

10.7.19 - Objectification

We will start with a quote from the internet by Nate Pyle:
“We’ve been taught a woman’s body will cause men to sin. We’re told that if a woman shows too much of her body men will do stupid things. Let’s be clear: A woman’s body is not dangerous to you. Her body will not cause you harm. It will not make you do stupid things. If you do stupid things, it is because you chose to do stupid things.”

This is a clear statement of what we have been trying to state in other articles: “stupid things” (lust, fornication, adultery, rape etc.) are not the woman’s fault and the man is in control of how he reacts to a woman. Jesus said it a little differently: **Mat 15:18,19** **But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:** This idea that the man can not control himself around a woman certainly came from a man to excuse himself for doing "stupid things" around a woman and is not a new idea. “It was that woman whom thou gavest to be with me” she overwhelmed me and forced me to eat the forbidden fruit. Really Adam!! I made you stronger than the woman so she could not do such a thing. Were you weak from eating too many green apples or did she catch you when your back was turned and grab your testicles? You had no other choice?? This shows that the tendency to blame someone for your mistake started a long time ago. Lord, it can not be my fault, you made me perfect, so it has to be someone else’s fault. It must be something the woman is doing. The Muslim community today does the same thing...they stone a woman to death if she is raped, literally blaming the woman for the man’s crime. Satan seems to be behind this idea of blaming the woman for things a man does. Think about that for a minute, if you have the idea that it's the woman’s fault for how a man thinks

in his heart you might just be aligning yourself with a satanic ideology.

We found the article that the quote above came from and would like to react to other quotes from the article:

"It is a woman's responsibility to dress herself in the morning. It is your responsibility to look at her like a human being regardless of what she is wearing."

We would have added the phrase "or not wearing", but Nate is obviously not openly a naturist or he would have included it as well. He is not a legalist either or there would be rules about what to cover in the statement.

We think this would fit as well: "She does not need to worry about your lustful heart when she chooses her clothing or decides to go without clothing."

Also, as we were trying to say above, as a man you can not justify your sinful thoughts by her clothing or lack of clothing. Make sure that you get the "like a human being" part. When we can make a group subhuman, we can justify subhuman treatment: It is just a slave, it is only a Jew, it is only there for my pleasure, etc.

Here is another quote from the same article:

"I'm not telling you to not look at women. Just the opposite. I'm telling you to see women. Really see them. Not just with your eyes, but with your heart. Don't look to see something that tickles your senses, but see a human being."

The last phrase is the most important part of the quote. Men have no trouble seeing women as possessions. She is my date, my girlfriend, my wife like my gun my car my boat my house: but it

should not be the same. The gun, boat, car, and house do not have feelings, like fear, insecurity, doubts, likes, dislikes, dreams, hopes, need for acceptance. Should sound a little like your needs since you are human also. When we make a group subhuman, there is no stopping point. If it applies to slaves, Jews, and women, maybe it could also apply to people we do not like or people who stand in our way to power or wealth, or old people, or people not born yet, or people with a different skin color, or people with a different hair style or people with tattoos, etc. One subhuman group soon expands to anybody. If you make women objects instead of humans, do not be surprised that you are viewed as a paycheck and something to be maneuvered and manipulated in order to get things done that are unpleasant or difficult for her. Ok I get it...women are human doesn't everyone know that? Yes! We all had a mother who was a woman, but our talk and our actions do not always support our knowledge. "Locker room talk" is one phrase that we have all heard. Do you think this talk is about meeting the woman's emotional needs or how to better protect her from all the evils in the world? That is not my understanding of the phrase. The last time I was in a locker room was in the sixties and my memory seems to have reused most of those spaces. I have heard that it is more about how to gratify our carnal desires at their expense, how to make a pleasure machine out of them. Dirty jokes do almost the same service to women. Are you trying to say we have to give up "locker room talk" and dirty jokes? Jesus made a statement in the sermon on the mount that I think will help you answer the question for yourself: **Mat 7:12 - Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.** For this application we change "men" to "women" and that should make the point.

The key here is twofold...the first is that a woman should be treated like the beautiful creation of God that she is and not as an object of sexual gratification and the second is that she should not

and cannot be held responsible for how a man or any other person for that matter, views her. Women cannot and should not be held responsible for a man's thoughts or actions any more than a man should be held responsible for a woman's thoughts or actions. Our attire or lack thereof is not responsible for your thoughts or behavior.

As a final note, we believe firmly that the more a person is around other naked people, both men and women (in a non-sexual environment) ...the less hold the sight of a naked body has on a person. In other word, if you want men to stop objectifying women then one of the best ways to accomplish this is the naturist lifestyle. Its teaching and its application are the surest ways to desexualize the naked body. The commonplace of nakedness is the surest way to reduce the attraction of the unknown. Being sarcastic: it's almost like that's the way we should have been from the beginning...the way God intended us to be.