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The Hard Questions

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Answers to Life's Hard Questions— Are You Ready?

Dear Joy,

My women's Bible study was discussing Christian values. We got on the topic of sex and someone mentioned that oral sex is wrong. Is it?



Contrary to popular belief, sex is God's idea, not man's. God designed us with all our sexual parts—and made us just exactly right. His design He called good and He provided every part for a reason. We may think procreation is the main reason, but I contend He designed us to enjoy the sexual act or else why would it feel so good?

To help us with our understanding of how God views sex, we need look no further than His Word. In Hebrews 13:4 it states: "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge

the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." But, you may ask, aren't there positions or activities that will defile the marriage bed? The quick and simple answer is, "no". Now, of course, we're making some assumptions here. One assumption is what goes on in the marriage bed is consensual. Another assumption is both parties put the best interests of the other one ahead of their own interests and wouldn't ask or do anything hurtful, uncomfortable or demeaning to their lover.

I will go a step further. For an optimal sexual experience, it helps if both partners are Christians, pray together regularly, play together regularly, and walk with God together. One survey I found showed that Christians enjoy sex more.

Now, about oral sex, there are many activities people have devised that are not mentioned specifically in the Bible. But, taking the teaching of the

Bible as a whole as we should do, we can reach some conclusions about oral sex. First, is it moral? It's not mentioned in the Ten Commandments so it is not a moral issue. Adultery is, but oral sex isn't. Second, we have the assurance of Hebrews 13:4. Then we have the entire book of the *Song of Songs*. I know. I know. Many theologians describe this book as a picture of our relationship with Christ. But as God so often does with scripture, it has a second meaning—it means exactly what it says. It describes two lovers enjoying each other's bodies and the sexual act.

Ryan Howes, whose complete article on this topic you can read at www.growthtrac.com, states he believes the *Song of Songs* gives Christians a sex language. He says, "This glossary isn't exhaustive. We encourage you to read the *Song of Songs* and pick out some of your own fun and sexy terms. Even if your interpret-



**“My lover is mine
and
I am his;
he browses
among the lilies.**

**Until the day
breaks and the
shadows flee.”**

**Song of Songs
2:16, 17**



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ations aren't 100 percent accurate, the words you pick will still be better than the crude attempts of the pornographers or biological terms from sex ed. We hope you enjoy this new (but old) biblical language for sex. And feel free to laugh, with delight, surprise, or amusement.”

Here is a sample of his glossary:

apples: testicles

clusters (of the palm): breasts

dew: male sexual secretions

entering the garden: sexual intercourse

fawns: breasts

feed among the lilies: oral sex or sexual kissing

foxes: interruptions or obstacles to sex

fruit: genitals, male or female (usually female)

garden: vulva and vagina

garden of nuts: penis and testicles

gazelle: penis

know/knowing/known: sexual intercourse

lovesick: horny

mountains: breasts

myrrh: female sexual secretions

orchard of pomegranates: vulva and vagina

palm: woman's body

pleasant fruits: pleasure coming from the vagina — the *Song* likens entering the garden to entering paradise

round goblet: vulva

stag: penis, sometimes the whole male body

towers: breasts

twins of a gazelle: breasts

vine: penis, sometimes the whole body

vineyard: the woman's body or genitals

wine: symbol of erotic pleasure

Try reading the *Song of Songs* out loud with your spouse and enjoy the great gift of sex that God has given us.

***To keep your marriage brimming,
With love in the loving cup,
Whenever you're wrong admit it;
Whenever you're right shut up.***

Ogden Nash



JUST FOR FUN....

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- Never hold a dust-buster and a cat at the same time.
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- Wrinkles don't hurt.
- Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD :

- Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.



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Sometimes you come up with really hard, tough questions that you don't have the answers to.

At times you're too embarrassed or uncomfortable to ask your friends and family... and when you are brave enough to ask the questions, even they don't always have the answers.

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From ***The Best Sex (Survey) Ever!****

Do you and your spouse have oral sex?

Did once	5%
Did more than once	38%
Do regularly	40%
Have not done at all	17%

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THE HARD QUESTIONS — DO YOU HAVE ONE?