

**Book Review**  
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*Sexual Anarchy* by Dave Miller, Apologetics Press, Montgomery, AL, 2006, 110 pp. ISBN: 10: 0-932859-81-X. \$5.00.

*Sexual Anarchy* addresses the moral implosion in America over the last few decades. Dave Miller is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University (B.A.), Texas Tech University (M.A.), and the Harding University Graduate School of Religion (M.Th., M.A.R.). He also graduated from Southern Illinois University where he earned his Ph.D. in rhetoric and public address. He has authored several books and is currently serving as the director of Apologetics Press in Montgomery, Alabama.

The book contains a preface, six chapters, and a bibliography. The chapters address: the sexual revolution of the sixties in the U.S., the devastation of divorce, the evil of abortion, homosexuality, and pornography. The final chapter gives some direction on restoring sexual sanity.

Chapter one is titled, *Sex and the Sixties*. It is organized under four subtitles: (1) The Baby Boomers in the 1960's; (2) Mitigating Social Factors; (3) The Children of the Sixties and the Culture War; and (4) Sexual Morality and the Christian Religion. Among the mitigating social factors, Miller lists: rejection of authority, materialism, agnosticism, aversion to being "judgmental", lack of discipline, craving for entertainment, and selfishness. The children of the sixties were characterized by a freedom from restraint. A freedom that became a license to believe in and practice whatever they chose. A freedom that rejected God and the Bible and the principles of morality contained therein (p. 8). This change in the basic mores of society affected great social change regarding sexuality. A sexual revolution was born.

Chapter two targets the devastation of divorce. In the late sixties and early seventies a new movement in American—the Feminist Movement—gave way to "no fault divorce laws" as a means of liberating women from patriarchy. The divorce rate skyrocketed. Miller affirms that half of all marriages end in divorce (p. 17-18). Every year a million children are subjected to divorce or separation by their parents. Almost as many more children are born out-of-wedlock due to sexual immorality. The destruction of the sacredness of marriage and the permanency of marriage has produced devastation of the American family and has led to the redefinition of both marriage and the family in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This has led to multiple social problems: teen suicide has tripled, juvenile crime has increased and become more violent, and school performance has declined (p. 18). What has changed? American moral values have changed. Most no longer believe that divorce is wrong. Most no longer believe that sex outside of marriage is wrong. Divorce leads to greater poverty among women and children. Children never fully recover from divorce. Children in disrupted families are nearly twice as likely as those in intact families to drop out of high school. Remarriage does not restore intact family structure. Children whose parents divorced are two to three times at greater risk of divorce themselves (p. 20). These facts show the devastating aspects of divorce on children.

God's will on divorce is explored with emphasis on the teaching of Jesus. Miller shows that God hates divorce and Jesus restricted divorce to the grounds of fornication. Indiscriminate divorce is forbidden (Gen. 2:24 and Matt. 19:1-9). The apostle Paul agreed with Jesus and does not contradict the savior (Rom. 7:1-3). The permanency of marriage is clearly taught by both

Jesus and Paul. Miller also deals with the difficult situations that sometimes result when two people who have been married, divorce for reasons other than fornication. He states, “all people who divorce their scriptural mates for any reason except fornication continue to commit adultery when they remarry” (p. 29). These individuals must cease living in these sinful relationships and seek God’s forgiveness. All illicit sexual relationships must be put to an end in order to be pleasing to God (I Cor. 6:10-11).

Chapter three addresses the topic of abortion. Miller states that scientific and biblical evidence both show that a pre-born infant is a human being. However, the Supreme Court of the United States on January 22, 1973 ruled in a 7 to 2 vote that abortion would be legalized and made available on demand in America (p. 33). Since that day millions of unborn children have been aborted in America. The number of aborted children exceeds the population of the state of California. Miller devotes a section of this chapter to abortion and the will of God. Here, he discusses the relevant Bible passages that touch on this important subject. He shows that the human spirit is united with the body at the time of conception (Zech. 12:1, Eccl. 11:5 and Job 10:11-12). This is when life begins. Biblically, death is defined as the separation of the spirit from the body (James 2:26, Luke 23:43, 46, and 53). Miller goes on to show that there is a difference between accidental miscarriage, still birth, and intentional harm to an unborn child (see comments on Ex. 22-25). Abortion is intentional harm to the unborn child. Another area explored by Miller is that the legal consequences of harming an American bald eagle are more severe than the taking of human life in the womb. This demonstrates the moral confusion that exists in our culture today.

Chapter Four is titled, “The Horror of Homosexuality.” The first state in America to legalize the right for same sex couples to marry was Massachusetts (May 17, 2004) (p. 49). This action followed the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court to eliminate state sodomy laws by ruling that they were unconstitutional. In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association deleted homosexuality from its official nomenclature of mental disorders listed in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*. The American Psychological Association followed suit in 1975 (p. 50). One by one the barriers to acceptance of homosexuality have been torn down. This progression goes against the will of the founding fathers and the will of God. Miller gives a brief survey of the topic of homosexuality in the Bible and shows that it was condemned in every historical period mentioned in the Bible. He gives a lengthy discussion of Genesis 19 and refutes the arguments of pro-homosexuals who seek to re-interpret this passage and eliminate it as standing against homosexuality. Miller explores these faulty explanations of Genesis 19: inhospitality was the sin not homosexuality; it was a case of homosexual rape and not homosexual contact between consenting adults; and those who defend homosexuality by affirming that the men of Sodom sinned when they desired to have sex with angels, rather than those of the same sex. Miller also deals extensively with Leviticus chapter twenty where some claim that the laws against homosexuality are outdated because the same laws applied to a woman who was menstruating. This chapter concludes with these comments, “Every society in human history that has followed a course of moral and spiritual depravity has either been destroyed by God or has imploded within” (p. 78).

Chapter Five discusses pornography. This chapter is only seven pages long. It consists of stating the problem statistically, looking at what God’s Word says about pornography and examining the judicial system in America as it relates to pornography. This is the weakest chapter in the book.

Chapter Six focuses on restoring sexual sanity. In order for this to happen, American culture will have to undergo a revolution and turn back to God and His Word for guidance in morality. This will involve a return to the concept of “freedom for religion” rather than “freedom from religion.” The only true religion is Christianity. Moral purity is rooted in Christian principles. The Founding Fathers looked to God and the Bible for moral guidance. Some false philosophies such as atheism and humanism will have to be rejected. Miller calls Americans back to God and to the Bible. How many will heed the call?

The book concludes with a list of references of the works used in writing the material in it. Miller accomplishes the goal of defining the problems America is facing regarding sexual immorality and pointing individuals back to God.

This book is a brief exploration of the problem of sexual anarchy in America. Some of the chapters are very brief and the statistics are outdated (the copyright is 2006). The problems Miller addresses have grown much worse in the last seven years. It would have been interesting to have statistics on the actual costs in dollars that each of these areas of sexual sins incurs each year. The costs economically, socially, psychologically, physically and spiritually are astronomical. Perhaps an updated version of this book is in order.