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# To a College Girl



When a boy talks to you in a low voice and uses intelligent sounding words about the New Morality to persuade you that making love is really not wrong, that it is a personal decision between two sincere people — try to remember a few simple ideas.

Every year the polls taken among college boys show that between 85 and 95 per cent of them would prefer to marry a girl who is chaste, a virgin undefiled. (You may not believe it, but it's true.) They are very fond of immediate satisfaction with their girlfriends, but for a wife — they want someone who can lift them gently and lovingly beyond their immediate sexual hunger to the promise of more meaningful level of human love.

**REMEMBER TOO**, these are the same boys who become outraged when some lecherous beast "takes advantage" of their sister. They can't stand the thought of their sister as an object of sexual delight for some stranger. Why? Because they know their sister as a person; they've seen her grow up; and in their own peculiar way, they love her, so naturally, they want to protect her.

Is this a double standard? What do you think? If a boy does not love a girl, or at least not very deeply, his seduc-

tion is highly immoral. If he truly loves her, he would desire not to compromise her ideals (if she has any).

Do you know about human nature? Do you know that a woman sets the moral tone of a family? A man brings to it his mind and a certain clarity of direction. A man realizes that he is as good as the woman in his life. He knows that he will have to find someone strong and good if he is to be good himself. His body gives him a great deal of difficulty with this noble idea, and many times he appears weak and inconsistent. He really desires love, the rich tender help that comes from the love of a woman who truly knows him, and who has the patience to lift him above himself.

**CHASTITY IS** the virtue which regulates human love. All through her life, a woman must be dedicated to chastity if she is to be truly a woman — for a man needs her virtue.

Human love is more than sexual compatibility, or sexual relief. Chastity is not prudishness or negativism, it is simply a power to put sex in its proper perspective. Be careful how you gamble with your body and your feelings. Sex is unpredictable, and so are men who lack character and a sense of values.