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NORMAN LAMM

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8:00 P.M.

B'nai Emunah Synagogue
1719 S. Owasso

Topic:

"The New Morality and the
Crisis in the Jewish Family"

Norman Lamm, Rabbi of the Jewish Center in New York City and Professor of Jewish Philosophy at Yeshiva University, will be exploring an area of immediate concern, the Jewish family and how it is being affected by movements now referred to in the terms of Youth, The New Morality, and Alternate Life Styles.

Dr. Lamm is the author of several works including "A Hedge of Roses", "Jewish Insights Into Marriage and Married Life", "Faith and Doubt" and "The Royal Reach." He has traveled widely, lecturing in the U.S. and Israel, as well as in India, Pakistan and Africa. In 1970-71 he spent a semi-sabbatical in Israel, during which time he devised the "Rosh Hodesh Plan" to alleviate the Sabbath problem in the country. He has testified before the United States Senate on Jewish Law, and his writings in this area have been cited by the Supreme Court.

Rabbi Lamm is widely recognized as one of the outstanding rabbinical leaders and Jewish thinkers in our country, with a special appeal to Jewish youth of today. Please plan to attend and hear this distinguished speaker.

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1. 1950s - Ashur Kahn

2. Sweden: moral code Evolution = FMY. and PW, P, W ... cultural transition

3. Today: J. FMY disintegrating. Antivital forces - divorce, disloyalty

a) gen. soc. gen. mobility - nuclear F isolated expanded F, looks for
(no old old old, J. comm)

b) reciprocal rel'n F + S. TRA ... so, w. asymmetry - crit
off roots of crit, rel. valid'n J. Fy several yrs ago -
Yale study Alcottism. (Today - can add: drugs).

- values: kill 3 jobs; 15; love ch > self
(gen. gap into BOTH ways) parents alienated ch - so
primers, no Joseph non-concern, disquiet no LBRW
and SEX CODE - no 11.23 (ST. Robin mini-apple)

c) MORAL CONCEPTIONS - LIFE-STYLE. will now elaborate

4. NM - primy SEX-ETHICS. male revol = revolt crit, even
transition, pill, abortion. Also - related other one of
the 2 big issues agitate our cult: AVTAY (erotic,
rape, univ). J: descriptv, not prescriptv. (ST: sales, mt)

5. NM (mr thoughtful) not Hoffman - covers whole area ETHICS

- SITUATION ETHICS vs. CODE my very love (antinomian)

- goal: PERSONAL GROWTH ("moral personal relps") - sex comm
no rules - just don't hurt (Fletcher, man - must live)

- Marx-reification. (Kant - man end in self)

- self-subjectivism - do own thing - ... > Fy

(part Romantic Court cult: man good, sex corrupt
since Fy basic inst sex - down w Fy, marry)

6. JONES RESPONSE:

a) PERSONAL RELPS. agree (Jones - The Bald Soprano) -

Jones - 2 times more marry - 5 to ... 11.13 16.11

b) But w-o rules - have chaos. Love - 1k art - needs discipln,
rules. OK homosex, adultry - is inst next?

c) code my not guarantee love. But - mk LV possible
more: mk evld, mk LF possible even w-o love.
Not everyone can love - still: live meaningful.

Schweitzer. Ramban - 1 to 1 = 2 to 2 (not Love any)

d) so - ch brought up "Bald Soprano" home - coming over - but
change other ... et. if ch of swinging prob, no rules ...

d) Not give "not hurt" enough. Hard Active.
Exhibitionism? Example others. This
subsystem is anti-social

f) w-o family - all of us timid, psychol-worried

g) psychol: some barbaric or very - natural
active lib- do is not - in the end

h) crit'g ex ext ently - Total promiss defeat
manifest! Both may - New Protestantism
(must be sex) - but it have enough, he
with: righting to protect self - soon.
Schizoid, violence.

i) it cherish Freedom - will get
born in the very hedonism
permits - "LAST THAN GO"

7- Finally: Many end revolt against - it
loss of faith - rel. old structures
abandoned, everything coming apart.

Sam - universal - subject: affirms
value in the world.

But if with transit - sexuality $\rightarrow$
sex, love $\rightarrow$ lost, family $\rightarrow$ disintegrated.

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the range of values
exists for people