



Sex education: Some Views

Sex Appeal

From Ernie Dawson of Manila:

Several newspapers have been printing articles in favour of contraceptives. Quite a few even equated their use with responsible parenthood. This made me laugh. Why? Because sex with contraceptives is irresponsible parenthood. When a person uses sex to obtain pleasure but avoids its primary purpose, i.e. pregnancy, he or she is running away from responsibility.

In The Manila Chronicle

From Mahnaz Butt of Karachi:

I was shocked to read that half a million women die in pregnancy or child-birth every year, 99% of them in the Third World.

In The Muslim, Islamabad

From Rainbow Chen of Peking:

As a teacher of biology, I don't agree with the idea of introducing sex education classes to junior high schools. Some attribute the high incidence of sex crimes to the lack of sex education. In my opinion, these are due to social pollution. Love-making scenes in movies find their way into young hearts. Sex is a natural thing. When children get old enough, they will know it naturally. It is unnecessary and even dangerous to force it on them.

From Mark Libuchal of Peking:

If knowledge of sex comes naturally, then presumably it is accompanied by a natural sexual desire and an inclination to go to satisfy it. Therefore, the natural course of events, unchecked, will lead to harmful, irresponsible and immoral behaviour. If they are to keep themselves from inadvertently creating children before they leave school, young people need information ab-

out the physical, social and psychological consequences of engaging in sex. This does not come naturally.

In China Daily, Peking

From Chan Yin Mei of Hongkong:

For the majority of civilised people, sex drives are not the same as other human needs like thirst or hunger which threaten our very survival. Sex can indeed wait and had better wait until after marriage, when it is safely embedded in love and commitment. Without imparting this ethical viewpoint, sex education can do more harm than good to the individual and society.

If we submerge our desire for food, we cannot live. If all men and women submerge their sexual desires, the human race will vanish in no time. Moderation and balance in the legitimate pursuit of our desires is the real way to happiness and peace.

In New Straits Times, Kuala Lumpur.

From Suzuki Naoko of Tokyo:

In South China Morning Post, Hongkong

From Edmund Tan of Segamat, Johore:

As a woman, I have no quarrel with female nude photos in magazines. The problem is that it is limited to only one gender. How about including spread of beautiful male bodies as well? Some well-defined stomach muscles or a nicely sculpted back? Women can also appreciate the beauty and sensuality of the human body. Share the pleasure; give us our due.

In The Japan Times, Tokyo.