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"A JEWISH RESPONSE TO THE NEW MORALITY"

I. Israel: am, goy. But at beginning: mishpahah. Stability Jewish family (despite silly jokes). Now: divorce, alcoholism, delinquency, and inter-marriage.
Story: Who needs a home?

Now have to add: New morality. Two versions or components:

- a) Hugh Heffner- Playboy- "bunnies"
- b) Sex community- personalistic and anti-tradition

II. Heffner: bachelor morality - "cool," impersonal, woman inferior: depersonalized to "thing"

III. Morality: based on home, family, marriage.

Talmud: every successful marriage a triangle- Shechinah ish and ishah -- esh and Name of God.
Kidushin - holy and Nisuin - elevated.

Purposes Marriage: 2 accounts of creation: perpetuation, companionship.

- a) Peru u'revu - Hillel & Shammai. Need for J. pop. explosion.
- b) Lo tov heyot ha-adam levado. Raavad: Sex and sexuality. Y. Z. Meklenburg -tov. Also: animals created with mates, man must yearn for one, earn her love.

(Talmud- always realistic and unprudish- yet delicate, sensitive. HAKOL YODIN KALLAH LAMAH NIKHNESAM LE'CHUPPAH)

IV. Approach to Sex as such:

Two extreme views sex - both based on common source.

Gnosticism -duality worlds, contempt this world. Hence against strongest involvement, which is sexual love. So: anti-sexual. This antagonism expressed 2 opposite ways: abuse or non-use, libertinism or asceticism, pagan-orgiastic or Christian-monastic.

Modern variants: pagan-Hafner; ascetic-celibacy.

Judaism: opposed paganism. Giluy arayot. Yehareg v'al yaavor. Reading on Yom Kippur. Perishah me'arayot.

Also opposed: Christian - "Better marry than burn." Jesus and Paul bachelors.

We: Kiddushin- Humans sanctify, can desecrate.

Judaism's Sex Theory: no contradiction betw. morality and sexuality.

Be'tzellem Elokim bara oto, zakhar u'nekevah bara otam
The seven Blessings.

Two loves (of God, woman) reenforce each other: Akiva & Rachel.

- V. Hence: Judaism unequivocally opposed to Heffner's "New Morality."
Remarkably, J. opposition to Playboy not only because latter
exploitative--but: latter too anti-sexual!

Second version: sex community. Agr^{us} Heffner: discard trad.
moral restraints. But diametrically opposed on depersonali-
zation. Emphasis on enhancement of persona as sole moral
good.

Judaism- approves this noble aspect New Morality.

View of woman: not just function-bearer -- sex toy or baby-maker,
but person.

Isaac Arama on Rachel: havah-li banim v'im ayin metah anokhi.

Jacob's harsh response: Ishah and Havvah.

Halakhah: unlike mod. legal codes, law of ONAH: sex as duty of
husband, right of wife...

Iggeret Hakodesh and Vandervelde.

- VI. Yet: personalism alone insufficient. humanum-divinum.

Judaism: approves pleasure, but chief goal: Kedushah.

but New Morality: hedonistic

Christianity: today- pendulum other extreme. Accept New Morality
in guise old love-law dichotomy.

Situational ethics. So-

British churches- Lady Chatterly's Lover

Episcopalians NYC - homosexuality bet. 2 consenting adults
"if true love"

- VII. Hence: need LAW to protect Love...

J. Law - even relations bet. husband and wife

Family Purity - no routinization. Thou. fosters love.