

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY by JP II

Some take away reflections to share by Rick McKinney, June 23, 2018

God is love, a communion of persons in which the Holy Spirit is birthed from loving union.

Human beings are made in God's image, male and female, whose loving union births new persons.

In all God's creation in heaven and earth, only human beings, as persons, can procreate other persons.

Adam's original solitude brought home his unique identity as a person and his incomplete aloneness.

When the woman was brought to the man, he knew instinctively that they were made for each other.

The original unity of Adam and Eve manifested in the making of a gift of themselves for each other.

The nuptial meaning of men and women's bodies reveals their complementarity in being made for each.

Satan, out of envy of the creature made in the image of God, devised evil to distort, disorder and destroy.

After the fall, Adam then saw Eve and her unique body parts as an object to be used for good or evil.

The man and woman seeing their naked vulnerability felt the need to hide themselves from each and all.

The opposite of love is not hate, but "use" and persons are not objects to be used, ever.

Self-indulgent sexual union, even in marriage is sin, for personal conjugal union is to be self-giving.

Lustful thoughts and actions images persons as objects and no person is an object.

The "thou shalt not" commandments were designed to curb our fallen, un-renewed natures.

A Christ like nature has no real need for most commandments as a renewed heart abides in love.

For instance, few of us need the commandment not to kill little children, as it is an abhorrent thought.

It is possible to view women, men, the young, the old, the enfeebled, or the strong with Christ's mind.