried beyond rational thought and self-control....
- ◆ **sublimate** 2. Psychology. To modify the natural expression of (an instinctual impulse, especially a sexual one) in a socially acceptable manner.

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COLLIERS ENCYCLOPEDIA [1964 edition)

“...the social dance has usually been the result of joint physical exuberance and sex stimuli...”



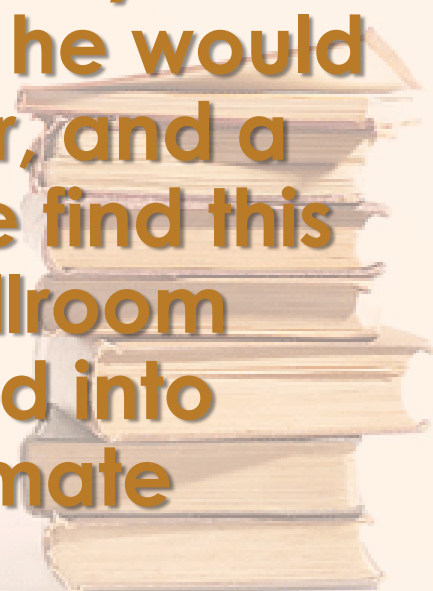
THE JOY OF SEX

- "All ballroom dancing in pairs looks toward [sexual relations]. In this respect the Puritans were dead right."



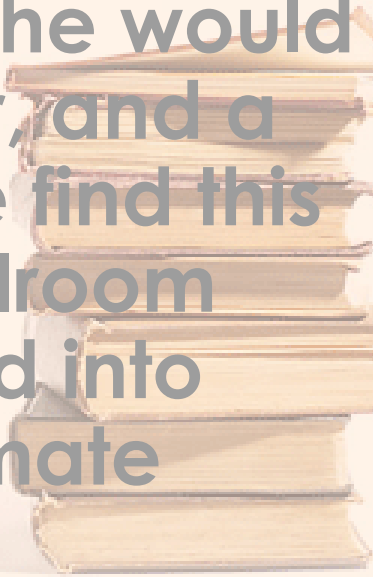
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Galatians 5:19-21

LASCIVIOUSNESS → A WORK OF THE FLESH

lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, he

....they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God

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LASCIVIOUSNESS

- **As That Which Is Condemned....**
 - Translated "lewdness" in the NKJV
 - Translated "sensuality" in the NAS
 - Translated "debauchery" in the NIV
 - Translated "licentiousness" in the RSV
- **As That Which Defiles A Man**
 - Mark 7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed....lasciviousness....23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

LASCIVIOUSNESS

Thayer's Definition

- **lascivious** 1. unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence
- **licentious:** 1. Lacking moral discipline or ignoring legal restraint, especially in sexual conduct. 2. Having no regard for accepted rules or standards.
- **wanton:** 1. Immoral or unchaste; lewd.

LASCIVIOUSNESS

Thayer's Definition

- **shame:** 1.a. A painful emotion caused by a strong sense of guilt, embarrassment, unworthiness, or disgrace.
- **Jeremiah 6:15** Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush.

LASCIVIOUSNESS

Thayer's Elucidation

- Wanton manners, indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females
- *American Heritage Dictionary for Windows*
- 1. Given to or expressing lust; lecherous.
- 2. Exciting sexual desires; salacious.

- Anything which excites the lust of the flesh (words, bodily movements, unchaste handling) is therefore considered sinful
- Of course, this applies to the stirring up of sexual desires and sensual pleasures outside the bond of marriage
- The Bible recognizes the place for sexual expression, but limiting such to those who are married - cf. He 13:4
- Hebrews 13:4 *Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge*

- **The excitement of lust between those not married is sinful!**
- **Condemned by Jesus in Matt 5:28**
 - *But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart*
- **It is wrong to lust for another person**
- **Therefore, it must be wrong to arouse lust in another person**

When Is Dancing Sinful?

When it falls into the realm of lascivious conduct

- **When the dance calls for close, physical contact that excites one or both persons and they are not husband and wife; and/or**
- **When the actions are indecent bodily movements ; and/or**
- **When there is unchaste handling of the opposite sex**

Lasciviousness....

- This is a sin that is going to condemn a lot of people.
- *Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*
- **ALL LASCIVIOUSNESS MUST BE REJECTED BY THE CHILD OF GOD.**

Be Ye Holy

- 1 Thessalonians 4:7 *For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*
- 2 Peter 3:11 *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness....*
- 1 Peter 1:15 *But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.*
16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Are

You

Holy?