

A Synopsis of God-Ordained Marital Intimacy Versus Worldly Sex

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God-Ordained Marital Intimacy

Helps put off the natural man

Under the influence of the Spirit

Involves Spirit-enhanced passions

Loving

Soulful union is the goal

Eternal

Involves a husband and a wife

Worldly Sex

Accommodates the natural man

Under the influence of the world and adversary

Involves carnal, sensual, devilish passions

Lustful

Sexual union is the goal

Erotic

Involves all permutations and combinations of
men, women, even children

Sanctioned following legal and lawful marriage

Okay anytime

Blessed by the Lord

Very politically correct

Sanctifying

Sinful

Fun and exciting, joyful, delightful, comforting, loving, calming, and sustaining

Fun and exciting momentarily, demoralizing and depressing later

Generates love

Kills love

Enlightens and enlivens spirits

Darkens spirits

Prayer, fasting, scripture reading, gratitude often involved

Alcohol and drugs often involved

Strengthens relationships

Ruins relationships

Honors men and women

Degrades men and women

The body is the great prize of mortal life

The body is a plaything

The greater the union of lives, the greater the intimate experience

No union of lives, only bodies

Embedded in truths

Filled with lies

Involves anything that brings spouses' spirits to life and invites the Spirit

Involves any and all forms of sexual gratification

A grand and glorious experience that will continue eternally for covenant-keeping couples

A total obsession; men and women wish they could have sex forever

Unites the bodies and the spirits of a husband and a wife

Involves any two bodies

Exquisite care taken that activities don't offend the Spirit

If it "turns you on," go for it!

Brings forth loving desires that fulfill

Stirs up lustful desires that are never satisfied

Spouses feel more like a couple, more loved, more appreciated, and more cared for following

Individuals feels used, abused, more lonely after

Supports, heals and hallows lives	Ravages and eventually ruins lives
Personal revelation encouraged	Experimentation encouraged
Is partaken of	Is participated in
Private and sacred	Seen and discussed everywhere
Brings you wisdom, light and love	Dulls your senses and sensibilities
A process	A product
Unites spouses and is built on unity	Separates individuals
Invites other loving, caring and supportive behaviors outside bedroom	Not related to what happens outside bedroom
Sacred language used	Foul language used
Rejoiced in	Joked about
Keeps commandments and covenants	Breaks commandments and covenants
Increases the ability to keep and honor all commandments and covenants	Increases the likelihood of breaking other commandments and covenants
Is commanded and commended by the Lord	Is rejected by the Lord
Involves pure, natural passions	Involves impure, unnatural passions
Is the foundation of endless worlds	Supports an entire commercial industry

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