

The Body “Speaks” a Language of Love and Union (Pope John Paul II’s TOB)
This Chart Shows the Opposite of Such a Language
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vs. the Opposite of Love: Use
Utilitarianism/Pragmatism**

**Language of Body (Free, Full, Faithful, Fruitful)
vs. Lying with the Body**
Abstraction—“draw away from earth” (body does not matter)

**Perfect Subjectivity & Intersubjectivity
vs Rupture of 4-Fold Communion
Man & God, self, others, creation**

PORNOGRAPHY

Using self, objectifying another

Becomes a “prison”; no demands; “harem of brides”; no fruit whatsoever

No thought of God; violate self; violate another; manipulates

COHABITATION

Using for physical/emotional needs;
whatever is expedient

Financially/sexually/emotionally dependent; withhold full gift; already
cheating on future spouse; most not open to kids/holiness not issue

Not reflecting God’s design; no self-mastery; not true union;
all of creation is to be itself but this opposite

CONTRACEPTION

Makes using each other easy

Makes easy to be enslaved to lust; withhold total gift; instead of faithful
one needs protection; woman’s fertility seen as disease not gift

The Holy Spirit not invited; lust of heart; barrier; not green

ADULTERY

Spouse not enough—self-directed
grasping

Becomes enslaved; not committed, fling; breaks vows;
a baby would be seen as a horrible outcome

In OT, God compares sin to adultery; split life; no union with
spouse or other person; disease (STD’s)sign of wrong done

STERILIZATION

Makes using each other easy;
cheap, one time, “practical”

No self-mastery necessary; rids self of wholeness God gave;
“I promise to be true to you” but only part of you; barrenness

Violates God’s design; “free for all” rather than self-mastery;
true union open to life; level of animals

IN VITRO FERTILIZATION

Baby not fruit of love but product
I deserve and will get what I want

Here, the sacredness and meaning of marital love is done away with
procreation=scientific experiment; other babies murdered/frozen

God gone, person becomes god; lacks understanding self;
manipulation of creation, “Man’s conquest over nature”

ABORTION

Baby not loved but discarded
woman objectified, threatened
other things more valued than baby

Body does not “speak”—womb not “God’s compassion” saying “I am
a mom” but “victim”; baby not “fruit of love” but “invader”; dad not
protect/provide—hurts child and one he said, “I love you” to;

Violates God’s entrusting life; femininity & masculinity
rejected; violates baby & woman; creation attacked & killed
(Pregnant woman—sign of Incarnation—God’s union w/ us)

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