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Unnatural Sex?

Same Sex, Group Sex, Playful Sex—Blessed Be

“Homosexuality is an evolutionary stage of the spirit ... and it is not to be condemned or honored any more than any other physical or spiritual stage. ... If [an] Earth lifetime was homosexual in orientation, it will enter here the same way. ... Whether heterosexual or homosexual in nature, the soul-level energy and bonding commitment of all couples is totally respected.”¹

The above quote was received, in 2001, from a discarnate spirit communicating through the medium Suzanne Ward. As far as I know, this is the only mention of homosexuality by a spirit yet published in the English language. Considering the utterance of numerous other spirit-communicators over the past century, this “liberal” attitude is not surprising. Few denizens of the heavens express condemnation of physical pleasures. To quote another spirit communicator: “Nothing about your body or its functions is either dirty or sinful. ... Deny your physical body expression of which it is capable and you will suffer.”² Those who do mention “sin” seem to share Heinlein’s view that: “Sin lies only in hurting other people unnecessarily. All other ‘sins’ are invented nonsense.”³

But, sin or not, are not lesbians, gays, and swingers performing “unnatural” acts? Numerous self-appointed moralists have claimed that such creativity should be condemned in man because it does not occur in nature. They have been misinformed.

The species that is our closest relative, sharing 98 percent of our DNA, is the bonobo chimpanzee. “Whether females are in estrus or not, male and female bonobos enjoy sex several times a day with an ever-changing array of partners in their close-knit group ... Sex for a group of bonobos is so casual, yet so tied in with every aspect of their day-to-day existence, that to set it apart from life, as we think we do in our own society, would be to misread their use of pleasure, which can be summed up as follows: there is no fighting over sex, and sex is used to stop fights. If they come across a choice bit of food in their native range in Zaire, and the bonobos are unsure who will get it, they all start having sex. Females grasp each other face to face and rub their vulvas to orgasm. Both sexes gather round and play feelie. Males “fence” each other with their erect penises. Females felate males, males perform cunnilingus on females, and males and females have intercourse, often face to face ... All of this sex goes on at once, mind you, and afterward the good feeling is so complete that the food is shared with minimum conflict.”⁴

Now, some puritanical critics might well try to use these facts to justify their view that freely practiced sexuality is “animalistic” or “bestly.” The reverse is true. Although their practice among some primates does demonstrate that homosexual and multisexual activities are not “crimes against nature,” neither are they

common in the animal kingdom. “Given the thousands of species of animals that have sexual intercourse only during the widely spaced intervals when they are likely to reproduce, and the mere two species that have intercourse week in and week out without reproducing—one human, the other humanlike—an argument can be made that sex done purely for pleasure with a variety of partners is actually *more* human than it is animal, while sex done strictly for reproduction is actually *less* human than it is animal.”⁵

Well then, what about “Thou shalt not commit adultery”? This prohibition originally meant only that a man's wife, being his property, was prohibited from enjoying another man sexually. The tribesmen who came up with this idea never intended to prohibit themselves from having all the wives and mistresses they could afford, while raping any women who had the misfortune of getting in the way of their armies. Although still a legal matter in most locales, adultery is a null concept for independent people. “Cheating,” or betraying the trust of one's spouse, on the other hand, is definitely verboten no matter what dimension one calls home. This is why so many folks have taken up the practice commonly called “swinging.” When done correctly, swinging can provide a healthy outlet for urges that matrimony doesn't, while strengthening the marriage bond. For more on such activities, see the book: *Together Sex*.

As for same-gender relations among swingers, my experiences⁶ indicate that approximately

80 percent of females enjoy participating in bisexual activities when the opportunity arises and the conditions are secure. The same holds true for about 20 percent of males; although the testimony of friends confirms my observations that amongst the over-sixty set, the proportion is closer to 50 percent. As men reach a more advanced age, they apparently become more curious about what they might have missed and less concerned with protecting their masculine image.

A careful reading of more than 50 books containing descriptions and advice from discarnate spirits has revealed no commentaries on the morality or advisability of participating in group sex, orgies, swinging, or other such revelry. This can't be the result of a lack of experience on the spirit's part, as such goings-on have been going on since they became possible. Perhaps the absence stems from a fear of offending the human channel or shocking the historically puritanical audience members.

Whatever the case, we can confidently conclude that sexual activities occurring among however-many people of whichever gender and in whatever formation are altogether natural and fine, providing that the result is pleasing to every soul involved.

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Notes:

¹ Ward, Suzanne, *Matthew, Tell Me About Heaven*, 2001, pp. 61, 66.

² Barham, Martha J., *The Silver Cord*, 1986, p. 62.

³ Heinlein, Robert Anton, *Time Enough for Love*, 1973, p. 352.

⁴ Gould, Terry, *The Lifestyle*, Random House of Canada, 1999, pp. 90, 199.

⁵ _____, p. 90.

⁶ Based on over 4 decades of participating in group sex (a.k.a. swinging) with hundreds of couples.