

# **THE INTERCOURSE OF KNOWLEDGE ON GENDERING DESIRE AND SEXUALITY IN THE HEBREW BIBLE BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION SERIES V 26 BY BRENNER ATHALYA 1997 HARDCOVER READ ONLY**

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### **The Intercourse of Knowledge**

This groundbreaking book, which builds on the author's earlier work in *On Gendering Texts*, studies how, by what means and to what extent human love, desire and sex, and possibly even 'sexuality', are gendered in the Hebrew Bible. Following a classification and gendering of the linguistic and semantic data, the investigation looks into the construction of male and female bodies in language and ideologies; the praxis and ideology of sex, procreation and contraception; deviation from socio-sexual boundaries (e.g. incest, rape, adultery, homosexuality, prostitution); eroticism and "pornoprophetics". Finally, the work discusses some of the wider sociological and theological implications of the findings.

### **The intercourse of knowledge**

Probing into numerous questions about gender and sexuality, Dale Martin delves into the biblical texts anew and unearths surprising findings. Avoiding preconceptions about ancient sexuality, he explores the ethics of desire and marriage and pays careful attention to the original meanings of words, especially those used as evidence of Paul's opposition to homosexuality. For example, after a remarkably faithful reading of the scriptural texts, Martin concludes that our contemporary obsession with marriage--and the whole search for the "right" sexual relationships--is antithetical to the message of the gospel. In all of these essays, however, Martin argues for engaging Scripture in a way that goes beyond the standard historical-critical questions and the assumptions of textual agency in order to find a faith that has no foundations other than Jesus Christ.

### **Bibliographic Guide to Womens Studies 1998**

*The Flame of Yahweh* offers a thorough exploration of gender relationships and sexual activity in the Old Testament. Topics include sexuality in Eden, the elevation vs. the denigration of women, exclusivity vs. adultery and pre-marital sex, permanence vs. divorce and remarriage, intimacy vs. incest, and sexuality in the Song of Songs.

### **Sex and the Single Savior**

For all intent, virtually all accepted mainstream Catholic Christian tenets remain untouched for the past two

millennia. It follows then that we take for evident truths; for example, our views on the Creator and creation; sexuality, gender issues, and human relationship concerns; may in fact be nothing but establishment dogmas gleaned from wrong interpretation or translation of the original text and intent of Jesus Christ and the Bible authors. Now, isn't the mere chance of that being true too scary? **The Sex Texts: Sexuality, Gender, and Relationships in the Bible** by L. Robert Arthur raises just that possibility, despite the strong likelihood of facing stiff criticism from many sectors, mostly of the established Catholic persuasion. Yet those inclined to know the true message of Jesus Christ and his closest disciples may well take heed to scrutinize, at the very least, what Robert is trying to point out in his work. **The Sex Texts: Sexuality, Gender, and Relationships in the Bible** promises to raise a storm, but the public debate it could engender may yet start a new direction for the rest of humanity.

## **Flame of Yahweh**

What is good sex from the perspective of liberation theology? Thia Cooper argues that sex can be a way to know God. God created humans with a desire to be in relation with each other. From this understanding, sexual desire, sex, and partnerships are re-imagined positively. Good sex is enjoyable and mutual, an aspect of communion. Good sexual relationships share power, empower the participants, and the wider community. From the perspective of liberation theologies and an analysis of biblical texts, the Christian tradition, and the reality of our sexual experience, this book reframes theologies of partnership, sex work, and reproduction through the celebration of desire and sex.

## **The Sex Texts**

This book is about listening to what writers were saying about sex in early Judaism and Christianity -- ancient words surprisingly relevant for today. It functions as both a summary and a conclusion to William Loader's five previous books on sexuality in a form accessible to those who may not have a background knowledge of early Judaism and Christianity. It also contains a useful subject index to those five previous volumes. In examining thoroughly all the relevant writings and related evidence of the Greco-Roman period, Loader dialogues with scholarship related to each writing in order to make his conclusions as objective as possible. By enabling the reader to listen respectfully to these ancient texts, **Making Sense of Sex** provides a basis for informed discussion of sexual issues today.

## **A Christian Guide to Liberating Desire, Sex, Partnership, Work, and Reproduction**

The Hebrew Bible offers a metaphor of marriage that portrays men and women as complementary, each with their distinct and 'natural' roles. **Queer Theory and the Prophetic Marriage Metaphor in the Hebrew Bible** draws on contemporary scholarship to critique this hetero-normativity. The book examines the methodological issues involved in the application of queer theory to biblical texts and draws on the concept of gender performativity - the construction of gender through action and behaviour - to argue for the potential of queer theory in political readings of the Bible. The central role of metaphor in reinforcing gender performativity is examined in relation to the books of Jeremiah, Hosea and Ezekiel. The book offers a radical reassessment of the relationship between biblical language and gender identity.

## **Making Sense of Sex**

**Sex, sexuality, and gender in the Old Testament** seeks to bridge the conversational gap in global Christian thinking, between traditional and the liberal/progressive views of sexuality by taking a deep dive into the text of the rich Hebrew scriptures of the Bible. It is: a journey through the Old Testament looking at the Hebrew text and various English translation choices an exploration of what is said about sex, sexuality and gender with a view to dispelling many preconceptions written in light of current conversations about same sex marriage in various parts of the Church. No prior knowledge of Hebrew is required to understand this book. **Endorsements: Stephen Froggatt - Pete has somehow managed to write a book which is both a reference**

book and a readable account of his research. I lack the Hebrew skills to do it justice, but his patient leading through the pertinent points, stressing the need for great care when translating anything, opens up the riches of the texts he has chosen to present. In terms of scholarship, he has been meticulous in his research. He has done the spade work and the analysis so that we don't have to and explained it in a way that is not littered with footnotes but offers a clear path through the forest of words. He bravely approaches all the contentious yet illuminating passages around Sex, Sexuality and Gender, while recognising that his readership may well hold a range of opinions on them. Finally, he simply shows how much he loves the Hebrew language with all its poetry and ambiguity, and it is a delight to be caught up in his enthusiasm. Thank you Pete for writing this important book. It is one to which I will return, and to which I will refer others who are asking these same questions. Rick Ormrod - Reviewing a book that focuses on Biblical languages, specifically the Old Testament might strike those who know me as an odd thing for me to be doing, but the subjects of sex and sexuality are pertinent ones in the church at the present time and several Old Testament verses are used as "lobber texts" by those who support the traditional views, so receiving a copy of this book was timely in many ways. I approach this book as somebody who has zero knowledge of the original languages the Biblical books were written in and who hasn't really wanted to learn, having struggled in the past with modern languages and content to benefit from the knowledge of others through the use of commentaries. The book opens with an engaging introduction and a strong authorial voice that immediately draws the reader into the writer's enthusiasm for his subject, a blog post that has grown and become an interesting and well researched piece of academic writing that is nevertheless accessible to any reader with a good understanding of the Hebrew Scriptures. The introduction states that "you shouldn't need to know or learn Hebrew in order to read and understand this book" and this is indeed the case. Throughout there is sufficient translation and explanation of the subtleties of the translation of different Hebrew words and phrases that I feel I fully understood the points made at various points without knowledge of the original language. I think the book really succeeds for me on two fronts. It demonstrates quite clearly that the church's traditional understanding of certain passages and verses is not supported by the Hebrew and that some opinions have been based on some possibly very inaccurate translation. The book also reinforces the value of listening to the voices of those who can bring the latest understanding of translation from the Biblical languages into English and of being open to God bringing us greater understanding and knowledge through those he has given this particular gift to.

## **Queer Theory and the Prophetic Marriage Metaphor in the Hebrew Bible**

"This volume collects the most important and cutting-edge readings related to gender, sex, sexuality and the bible. Engaging the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and surrounding texts and worlds, the selected readings reflect a wide-range of perspectives and approaches. The volume is divided into four parts each of which is introduced by the volume editors in order to situate the readings in their broader scholarly contexts. Finally, an annotated list of further readings points researchers towards further engagements with these key themes"--

## **Sex, Sexuality and Gender in the Old Testament**

Charts a faithful theological middle coursethrough complex sexual issuesHow different are men and women? When does it matter to us -- or to God? Are male and female the only two options? In SexDifference in Christian Theology Megan DeFranza explores such questions in light of the Bible, theology, and science.Many Christians, entrenc

## **The Bible, Gender, and Sexuality**

A woman's life in the ancient world was constrained by her social and economic status. As a daughter she was firmly under the aegis of her father and brothers, who would later allocate the woman to another man as his wife. The power of fathers and husbands extended to using their wives and daughters as sexual gifts to gain favour. Yet, alongside this, woman had certain socio-economic rights notably concerning inheritance

and property - which they could use to protect themselves. 'Sexual Hospitality in the Hebrew Bible' examines sacred sexuality and ritual fecundity from patronymic marriage - where the husband claims exclusive rights over his wife's sexuality and attributes her offspring to his line and kin - to metronymic conjugal systems which allow a woman to remain in her home where the male consort joins her and her kin. Ranging across abstinence, promiscuity, and holy offering, the sexual lives of women in biblical times reveal not only restriction but also female agency and resistance.

## **Sex Difference in Christian Theology**

The Bible is hardly the first text that comes to mind when one considers gender, sex, and violence, yet the first four chapters of the Bible narrate the creation of the first couple (gender), procreation (sex), and the first murder (violence). Recognizing the centrality of these motifs in the biblical text and the modern world, the essays in *Pregnant Passion* explore the dynamics, intersection, and relatedness of gender, human sexuality, and violence in the Bible, with themes spanning feasts and famines, betrayal and bloodshed, seduction and sensuality, power and politics, virtue and violence. --From publisher's description.

## **Sexual Hospitality in the Hebrew Bible**

This book tells the story of how the biblical notions of 'holy person' or 'holy community' comes to be defined by sexual and marriage practices by various interpretive communities in late antiquity. Koltun-Fromm argues that the biblical texts already create a link between holiness and sexuality which is further interpreted by later readers. Tracing this development from the biblical texts into the fourth century, she suggests that sexual practices among Jews and Christians, particularly ascetic sexual practices, are rooted in the history of biblical exegesis and tradition as much as in any other late ancient phenomena. Moreover holiness as sexual practice thus helped these groups demarcate differentiation from each other. Hence this book establishes the importance of biblical interpretation for late ancient Jewish and Christian practices, the centrality of holiness as a category for self definition, and fourth-century asceticism's relationship to biblical texts and interpretive history.

## **Pregnant Passion**

This is the fifth and final installment of William Loader's authoritative, acclaimed series on attitudes toward sexuality in the ancient world. Sexual themes are never far beneath the surface where there are human beings. This was certainly the case for Christians in the first-century world. Some began in a strongly Jewish context and worked out their faith in dialogue with their scriptural heritage. Others had to work out their sexual ethics in a world strongly influenced by Greco-Roman ideals and practices. In *The New Testament on Sexuality* William Loader explores the relevant cultural contexts and looks at New Testament texts related to sexuality, highlighting both the warnings about sexual wrongdoing and the affirmations of sexual union. He deals with specific themes such as divorce, same-sex relations, women and men in leadership, and celibacy; individual behavior, gender roles and rules, preferences, and hopes also fall under the scope of his investigation. Broad-ranging and thorough, this book engages both the biblical texts and the diverse ways in which they have been interpreted.

## **Hermeneutics of Holiness**

'Incest' refers to illegal sexual relations between family members. Its precise contours, however, are culturally specific. Hence, an illegal incestuous union in one social context may be a legal close-kin union in another. First-degree sexual unions, between a parent and child, or between siblings, are most widely prohibited and abhorred. This book discusses all overt and covert first-degree incest relations in the Hebrew Bible and also probes the significance of gaps and what these imply about projected sexual and social values. As the dominant opinion on the origin of first-degree incest continues to be shaped, new voices such as those of queer and post-feminist criticism have joined the conversation. It navigates not only the incest laws of

Leviticus and the narratives of Lot and his daughters and of Amnon and Tamar but pursues subtler intimations of first-degree sexual unions, such as between Adam and his (absent but arguably implied) mother, Haran and Terah's wife, Ham and Noah. In pursuing the psycho-social values that may be drawn from the Hebrew Bible regarding first-degree incest, this book will provide a thorough review of incest studies from the early 20th century onward and explain and assess the contribution of very recent critical approaches from queer and post-feminist perspectives.

## **The New Testament on Sexuality**

This volume brings together essays on the theme of sexuality and gender by William R. G. Loader, one of the leading specialists in the field, arising from his extensive investigation of early Jewish and Christian literature about such issues as marriage, adultery, divorce, celibacy, gender roles, and incest

## **First-Degree Incest and the Hebrew Bible**

Living in a world inundated with sexual images and messages, we're tempted at every turn. While most people are familiar with the Bible's clear admonitions concerning sexual practices such as adultery and fornication, less attention is given to biblical guidance in regard to the sexual activity exercised between husband and wife. What does the Bible have to say about the way we practice our sexuality? *Is God In Your Bedroom? Discovering the Joy of Sanctified Sexuality* is a startling plunge into the Word of God, revealing plain instruction from the Bible concerning God's creative expression of unconditional love toward man—the gift of sexuality. Learn the elements that define sacred sexuality, how to protect your marriage from sinful practices, and strategies to help restore relationships afflicted by infidelity. God created the institution of marriage to be a living, vibrant representation of the unity and oneness of God. Sexuality is a gift stemming from that unity, allowing the sanctity of sexual expression to be expressed within the covenant of marriage. Adhering to the desire and will of God in sexual intimacy, our relationships will bear the mark of God's favor and blessing. Find out how you can experience God's choice blessing for your love life.

## **Sexuality and Gender**

The *Oxford Handbook of Gender and Sexuality in the New Testament* provides a roadmap to the relevant problems, debates, and issues that animate the study of sex, gender, sexuality, and sexual difference in early Christianity. Leading scholars in the field offer original contributions by way of synthesis, critical interrogation, and proposals for future research trajectories.

## **Is God in Your Bedroom?**

Originally published in 1956, this survey of the interpretations of sex by the major figures in Christian thought and in psychoanalysis made an important contribution to the re-thinking of our sexual morality at the time. The author refutes the common belief that the negative attitude toward sex and the body, which had been predominant in western civilization, originated with Christianity. He shows that such a viewpoint was widespread in the early Hellenism Age, nearly three centuries before Christ. He emphasizes the essentially positive view which Biblical religion demands and shows how Christianity's attitude early became corrupted by the dualism of the Orient. He points to the need for a return to essential naturalism and the Biblical interpretation of sex. The first part of the book consists of a historical treatment in the Christian tradition, touching upon the teaching of Jesus, Paul, Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, Calvin and others. He analyses the classical and contemporary attitudes and ideas in both Catholic and Protestant circles and shows how Christian understanding comes into conflict with psychoanalysis. In the later portions of the book the author discusses sex and psychoanalysis and the major problems in sexual mores. He ends with a synthesis of the religious and psychoanalytic points of view and a critical reconstruction of a Christian interpretation.

## **The Oxford Handbook of New Testament, Gender, and Sexuality**

“An explosive, fascinating book that reveals how the Bible cannot be used as a rulebook when it comes to sex. A terrific read by a top scholar.” —Bart Ehrman, author of *Misquoting Jesus* Boston University’s cutting-edge religion scholar Jennifer Wright Knust reveals the Bible’s contradictory messages about sex in this thoughtful, riveting, and timely reexploration of the letter of the gospels. In the tradition of Bart Ehrman’s *Jesus Interrupted* and John Shelby Spong’s *Sins of Scripture*, Knust’s *Unprotected Texts* liberates us from the pervasive moralizing—the fickle dos and don’ts—so often dictated by religious demagogues. Knust’s powerful reading offers a return to the scripture, away from the mere slogans to which it is so often reduced.

### **Sex in Christianity and Psychoanalysis**

Applying psychoanalytic and gender theory to selected Biblical narratives from Genesis to the Book of Ruth, Lefkowitz interprets the Bible’s stories as foundation texts in the development of sexual identities. *In Scripture* is an exploration of the Biblical origins of a series of unstable ideas about the sexes, human sexuality, family roles, and Jewish sexual identities, in particular, and by extension, changing attitudes towards Jewish men and women.

### **Unprotected Texts**

A fresh look at the Bible reveals a richness of insight about sex and sexuality. For some people, the Bible’s perspectives on sex may seem too one-dimensional or antiquated to apply to modern-day life. Others may hold up the Bible as the ultimate moral guideline when it comes to sex and human sexuality. A close reading of the Bible reveals that while its rules and lessons about sex and sexuality may not be applicable to all people at all times, this sacred scripture does offer surprising insight into our modern sexual lives. This intriguing guide demystifies the Bible, synthesizing basic historical, theological, literary and linguistic ideas about the Bible’s texts with our modern attitudes about sex. Thoughtful new translation and provocative commentary bridge the divide between biblical authority and our present-day views on gender roles, marriage, sexual orientation, virginity, lust and sexual pleasure. Drawing from Hebrew and Christian scripture, it examines the ways that the language of religion and the language of sex intersect. Now you can discover what the Bible says about sex with no previous background in theology or religious history. This SkyLight Illuminations edition offers insightful and engaging commentary that explains the historical context and religious worldviews of those who wrote the Bible as well as the role their perspectives play in current social debates. You will be encouraged to form your own opinion about what the Bible has to say about sex and gain a deeper understanding of your own sexuality.

### **In Scripture**

All about Sex in the Bible is based exclusively on Biblical quotations, which are related to sexual activity, rules, metaphorical meanings of sexual language, and scientific knowledge on this subject. Traditionally, the Bible viewed as a religious book. Surprisingly, it is overloaded with countless verses on the topic of sexuality, including a description of depravity of God of Old Testament, Patriarchs and Kings, all kind of sexual pleasures and seduction, and cruelty triggered by sexual desire. The book consists special chapters on associated subjects, such as circumcision, Marys virginity, Jesus birthday, analysis of the meaning of whore of Babylon described in Biblical Revelation, and some scientific facts on related issues. In addition, the major chapters are supported by Appendix, which is includes Glossary, Index of Persons, Geographical Glossary, and Bibliography.

### **Sex Texts from the Bible**

In a changing society, Christians and Jews have looked to the Bible to find values and models. But the

Hebrew Bible does not offer just a single model for family behavior or relationships. This volume explores the positive and negative aspects of family life in ancient Israel as portrayed in the Bible. Rashkow examines the relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children, and siblings, looking at the variety of conflicts that emerged: incest, rape, abuse, murder, and hatred. Ultimately, Rashkow's analysis provides a reflection on family, which is given texture and depth through her use of psychoanalysis and literary theory. This text traces the influence of the biblical images on later Western literature and society and provides comparative discussions of other ancient Near Eastern literatures. Also useful as a textbook for courses in Hebrew Bible, feminist studies, and psychological interpretations of the Bible.

## **All About Sex...In the Bible**

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## **Taboo Or Not Taboo**

The so-called purity laws in Leviticus 11-15 reflect a cultic and social view of the male and female body. These texts do not give detailed physiological descriptions. Instead, they prescribe what to do in the cases of skin disease, delivery and wo/man's genital discharges, but the particular way of dealing with the body and the language used in Leviticus 12 and 15 ask for clarification: how do these texts construct the male and female body? Which roles does gender play within this language? By means of themes such as menstruation and circumcision, Erbele-Kuester unfolds the language used for the body in Leviticus and its interpretation history. Her study provides material for a contemporary anthropology of bodies which relates the human sexed body to God's holiness.

## **Sex and Desire in Muslim Cultures**

Love Between Women examines female homoeroticism and the role of women in the ancient Roman world. Employing an unparalleled range of cultural sources, Brooten finds evidence of marriages between women and establishes that condemnations of female homoerotic practices were based on widespread awareness of love between women. \ "An extraordinary accomplishment. . . . A definitive source for all future discussion of homoeroticism and the Bible.\ "—Mary Rose D'Angelo, Harvard Gay & Lesbian Review \ "[Brooten's] convincing analysis . . . not only profoundly reshapes our understanding of the past, but it should also shape the way in which that past, particularly the early Christian texts with their immense normative weight, will be used for the future.\ "—Anne L. Clark, Journal of Lesbian Studies \ "Love Between Women gives contemporary debates on sexuality a carefully delineated past. It boldly insists upon a different future, one informed by history but not tyrannized by it.\ "—Susan Ackerman, Lambda Book Report \ "Fascinating, provocative and lucid. . . . Brooten has made a fundamental contribution to women's and gender studies, gay

and lesbian studies, and classics."—Elizabeth A. Castelli, *Women's Review of Books* Winner of the Lambda Literary Award for Best Lesbian Studies Book, 1997

## **Body, Gender and Purity in Leviticus 12 and 15**

She also deconstructs the Biblical sexual politics by asking whose interest is being served by the 'good' women of the Bible."--BOOK JACKET.

## **Love Between Women**

In this global survey of Christianity and sexuality in the early modern period, Merry Wiesner-Hanks assesses the role of personal faith and the Church itself in the control and expression of all aspects of sexuality.

## **Sexual Politics in the Biblical Narrative**

In this lighthearted, lively tour of sexuality within Jewish religion and culture, Dr. Ruth K. Westheimer and Jonathan Mark team up to reveal how, contrary to popular wisdom, the Jewish tradition is much more progressive in many regards than one might think. Applying Dr. Ruth's unique brand of "couples therapy" to such Biblical relationships as those of Abraham and Sarah, and Joseph and Potiphar's wife, the authors enlist Biblical lore to cover such topics as surrogacy, incest, and arranged marriages. They offer a clearer understanding of the intertwining relationships among sexuality, spirituality, and sexual roles through a look at the latter books of the Bible--the Song of Songs, Ruth, Proverbs, Psalms, and some of the bawdier tales of the Prophets. One chapter provides a provocative metaphorical perspective on the Sabbath as a weekly revival, highlighting not only its spiritual but its marital and sexual aspects as well.

## **Christianity and Sexuality in the Early Modern World**

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## **Heavenly Sex**

Nissinen's award-winning book surveys attitudes in the ancient world toward homoeroticism, that is, erotic same-sex relations. Focusing on the Bible and its cultural environment--Mesopotamia, Greece, Rome, Israel--Nissinen concisely and readably introduces the relevant sources and their historical contexts in a readable way. Homoeroticism is examined as a part of gender identity, i.e., the interplay of sexual orientation, gender identification, gender roles, and sexual practice. In the patriarchal cultures of the biblical world, Nissinen shows, homoerotic practices were regarded as a role construction between the active and passive partners rather than as expressions of an orientation moderns call "homosexuality." Nissinen shows how this applies to the limited acceptance of homoerotic relationships in Greek and Roman culture, as well as to Israel's and the early church's condemnation of any same-sex erotic activity. For readers interested in the ancient world or contemporary debates, Nissinen's fascinating study shows why the ancient texts - both biblical and nonbiblical - are not appropriate for use as sources of direct analogy or argument in today's discussion.

## **Producing Desire**

This work of constructive theology examines human sexuality in light of Christian faith and doctrine. Jensen moves beyond the hot-button social debates about sexual orientation and sexual practices to look for healing. The seven chapters consider Scripture and sex; the connections between the triune, covenantal God and human sexuality; Christ's incarnation and resurrection as affirming the beauty of flesh; eschatology and sexual identity; the ramifications of the Lord's Supper for human sexuality; vocation and Christian callings to marriage, celibacy, and singleness; and sexual ethics.

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## **Homoeroticism in the Biblical World**

Human sexuality is a very important subject, especially in a cultural context such as ours, in which social and work transformations offer behavioral models that are characterized by a remarkable sexual indeterminacy. In *Transcending Gender Ideology*, Antonio Malo tries to rethink sexuality with equilibrium and intellectual rigor, using a philosophical approach, since sexuality does not only affect biological aspects or social conditioning, but above all the same essence of the relationship between man and woman. Malo's reflections begin with the historical evolution of the concept of sexuality: the naturalistic conception, which sees the difference between man and woman as something biological and absolute, and the postmodern conception, which criticizes it by judging human sexuality as a socio-cultural construction or gender. According to Malo, the limitation of the gender approach is to deny the relationship of human sexuality to the body and to the differences between man and woman. In fact, by rejecting these aspects, they end up sustaining a limitless creativity of freedom, which transforms the body into something that is used at will, and relationships as something fluid. Faced with these extremes, Malo proposes a vision of sexuality as a personal condition or sexed condition, received at the time of birth, but which develops, grows and matures through family models, experiences and relationships. Even if based on an original sexual difference, sexed condition covers many other aspects: physical, psychological, social and cultural, as well as behavioral patterns and, above all, the personal integration of sexuality through the gift of oneself in marriage or in celibacy.

## **Was Jesus Married?**

This is the first book to examine the development and impact of sexology—the scientific study of sex—in the United States. Briefly recounting its century-long history, Janice Irvine begins with the pioneering research of Alfred Kinsey and analyzes the attempt by sexual scientists to associate themselves with biomedical methodology in order to achieve the status of respected professionals in this country. Considering the development of modern sexological research and the clinical practice of sex therapy in the context of a broader social history of sexuality and gender, Irvine reveals how the content and direction of sexual science has been shaped by concerns for professional legitimacy, cultural authority over issues of sex and gender, and the creation of a market for information and therapy. Evolving from the rigorously empirical research of Kinsey, contemporary sexology is generally associated with biomedical laboratory investigations or psychotherapy. Cautious about the possibility of public censure or the restriction of public funding, research sexologists have been careful to present themselves as staid and dispassionate scientists engaged in ideologically neutral work. The book examines the social and political changes that have created an identity crisis within modern sexology as it has confronted formidable external challenges. In the cultural turbulence of the late 1960s, a group of sexologists, inspired by the human potential movement, introduced controversial new methods of clinical practice that involved nudity, bodywork, and sexually explicit films. At the same time, the emerging feminist and gay liberation movements rejected the conventional behaviors and gender role prescriptions privileged by biomedical experts in sexology and articulated the connection between personal and political freedom. Modern sexology now is rife with conflict. "As a field in which scientists, pornographers, feminists, transvestites, therapists, and others uneasily share the podium," Irvine comments, "sexology's recent history can be characterized as a turf war among constituents over the control of cultural definitions of sexuality and gender." *Disorders of Desire* documents how sexology has failed to transcend factionalism and remains unable to control contemporary sexual discourse. Irvine shows how its volatile debates over issues such as the G-Spot, the research of Shere Hite, childhood gender treatment centers, and AIDS represent fundamentally different constructs of human sexuality and individual freedom. Author note: Janice M. Irvine is a sociologist in the Community Health Program at Tufts University.

## **God, Desire, and a Theology of Human Sexuality**

*Transcending Gender Ideology*

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