

11.9.20 - Common

In life, it's the odd or unusual that gets most of the attention!

This fact means that the common or mundane get very little attention. In this country, nakedness is restricted to the home or a few clothing optional venues. This fact makes the sight of a naked body very unusual everywhere else.

Our goal in writing this article is to show from other activities that nakedness would lose its appeal or shock value if it were common.

Remember when you changed schools in the middle of the school year because your parents moved. Everything was new to you and you felt uncomfortable. You were the new kid, and everyone was a stranger. A week later you had acquaintances that you felt comfortable enough around to join their table when you got through the lunch line. After a few months most everything became common. You felt like you fit in and you no longer had that outsider feeling.

Your first visit to a family friendly naturist activity will seem similar because it is not what you are accustomed to. You will probably have friends to guide you on how things are done but, being naked around other naked people is unusual at first. Unlike the school experience above and because of the lies that you've been told, there is the fear that sex will become a factor either in your acceptance or your behavior. Satan and our imagination make it seem far worse than it really is. Reality comes rather quickly for most people and the new feeling wears off fast. Someone with clothing on becomes the odd person. If we removed the nudity laws from the books, there would certainly be a transition period. After that transition period proves that immorality did not become an epidemic, naked people would become just another group of nonconformists.

When you buy a new car (new to you), especially a new make for you, remember how you were surprised how many of the same make and model that you just bought are on the road. That make and model became unusual for you because you are driving one. It is the time before you bought one that illustrates our point. You looked at the same cars frequently before and they were not noticed. Just another car to cause traffic jams. Nakedness would become like that if it was common. Just another body "dressed" in its God given suit.

When you hang a new picture in the hallway or in a room in your house you notice it every time you pass it, but months and years later someone has to call attention

to it before you notice. It became so common to you in that room or hallway that it practically disappeared. Nakedness would work the same way. Even in a clothing optional closed group (no outsider textile scoffers) with only a few choosing to go without clothing, they would become common.

Although taste is not the same sense as the examples above, food would work the same way. The first serving of a gourmet dish tastes much better than the serving just before you decide you had enough. Or if you had your favorite meal every day of the week, you would soon get tired of it. You may not get tired of viewing naked bodies, but they will lose their sex appeal with repeated exposure. Looks like they all got their outfits from the same Designer.

Do you think that if public nudity was legal that we would not notice an attractive person going down the sidewalk naked? The first time it happened in a neighborhood everyone would notice. Some people would notice every time it happened. Like you usually notice when your neighbor is cutting his grass or raking his leaves, etc. Like the first time you hear a humorous joke it is funny, but the humor lessens after you've heard the same joke five times or more in a few months. The number of people walking down the street naked has to be more than one before we could call it common, but as with the joke, the novelty wears off over time even with only a few taking advantage of the freedom.

What about rape and sexual harassment, you ask. Seems they would become common also. Why is nudity restricted to naturist venues now? Because it is not legal otherwise. Rape and harassment are not legal either. It's been said that men have less control of themselves when a woman is naked. We tend to disagree. The most attractive women in our society supposedly are the famous movie stars. Have you noticed how they dress for an awards party? Their attire (or lack thereof) is way more suggestive than a naked body could ever be. We have not heard of a man losing control and raping one of them at an awards ceremony. It is common decency and the punishment that keeps us obeying the laws. If I drive too fast and get caught too often, I will lose my license to drive not to mention the cost of the tickets and the increase in insurance rates. If I get caught driving without a license I will lose even more. Rape and harassment are controlled the same way for decent people i.e. make the punishment costly enough and certain enough that few would think the gain to be worth the probable loss. Nothing will stop the indecent from being jerks except catching and punishing them, but there is the possibility even for the indecent among us that the common place of nonsexual nudity would be a benefit to them as it may reduce the sexual component of nakedness, therefore reducing the sexual appetite. The lack of control for these indecent men as

mentioned above is something that is used to justify clothing. These evil men have used it to justify their lusts and sexual crimes, but it is about as real as the claim that the devil *made* me do it...sorry, but we simply aren't buying it.

Kissing is part of love...however we are not told that men will lust if they see a woman's lips. The rest of the body would have the same effect if it were common to see it naked. As the nonsexual naked body becomes more common the naked body loses its lust appeal. We were once asked by a wife as her and her husband considered naturism for themselves, if the naked body becomes desexualized through common nonsexual nudity how do I indicate to my husband that I am sexually motivated for him. Her husband quickly answered for her to put a little tiny bit of clothing on, for example lingerie. He said that a little bit of clothing (ie. a swimsuit or nighty) was way more sexual than a naked body anyway. We agree with his point whole heartedly. From our experience, a textile beach is way more sexually charged than a naturist beach every day of the week.

While we are trying to illustrate by analogy, I heard a great illustration of why clothing does not solve sexual immorality. A four-wheeler was up in the mountains of Colorado and passed a sign with the message, "No Shooting". He counted forty bullet holes in the sign. If the sign was a trail marker or pointed out an interesting fact about the location, I would still expect a few bullet holes, but nothing near forty. Some people have no other way to leave a mark in the world, but forty holes illustrates how we react to rules. If we replaced the "No Shooting" sign with a "No Looking at Naked People Sign" we believe the result would be similar. The key is that the very sign that was put there to prevent the problem is actually the cause of the response. The solution...the commonplace of nonsexual nakedness, has the effect that once the novelty wears off then so does the attraction. This is where we came up with the phrase The Problem is The Cure. The way to make our society less sexualized is to make nonsexual nakedness commonplace.

Aside from the effect shown by the forty bullet holes, clothing has two problems as mentioned in other articles. They call attention to the "lust causing" parts which is almost like an advertisement for lusting. The other problem is that our imagination gives the hidden parts much more appeal than they really have. Remember how wonderful the thing you bought online looked in the photos and how common and small it looked when you opened the package. Remember the picture of the item at the Wendy's or Taco Bell drive through...the item you get looks nothing like the advertisement. The photos in these illustrations represent the clothing and what you saw is your imagination at work. Reality is seldom as outstanding as it was

imagined. A good illustration of this point is the joke about the boat: The two happiest days in a person's life are the day he buys a boat and the day he sells the boat.

When we live with nothing to hide in the naked and not ashamed condition that we were created in, we fix so many issues that our society suffers from. It's almost like God knew what He was doing when He created us naked and not ashamed. We encourage you to try this wonderful, biblical lifestyle for yourself and find the freedom that comes when Christ makes you free indeed.