

A vintage rotary telephone is shown against a warm, orange-brown background. A white speech bubble is overlaid on the phone, containing the text "Asking for a Friend". The word "Asking" is in a dark blue, cursive font, "for a" is in a smaller, dark blue, sans-serif font, and "Friend" is in the same dark blue, cursive font as "Asking".

Asking
for a
Friend

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

—1 Peter 3:15



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The people you would least expect have questions about God and the person of Jesus Christ.



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Is God anti-sex?

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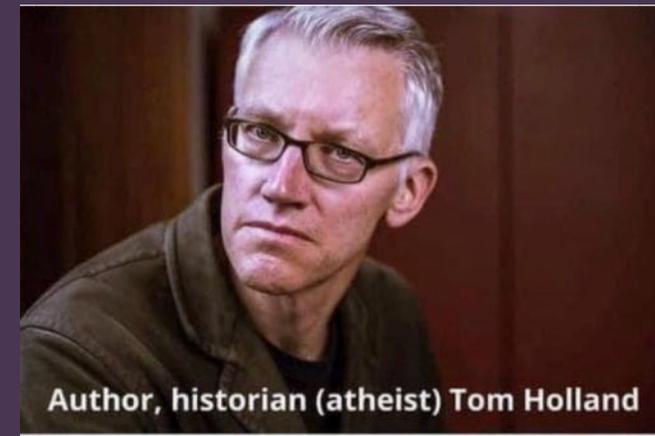
“Christians have no right to be embarrassed when it comes to talking about sex and sexuality. A resistance or embarrassment in dealing with these issues is a form of disrespect to God and his creation. When a Christian responds to sex with ambivalence we slander the goodness of our God.”

T. Keller



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"The Spartans routinely murdered 'imperfect' children. The bodies of slaves treaded like outlets for physical pleasure. The poor and the weak had no rights. How did things change? It was Christianity. Christianity revolutionized sex and marriage, demanding that men control themselves and confining sexuality to monogamy, and elevated women. In short, Christianity transformed the world."



Author, historian (atheist) Tom Holland

Foundational truths:

God created sex,
and
it is good.



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“For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is **consecrated** by the word of God and prayer”.

1 Timothy 4:4-5



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Foundational truths:

God created sex,
and
it is good.

But it is not a SAVIOR!



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Foundational truths:

Sin distorts our
thoughts and desires
with regard to sex.



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Sin lies to us as it holds out
ever-increasing desire for an
ever-decreasing satisfaction
and convincing us of no possible
destruction.



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Our feelings and
desires are not our final
authorities.



“Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

1 Peter 2: 11-12



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Looking
for a
friend



Foundational truths:

Pursuing Christ ultimately
guides and guards our
sexuality.



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“Is God anti-sex? Of course not. Our all-wise God created us and provided this gift for us. The Creator intends for us to enjoy all that he has created for us. And, he loves us enough to instruct us about how His gifts are best used.”

Dr. John Stumbo



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Knowing the supremacy of Christ
- being satisfied with all that God
has for us in Jesus- will function as
the sun in the solar system of your
life, and sexuality and pleasure
will revolve around it.



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Foundational truths:

Sexuality's ultimate goodness
is found in how it points to
Christ's relationship with His
church and how to know
God more fully.



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Intimacy =
Detailed Knowledge



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God demonstrated his love
for us through a physical
body, and he teaches us
principles of intimacy through
a physical body.



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Intimacy happens in a
context, and that context
is covenant.



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Intimacy must be
pursued.



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Intimacy is hard to
obtain.

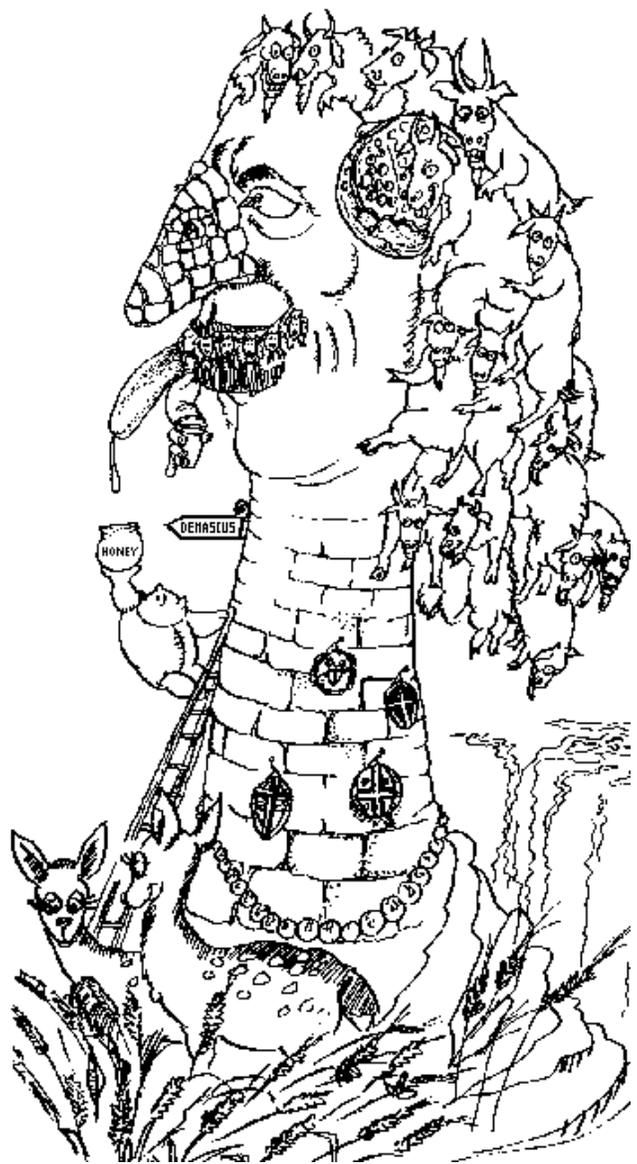


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Intimacy is known
through vulnerability.



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