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# SEX, VIOLENCE & RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

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## THE LIMBIC SYSTEM & VIOLENT BEHAVIOR

The neocortical surface of the brain (the so called “gray matter”) is the seat of the rational mind, being concerned with language, math, reasoning, and higher level cognitive capacities. Beneath this neocortical mantle, buried within the depths of the cerebrum are several large aggregates of limbic structures and nuclei which are preeminent in the control and mediation of all aspects of emotion including violent, aggressive, sexual, and social behavior and the formation of loving attachments. The limbic system controls the capacity to experience love and sorrow, and governs and monitors internal homeostasis and basic needs such as hunger and thirst, including even the cravings for pleasure-inducing drugs (Bernardis & Bellinger 1987; Childress, et al., 1999; Gloor 1992, 1997; LeDoux 1992, 1996; MacLean, 1973, 1990; Rolls, 1984, 1992; Smith et al. 1990). Over the course of evolution, the forebrain and much of the neocortex (and the so called “rational mind”) evolved in response to and so as to better serve the limbic system and fulfill and satisfy limbic needs.

However, the limbic system is not only predominant in regard to all aspects of motivational and emotional functioning, but is capable of completely overwhelming “the rational mind” due in part to the massive axonal projections of the amygdala upon the neocortex. Although over the course of evolution a new brain (neocortex) has developed, *Homo sapiens sapiens* (“the wise may who knows he is wise”) remains a creature of emotion. Humans have not completely emerged from the phylogenetic swamps of their original psychic existence. Hence, due to these limbic roots, humans not uncommonly behave “irrationally” or in the “heat of passion,” and thus act at the behest of their immediate desires; sometimes falling “madly in love” and at other times, acting in a blind rage such that even those who are “loved” may be slaughtered and murdered.

The schism between the rational and the emotional is real, and is due to the raw energy of emotion having its source in the nuclei of the ancient limbic lobe — a series of structures which first make their phylogenetic appearance over a hundred million years before humans walked upon this Earth and which continue to control and direct human behavior.

Humans, although rational creatures, are also killers, men in particular. Men are natural born killers, which is why the history of human affairs is written in gore and blood. This sad state of affairs is due to the incredible power of the limbic system which, when aroused, can hijack and gain complete control over the rational mind. Unfortunately, as the limbic brain also mediates spirituality and religious experience, not uncommonly the worst of crimes and the worst of murders, are committed in the name of god and in the name of religion.

## FUNCTIONAL OVERVIEW

In general, the primary structures of the limbic system include the hypothalamus, amygdala, hippocampus, septal nuclei, and anterior cingulate gyrus; structures which are directly interconnected by massive axonal pathways (Gloor, 1997; MacLean, 1990; Risvold & Swanson, 1996). With the exception of the cingulate which is referred to as “transitional” cortex (mesocortex) and consists of five layers, the hypothalamus, amygdala, hippocampus, septal nuclei are considered allocortex, consisting of at most, 3 layers.

The hypothalamus could be considered the most “primitive” aspect of the limbic system, though in fact the functioning of this sexually dimorphic structure is exceedingly complex. The hypothalamus regulates internal homeostasis including the experience of hunger and thirst, can trigger rudimentary sexual behaviors or generate feelings of extreme rage or pleasure. In conjunction with the pituitary the hypothalamus is a major manufacturer/secretor of hormones and other bodily humors, including those involved in the stress response and feelings of depression.

The amygdala has been implicated in the generation of the most rudimentary and the most profound of human emotions, including fear, sexual desire, rage, religious ecstasy, or at a more basic



level, determining if something might be good to eat. The amygdala is implicated in the seeking of loving attachments and the formation of long term emotional memories. It contains neurons which become activated in response to the human face, and which become activated in response to the direction of someone else's gaze. The amygdala also acts directly on the hypothalamus via the stria terminalis, medial forebrain bundle, and amygdalofugal pathways, and in this manner can control hypothalamic impulses. The amygdala is also directly connected to the hippocampus, with which it interacts in regard to memory.

The amygdala maintains a functionally interdependent relationship with the hypothalamus in regard to emotional, sexual, autonomic, consumatory and motivational concerns. It is able to modulate and even control rudimentary emotional forces governed by the hypothalamic nucleus. However, the amygdala also acts at the behest of hypothalamically induced drives. For example, if certain nutritional requirements need to be met, the hypothalamus signals the amygdala which then surveys the external environment for something good to eat (Joseph, 1982, 1992a). On the other hand, if the amygdala via environmental surveillance were to discover a potentially threatening stimulus, it acts to excite and drive the hypothalamus as well as the basal ganglia so that the organism is mobilized to take appropriate action.

When the hypothalamus is activated by the amygdala, instead of responding in an on/off manner, cellular activity continues for an appreciably longer time period (Dreifuss et. al., 1968). The amygdala can tap into the reservoir of emotional energy mediated by the hypothalamus so that certain ends may be attained.

### **LIMBIC LUST, MURDER, AND RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE**

The amygdala and hypothalamus often act in a highly coordinated manner in reaction to an exceedingly important emotional stimulus, or in response to a specific limbic need, such as hunger, thirst, rage, or sexual desire (Joseph, 1992a, 1996; MacLean 1969, 1990). For example, in response to hypothalamically monitored needs (hunger, sexual desire), the amygdala may scan the environment until it determines that a particular food item or person, has the necessary attributes (Gloor 1992; Joseph 1992a,b, 1996; Kling et al., 1987; O'Keefe and Bouma 1969; Ursin and Kaada 1960). In response to urgent hypothalamic desires, the amygdala might even assign sexual attributes to an individual that normally might not be viewed as sexually enticing.

It is also through hypothalamic and amygdala activity that a particular item or object (e.g. a banana) might be viewed as both a food item and sexual object. Or conversely, why certain individuals may be viewed as sexual as well as aversive and hateful (e.g. one's husband or wife). Indeed, because the hypothalamus and amygdala are so concerned with sex, rage, fear, and hunger, not only may these attributes be assigned to one individual, animal, or object simultaneously (e.g. fear of the beast one is going to enjoy killing and eating; hunger, guilt, and aversion regarding a high caloric treat; hatred for a loved one) but these conflicting emotions may be combined so as to give rise to exceedingly intense, albeit abstract emotional states; e.g. religious awe as well as religious rage.

### **HYPOTHALAMIC RAGE**

Stimulation of the lateral hypothalamus can induce extremes in emotionality, including intense attacks of rage accompanied by biting and attack upon any moving object (Flynn et al. 1971; Gunne & Lewander, 1966; Wasman & Flynn, 1962). If this nucleus is destroyed, aggressive and attack behavior is abolished (Karli & Vergness, 1969). Hence, the lateral hypothalamus is responsible for rage and aggressive behavior.

The lateral maintains an oppositional relationship with the medial hypothalamus. Hence, stimulation of the medial region counters the lateral area such that rage reactions are reduced or eliminated (Ingram, 1952; Wheatley, 1944), whereas if the medial is destroyed there results lateral hypothalamic release and the triggering of extreme savagery.

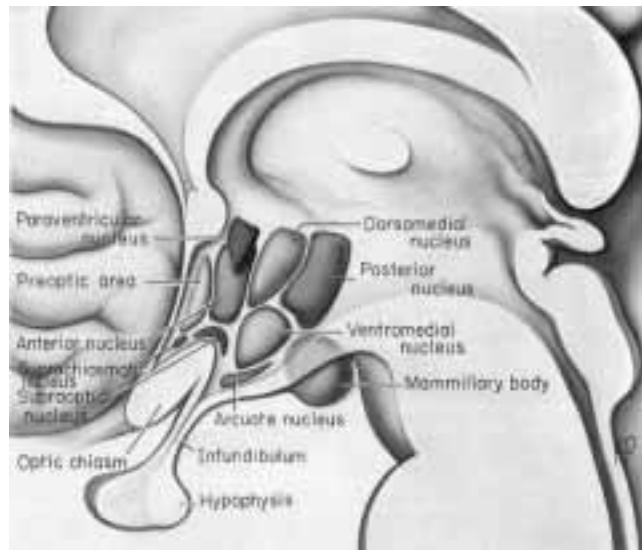
Inflammation, neoplasm, and compression of the hypothalamus have also been noted to give rise to rage attacks (Pilleri & Poeck, 1965), and surgical manipulations or tumors within the hypothalamus have been observed to elicit manic and rage-like outbursts (Alpers, 1940). These appear to be release phenomenon, however. That is, rage, attack, aggressive, and related behaviors associated with the hypothalamus appears to be under the inhibitory influence of higher order limbic nuclei such as the amygdala and septum (Siegel & Skog, 1970). When the controlling pathways between these areas are damaged (i.e. disconnection) sometimes these behaviors are elicited.

For example, Pilleri and Poeck (1965) described a man with severe damage throughout the



*Figure 154. The nuclei of the Hypothalamus. From Carpenter, 1991.*

cerebrum including the amygdala, hippocampus, cingulate, but with complete sparing of the hypothalamus who continually reacted with howling, growling, and baring of teeth in response to noise, a slight touch, or if approached. Hence, the hypothalamus being released responds reflexively in an aggressive-like non-specific manner to any stimulus. Lesions of the frontal-hypothalamic pathways have been noted to result in severe rage reactions as well (Fulton & Ingraham, 1929; Kennard, 1945).



### THE AMYGDALA AND RAGE

Fear and rage reactions have also been triggered in humans following depth electrode stimulation of the amygdala (Chapman, 1960; Chapman et al., 1954; Heath et al. 1955; Mark et al. 1972). Mark et al. (1972) describe one female patient who following amygdaloid stimulation became irritable and angry, and then enraged. Her lips retracted, there was extreme facial grimacing, threatening behavior, and then rage and attack—all of which persisted well beyond stimulus termination.

Similarly, Schiff et al. (1982) describe a man who developed intractable aggression following a head injury and damage (determined via depth electrode) to the amygdala (i.e. abnormal electrical activity). Subsequently, he became easily enraged, sexually preoccupied (although sexually hypoactive), and developed hyper-religiosity and pseudo-mystical ideas. Tumors invading the amygdala have also been reported to trigger rage attacks (Sweet et al. 1960; Vonderache, 1940).

In many instances patients or animals will react defensively and with anger, irritation, and rage which seems to gradually build up until finally the animal or human will attack (Egger & Flynn, 1963; Gunne & Lewander, 1966; Mark et al., 1972 Ursin & Kaada, 1960; Zbrozyna, 1963). Unlike hypothalamic “sham rage,” amygdaloid activation results in attacks directed at something real, or, in the absence of an actual stimulus, at something imaginary. There have been reported instances of patient’s suddenly lashing out and even attempting to attack those close by, while in the midst of a temporal lobe seizure (Saint-Hilaire et al., 1980), and/or attacking, kicking, and destroying furniture and other objects (Ashford et al., 1980).

Moreover, rage and attack will persist well beyond the termination of the electrical stimulation of the amygdala. In fact, the amygdala remains electrophysiologically active for long time periods even after a stimulus has been removed (be it external-perceptual, or internal-electrical) such that it appears to continue to process—in the abstract—information even when that information is no longer observable (O’Keefe & Bouma, 1969). The individual may therefore remain enraged or fearful long after the threat or offending party had departed the scene. The amygdala makes it possible to feel moody.

The amygdala appears capable of not only triggering and steering hypothalamic activity but acting on higher level neocortical processes so that individuals form emotional ideas. Indeed, the amygdala is able to overwhelm the neocortex and the rest of the brain so so that the person not only forms emotional ideas but responds to them, sometimes with vicious, horrifying results. A famous example of this is Charles Whitman, who in 1966 climbed a tower at the University of Texas and began to indiscriminantly kill people with a rifle (Whitman Case File # M968150. Austin Police Department, Texas, The Texas Department of Public Safety, File #4-38).

Charles Whitman climbed the University tower carrying several guns, a sawed off shotgun, and a high powered hunting rifle, and for the next 90 minutes he shot at everything that moved, killing 14, wounding 38. Post-mortem autopsy of his brain revealed a glioblastoma multiforme tumor the size of a walnut, erupting from beneath the thalamus, impacting the hypothalamus, extending into the temporal lobe and compressing the amygdaloid nucleus (Charles J. Whitman Catastro-



phe, Medical Aspects. Report to Governor, 9/8/66).

### THE AMYGDALA, FEAR, AND THE LORD

“And now Israel, what does the Lord your god require of you, but to fear the Lord your god.” - Deuteronomy 10:12.

The amygdala in particular is exceedingly important in generating feelings of fear (Davis et al., 1997; Gloor, 1992, 1997; Halgren, 1992; Rosen & Schulkin 1998; Scott et al., 1997; Williams 1956) as well as sexuality, rage, and hunger. In this regard, feelings of religious awe may be based on fear (d’Aquili and Newberg 1993), rage, extreme, hunger, or sexual arousal. Fear, however, is often the most potent means of eliciting religious feeling, for even a committed atheist when confronted with the possibility of a horrifying death may cry out to god. The “Lord God” Yahweh, in fact, depends on fear, and glories in terrifying his subjects in order to reveal his presence and power:

“The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord.” -Proverbs 1:7, 9:10, 15:33.

“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your god require of you, but to fear the Lord your god.” -Deuteronomy 10:12.

“God has come... in order that the fear of Him may be ever with you so that you do not go astray.” -Exodus 20:17.

### THE FRONTAL-TEMPORAL LOBES

In addition to the amygdala, temporal lobe and hippocampus, d’Aquili and Newberg (1993) point out that the right frontal lobe also plays a significant role in the generation of mystical experience. It is thus noteworthy that the right frontal lobe can pray, swear, and curse “God” even when the (speaking) left cerebral hemisphere has been severely damaged and the patient is aphasic and can no longer speak (Joseph, 1982, 1988a, 1999a).

The right frontal and temporal lobe, hypothalamus, and amygdala also interact in regard to sexual arousal (Freemon & Nevis 1969; Joseph, 1986a, 1988a, 1992a, 1999a; MacLean 1969, 1990; Remmillard et al. 1983; Robinson & Mishkin 1968; Spencer et al., 1983). This is a very important relationship, and in part explains why (although there are exceptions), religions tend to be quite sexual and/or exceedingly concerned with sexual mores and related activity. As is well known, female pregnancy and matters pertaining to birth control and abortion are of extreme concern to most modern as well as ancient religions (Campbell 1988; Frazier 1955; Parrinder 1980; Smart 1969).

The limbic system as well as the frontal and temporal lobes are highly concerned with acting on or inhibiting aggression and murderous rage reactions which also arise in the limbic system (Joseph 1986, 1988, 1992a, 1996). This may also explain why many religious sects are so “righteously” belligerent and hateful and have employed torture, human or animal sacrifice, and sanctioned if not encouraged the murder of nonbelievers: What could be referred to as limbic-religious blood lust.

“Shed man’s blood, by man your blood be shed.” -Genesis 9:6.

### SHED MAN’S BLOOD

The “Lord God,” Yahweh, repeatedly required that the ancient Israelites undergo a bloody ritual of submission (e.g. Exodus 24:1-14), and in fact proscribed a ritual of incredible bloodiness for the investiture of his priests (Exodus 29: 1-46). This “Lord God” also required the slaughter and sacrifice of living creatures whose blood is splashed on his altar, and on his priests.

For example, upon the ratification of the covenant, twelve oxen were drained of their blood, one oxen for each of the 12 tribes of Israel, and as it was splashed on the people, Moses says “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord now makes with you concerning these commands” (Exodus 24:8). In yet another bloody ritual a bull is slaughtered then a ram, then yet another ram, and their blood is splashed and smeared on the altars, on the priests, and on the people, and climaxes with those who are being ordained as priests holding up bloody pieces of the body (Exodus 29: 10-28).

King Solomon slaughtered 22,000 oxen and 22,000 sheep as an offering to this “Lord God” whose loves meat, but not his vegetables.

In fact, as this “Lord God” is apparently a meat eater, this may explain why he criticized Cain, a tiller of the soil, and rejected his first harvest offering of fruit and vegetables that he had grown with his own hand (Genesis, 4):

“And in the process of time it can to pass that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground and offering until the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and the fat thereof. And



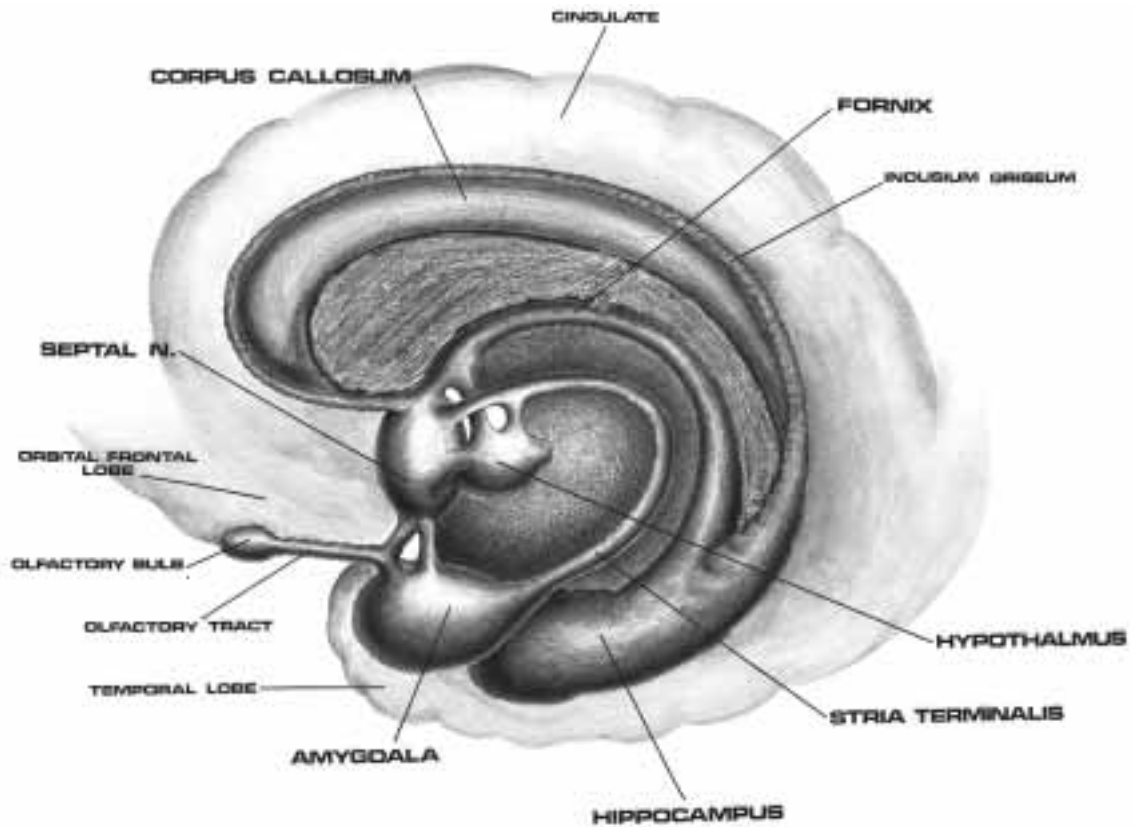


Figure 155. The nuclei of the limbic system, From Joseph, 1990.

the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.” -Genesis 4.3-5.

For ancient hunters, aggression and the killing of animals (and other humans) was a way of life. Hunters often employed hunting magic and related religious rituals to insure success. Religion and murder, like religion and sex, are linked to the limbic system and evolved accordingly. Consequently, when in the throes of religious excitement, torture and murder may even receive the blessing or might be actively encouraged by one’s “God.”

The “Lord God” enjoys killing people, and informs Moses that even those who wish to convert should be slaughtered: “You shall make no covenant with them...” and “I will blot out their memory... The Lord will be at war with Amalek throughout the ages” (Exodus 17:14-16). This Lord God, will in fact engage in widespread ethnic cleansing and genocide, and will also impose a reign of terror on His own people (e.g., Exodus 32: 26-29, 35). The Lord God loves to spill the blood of innocent and guilty alike.

On the other hand, the blood sacrifice is also related to the worship of the goddess, the Great Mother of All. It is menstrual blood which issues from the womb, the source of all life, and the rites of the goddess cult involved sanctifying and splashing menstrual blood on the altar. Hence, many ancient patriarchal religions appear to have adopted this practice, with the notable exception that instead of using the blood to celebrate life, the purpose of these bloody rituals was to evoke the power to take life which would be sacrificed to a warring, meat eating, God.

### WARRIOR GODS: FEAR AND PANIC

Throughout history, many of the patriarchal Gods have been aggressive, jealous, conquering, angry and war-like e.g., Marduk, Mazda, Zeus, Apollo, Mars, and Yahweh “the Lord of hosts.” For example, in addition to being described as the “Lord of hosts,” Yahweh also means: “The Destroyer.”

These warrior gods, including Yahweh, were prone to mass murder and extremely violent rages. Yahweh repeatedly threatened and engaged in the slaughter of enemies and believers alike, without



mercy or regard for women and children. Terror, war, and murder: the Lord God's middle names.

"Terror, and the pit, and the snare are upon you, O inhabitant of earth (Isaiah 24:17). And as the Lord took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the Lord will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you (Deuteronomy 26:63). The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, which will swoop down like the eagle... a ruthless nation, that will show the old no regard and the young no mercy (Deuteronomy 28:47-50). It shall devour the offspring... you shall eat your own issue, the flesh of your sons and daughters... until He has wiped you out... leaving you nothing... until it has brought ruin unto you..." (Deuteronomy 28:50-55).

"In the Name of God... by the Troops shall the unbelievers be driven towards Hell, until when they reach it, its gates shall be opened... for just is the sentence of punishment on the unbelievers..." - Koran, XXXIX

"Behold I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way. Beware of him and obey his voice, for I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries, and I will cut them off... I will send my terror before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come... and I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased and inherit the land." -Exodus 23:20-30

"...when you approach a town, you shall lay seizure to it, and when the Lord your god delivers it into your hand, you shall put all its males to the sword. You may, however, take as your booty the women, the children, the livestock, and everything in the town—all its spoils—and enjoy the spoil of your enemy which the Lord your god gives you... In the towns of the people which the Lord your god is giving you as a heritage, you shall not let a soul remain alive." -Exodus 20:15-18; -Deuteronomy 20:12-16

"When Israel had killed all the inhabitants of Ai... and all of them, to the last man had fallen by the sword, all the Israelites turned back to Ai and put it to the sword...until all the inhabitants of Ai had been exterminated... and the king of Ai was impaled on a stake and it was left lying at the entrance to the city gate." -Deuteronomy 8:24-29.

In fact, the Lord God condemned even his most loyal followers if they dared to show even the slightest mercy even to animals (e.g., I Samuel 28:18-19). The Lord God, as described in the Old Testament, had what might best be described as a hair trigger temper, such that at the slightest sign of murmuring he would pounce and kill men, women, and children, the innocent and guilty alike including those of his own people. As is evident, for example, in the story of Exodus, the people were His prisoners, and He killed or insured that every adult who exited Egypt would die in the desert, including even Moses for making but one small mistake in following His orders: Instead of ordering a rock to give water, Moses tapped it with his cain. For this "sin," the Lord God kills Moses with a Divine kiss.

## LIMBIC AND RELIGIOUS MASS MURDER

### ETHNIC CLEANSING, AND GENETIC GENOCIDE

Led by Moses, and their "Lord God" the ancient Hebrews/Israelites murdered untold numbers, perhaps hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women, children, including even their livestock. These atrocities were committed against all manner of innocent peoples not because they had sinned, but because they happened to be along the path to the "promised land" and because they had the misfortune of living on land and possessing property that the "Lord God" wanted to give to his people.

"When the Lord they God shall bring thee into the land, and shall cast out many nations before thee, the Hittite, and the Gergashite, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite... and the Lord thy god shall deliver them up before thee, and thou shalt smite them, then thou shalt utterly destroy them."-Deuteronomy 7:1-2.

"Of the cities of these peoples, that the Lord they God giveth thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breathest." -Deuteronomy, 20:16.

Moreover, "God" gloried not only in the murder of innocent women and children, but took special satisfaction in the theft of their property—the spoils of a godly-genocidal war. The Lord God believed that theft and injustice was a testament to his glory as a conquering warrior god.

"Great and goody cities, which thou didst not build and houses full of all good things which thou didst not fill, and cisterns hewn, which thou didst not hew, and vineyards and olive-trees, which thou didst not plant, and thou shalt eat and be satisfied." -Deuteronomy 6:10-11.

Yahweh, the Lord of Hosts, the "Destroyer," apparently so enjoyed the spectacle of mass murder, that once he began to kill He found it difficult to stop, killing everything and everyone, the guilty and the innocent, the righteous and the wicked, and even their animals. Apparently only blood and



more blood, the signs of death, could protect the innocent, and cool his ardor for indiscriminate mass murder, which is why He explains to Moses that the only way to protect himself and the Jewish people from slaughter was by painting their doors red with blood: “When I see the blood” He informs Moses, “I will pass over you, and there shall be no plague upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt” (Exodus 12:12-13).

It was only the sight of blood which prevented Yahweh from killing Moses almost immediately after informing him that he was to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

“And the Lord said unto Moses...Go... And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him. Then Zipporah” (the wife of Moses) “took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.”

Why would the “Lord God” seek to kill his prophet? There are many possibilities, all of which may have provoked “Lord God’s” inherent murderous nature. For example, Moses dilly dallied and did not go directly to Egypt as he had been commanded. In addition, the “Lord God” may have been provoked to rage because Moses had failed to circumcise his son. Moses never did escape the wrath of the “Lord” for the “Lord God” kills Moses just as he and the Israelites are on the verge of entering the promised land.

### **THOU SHALT KILL AND KILL AND KILL**

Despite the commandment “thou shall not kill” Yahweh kills and murders the innocent and guilty alike and encourages and in fact orders the Israelites to murder even babies and women with children.

“And they warred... as the Lord commanded and slew all the males. And they slew the Kings... and they took all the women and their little ones... and they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles with fire... And Moses was wroth...and said unto them. Have ye saved all the women and the little ones alive? Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him.” (Numbers, 31).

As repeatedly detailed in Exodus, the “Lord God” purposefully and repeatedly “hardened Pharaoh’s heart” simply as an excuse for murdering innocent Egyptians, so that He could glory in the carnage.

“I will harden Pharaoh’s heart that I may multiply My signs and marvels in The land of Egypt. When the Pharaoh does not heed you, I will lay My hand upon Egypt.” -Exodus 7:3.

Moreover, it is not just Egyptians or the hapless innocents who the Israelites and their Lord God murder in their 40 years of wondering, but tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of Jews. The Lord God kills them for rebelling, He kills them for “murmuring,” He kills them for complaining, He kills them for questioning. And He kills their wives, brothers, fathers, mothers, and children: “Go forth and slay brother, neighbor, and kin” (Genesis, 32:26-29).

For example, when Moses ascended the Mountain to meet with the Lord God, the Israelites grew impatient with the hardships and murders they were forced to endure, and they turned again to worshipping the scared goddess, as represented by the golden calf. In reaction, Yahweh thunders and his prophet Moses proclaims that innocent and guilty alike shall be murdered: “Put ye every man his sword upon his thigh and slay every man...his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor and kin” (Genesis, 32:26-29).

When Moses proclaimed the Israelites a “nation of priests,” some of the Israelites then dared to ask: if “Every member of the community is holy and the Lord is among them all... Why do you set yourselves up above the assembly of the Lord?” The response? Those who dared to ask questions are killed, including their wives, children, brothers and neighbors: “And the Earth opened her mouth and swallowed them” (Numbers, 16:32).

The ancient Israelis not only received special permission from their “Lord God” to murder wayward Jews, non-Jews and Jewish nonbelievers, including women and children whom they slaughtered without mercy (e.g. Numbers, 31:15-18; Numbers 34, 50-53), but even Jewish babies. Indeed, it was a Hebrew religious-tradition to kill and slaughter not only non-Jewish males in general but first born Jewish sons (a custom until the time of Moses, e.g. Bergmann 1992).

### **SACRIFICIAL MURDERS**

Human sacrifice was a common feature of many ancient religions, and serves as one of the founding stones of Christianity: The Lord God’s sacrifice of his son, Jesus, on the Cross. Hence, it is said that “Christ died for your sins.” Christ was sacrificed as an offering to the Lord God, so as to wash away the sins of the masses—or so claims the Roman Catholic Church.



The Lord God showed a particular fondness for killing first born sons, including the first born of the ancient Egyptians, as well as his own people.

“A blessing on him who seizes your babies and dashes them against rocks.” -Psalm 137:9).

“I polluted them with their own offerings, making them sacrifice all their firstborn, which was to punish them, so that they would learn that I am Yahweh.” -Ezekiel 20:25-36; 22:28-29.

This “Lord God” even required the death of the first born son of King David and his wife Bethsheba, despite the fact that He claimed to have loved David most dearly. However, by killing this little boy, “God” in effect pardoned King David for repeatedly breaking two of His commandments, i.e., murder (of Bethsheba’s husband) and adultery. Thus, the son of David was sacrificed by the Lord God so as to cleanse David of his sins, including, perhaps his sinful propensity for having sex with other men’s wives (e.g. Abigail wife of Nabal, and Michal wife of Paltiel). However, David the murderer and adulterer, was also a fierce warrior who had killed tens of thousands, including even tens of thousands of Jews—and this “Lord God” loved him most dearly.

Sacrificial murder, therefore, is a way of indicating atonement, and for obtaining favor from one’s god, including the Lord God. For thousands of years it has been a world wide religious custom to sacrifice captured warriors, young virgins, and especially children.

In some ancient societies children were killed because they were “pure” and precious. Thus the death of these innocent children could be considered a true sacrifice. Moreover, the ancient gods, including Yahweh, required that those murdered in their glory, be pure and without blemish. Children, and virgins, therefore, were a natural choice.

First born sons in particular were singled out for this honor as many ancient religions held to the belief that the first born was the offspring of a god who had opened the womb and impregnated the mother. This belief may even have caused the Lord God some consternation, for he not only required the killing of the first born, but he repeatedly shows favor to second born sons, e.g., Abel over Cain, Isaac instead of Ishmael, Jacob instead of Esau, Ephraim over Manasseh, Solomon the second born son of David and Bethsheba, and so on.

It was also believed by many pagan groups that because a god may have impregnated the mother, the god also lost some of his lifeforce in the process. Hence, the first born would be killed to liberate that energy which could then be absorbed by the god.

It may well have been because of these beliefs that other gods were absorbing this life force, that the Lord God, although at first demanding the sacrifice of first born sons, later changed His mind, and condemned the practice:

“This very day you defile yourselves in the presentation of your gifts by making your children pass through the fire of all your fetishes.” -Ezekiel 20:31.

## CHRISTIAN HOLY WARS

### KILL THEM ALL: GOD WILL RECOGNIZE HIS OWN

It was upon these images of the murdering warrior God, the Lord of Hosts, that Pope Urban II proclaimed that war for the sake of God was holy. Thus, the Catholic Popes instigated numerous Crusades and inquisitions. In consequence hundreds of thousands of Moslems, Jews, and women and children, were sexually tortured, slaughtered, spitted, and roasted alive, and their cities and villages pillaged and set ablaze. All in the name of the Lord God. So intense was their limbic blood lust that even Christians were murdered.

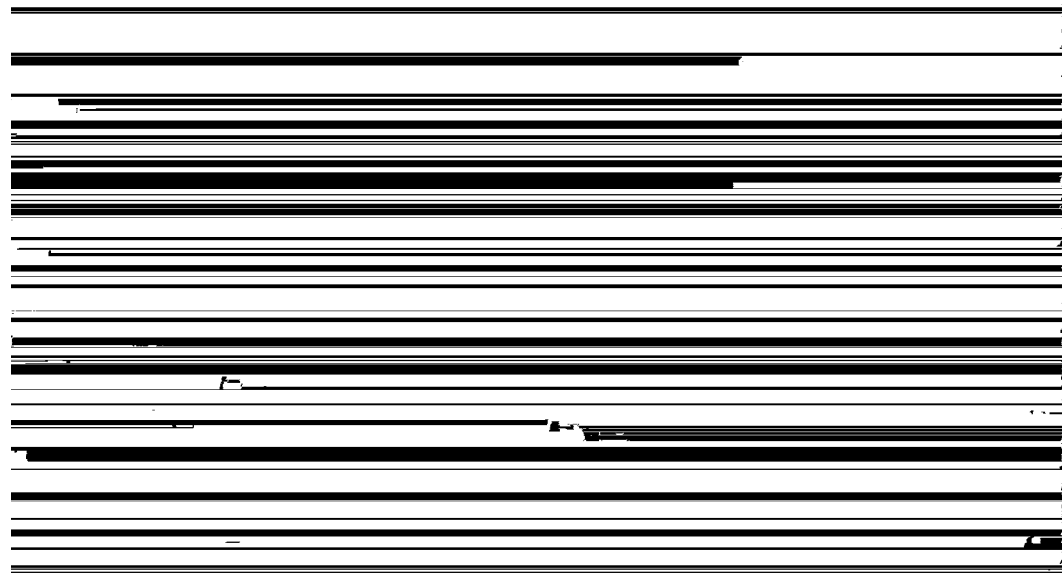
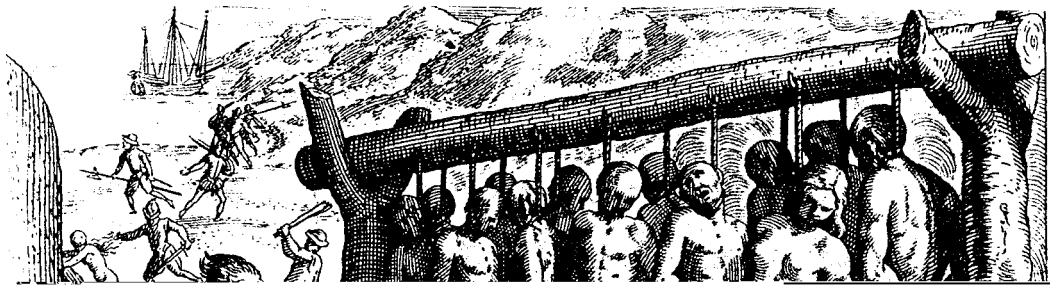
For example, in the 13th Century an army of some thirty thousand Christian knights and Crusaders descended into southern France and attacked the town of Beziers in search of heretics. Over thirteen thousand Christians flocked to the churches for protection. When the Bishop, one of the Pope’s representatives, was informed that the army was unable to distinguish between true believers and heretics, he replied, “Kill them all. God will recognize his own.”

However, in order to recruit those worthy of such a glorious and murderous undertaking, the Pope had to appeal to murderers, rapists, molesters of children, and those who enjoyed the prolonged torture of their victims.

“You oppressors of orphans, you robbers of widows, you homicides, you blasphemers, you plunderers of others’ rights... If you want to take counsel for your souls you must go forward boldly as knights of Christ...” so proclaimed the Pope who offered “indulgences” and forgiveness to all those who would commit blasphemies and murder women and children in the name of the Lord God and Jesus Christ.

As summed up by Henry Charles Lea: “Protestants and Catholics rivaled each other in the





**Figure 156.** (Above) According to Catholic Dominican Bishop Bartolom de Las Casas, the Indian natives were hung and burnt alive “in groups of 13... thus honoring our Savior and the 12 apostles.” Because some of the victims managed to live throughout the night, the Dominican priests ordered that sticks be shoved down their throats so the soldiers and priests would not be kept awake at night by their cries and moans. Woodcut by De la Bray, 15th century.

(Right) The Aztecs regularly practiced human sacrifice. A victim lies dead at the foot of the temple steps, whereas the warrior at top has his chest cut open by the temple priest, which allows his soul to ascend skyward leaving behind a bloody trail.





**Figure 157.** The Aztecs regularly practiced human sacrifice by cutting out the hearts of captured warriors in honor of their god.



madness of the hours... Christendom seemed to have grown delirious, and Satan might well have smiled at the tribute to his powers seen in the endless smoke of the holocaust which bore witness to his triumph over the Almighty.”

Again, however, although “Lord God” of the “Old Testament” repeatedly approved of mass murder and rape, and in fact employed these practices against His own people, Jesus Christ obviously did not preach mass murder, torture, rape, pedophilia, and the castration of young boys: “But love ye your enemies and do good and lend, hoping for nothing and your reward shall be great. Be ye merciful...judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not and ye shall not be condemned: forgive and ye shall be forgiven” (Luke, 7: 35-37); “For the Son of man is not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them” (Luke 10: 56; however, see Matthew 10:16 vs 34-35).

Nevertheless, despite the teaching of Christ, the Catholic Church fully approved of castration, mass murder, and the most horrible of tortures. Indeed, as is well known, the Spanish and Catholic missionaries, acting at the behest of the Catholic Popes (and their Spanish/Catholic Sovereigns), continued these Satanic practices once they invaded the America’s during the 1500’s and up through the 19th century.

As the Catholic Dominican Bishop Bartolom de Las Casas reported to the Pope: the Aztec and Indian natives were hung and burnt alive “in groups of 13... thus honoring our Savior and the 12 apostles.” However, because some of the various victims managed to live throughout the night, the Dominican priests ordered that sticks be shoved down their throats so the soldiers and priests would not be kept awake at night by their cries and moans.

Of course the Aztecs did not practice a benign form of worship, for they tore the beating hearts from their victims in order to please their God (Carrasco 1990) and they killed thousands if not hundreds of thousands in so doing.

Similarly, many Indian tribes of the Mississippi valley practiced human sacrifice as did the ancient Jews, Europeans, and leaders of the Protestant Reformation who urged the killing of anyone and everyone who did not agree with their interpretation of the Bible, including fellow Christians:

“Therefore let everyone who can smite, slay, and stab, secretly or openly, remembering that nothing can be more poisonous, hurtful, or devilish than a rebel. It is just as when one must kill a mad dog; if you do not strike him he will strike you, and a whole land with you.” -Martin Luther.

What is the origin of these sadistic religious practices? The human limbic system. And, we should recall: the limbic system is concerned not just with sex and violence, but resources, such as food, water, land, and thus territory.

### **HOLY WAR: OSAMA BIN LADEN, MOHAMMED ATTA & 9/11**

It was thirteen hundred years ago, in the seventh century A.D., that the religion known as Islam arose in the Arabian peninsula. With astonishing rapidity, it quickly spread across and conquered the Middle East, Byzantium, Persia, northern Africa, and Spain.

Islam was spread by the sword.

The armies of the Christian Byzantine Empire were annihilated in 636, and Jerusalem fell in 638.

Four hundred years later, in the year 1095, the Catholic Pope Urban II called upon the nobility and their armies to go to forth and assist their Christian brothers, the Byzantines, and kill the Muslims in the name of God—a cause that could be justified by scripture:

“Behold I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way. Beware of him and obey his voice, for I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries, and I will cut them off... I will send my terror before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come... and I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased and inherit the land.” - Exodus 23:20-30

However, it was not the pious that Urban desired to fight his wars, but lovers of murder and mayhem. He required killers to do a killer’s job. He was interested in recruiting for his holy cause only those who were murderers, rapists, molesters of children and anyone who enjoyed the prolonged torture of their victims.

He had just launched the first crusade.

An important factor that played a role in helping to persuade the nobles and their armies to



participate in such a gruesome task so terribly far from home, were the offers of an “indulgence.”

An “indulgence” was literally a license to sin, to do harm, and it was a guarantee that all sins would be forgiven by god, no matter how odious the crime.

In consequence, the crusaders not only attacked and massacred the Muslims, successfully re-taking Jerusalem on July 15, 1099, but they massacred their fellow Christians who had the misfortune and bad luck of living in villages that fell along the way—a pattern that was repeated in subsequent Crusades over the centuries.

The Muslims viewed the Christians as “polytheists,” and idolaters, and set out to cleanse the Holy lands of these blasphemers.

The Islamic Holy Wars and Counter-Crusades began.

Saladin was the greatest of Muslim generals, and in 1187, he annihilated the entire army of the Kingdom of Jerusalem at the Horns of Hattin, near the Sea of Galilee. Jerusalem had again come under Islamic rule.

Now after nearly a thousand, the “crusader forces” had returned and whereas the Medieval Catholic Church had been driven back and had failed to defeat the Muslim peoples, the United States had succeeded greatly. During the Gulf War America had invaded the holiest of all Muslim lands, the land of Mecca, the Holy land of Saudi Arabia—which was an intolerable affront to 1,400 years of Islamic tradition. It was an affront to Allah, to god.

Over a thousand years ago, after driving out the polytheists and those who worshipped multiple gods and those who profaned the lands of Arabia, the prophet Muhammad had declared that hencefore there shall “not be two religions in Arabia.”

Muhammad’s words were law—he was the messenger of God.

And now, a thousand years later, the polytheists, the Crusaders had returned.

The presence of foreign troops, with their many gods, was blasphemous. It was a sin. It was a crime against god.

The American led, Western “crusader forces,” of course, saw their presence in a whole different light. They were not the invaders. They were in Saudi Arabia to protect it from Saddam Hussein’s armies and to liberate Kuwait.

From the perspective of the Americans, they were not an occupying force but remained stationed in Saudi Arabia after the Gulf War, in order to protect the kingdom from Saddam Hussein.

It was not just entirely on religious grounds that bin Laden and other Arabs were incensed. They also believed the presence of the “Crusader Forces” were corrupting the morals of the people and causing the kingdom of Saudi Arabia incredible economic and financial harm.

“The crusader forces became the main cause of our disastrous condition,” bin Laden wrote in his 1996 declaration of jihad which read, in part, as follows:

“DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST THE AMERICANS OCCUPYING THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY PLACES: EXPEL THE INFIDELS FROM THE ARAB PENINSULA. A MESSAGE FROM USAMA BIN MUHAMMAD BIN IN LADEN”

“Praise be to Allah, we seek His help and ask for his pardon. we take refuge in Allah from our wrongs and bad deeds. Who ever has been guided by Allah will not be misled, and who ever has been misled, he will never be guided. I bear witness that there is no God except Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and messenger.

“It should not be hidden from you that the people of Islam had suffered from aggression, iniquity and injustice imposed on them by the Zionist-Crusaders alliance and their collaborators; to the extent that the Muslims blood became the cheapest and their wealth as loot in the hands of the enemies. Their blood was spilled in Palestine and Iraq. The horrifying pictures of the massacre of Qana, in Lebanon are still fresh in our memory. Massacres in Tajakestan, Burma, Cashmere, Assam, Philippine, Fatani, Ogadin, Somalia, Erithria, Chechnia and in Bosnia-Herzegovina took place, massacres that send shivers in the body and shake the conscience. All of this and the world watch and hear, and not only didn’t respond to these atrocities, but also with a clear conspiracy between the USA and its’ allies and under the cover of the iniquitous United Nations, the dispossessed people were even prevented from obtaining arms to defend themselves.

“The people of Islam awakened and understood that they were the main targets for the aggression of the Zionist-Crusaders alliance. All false claims and propaganda about “Human Rights” were hammered down and exposed by the massacres that took place against the Muslims in every part of the world.

“The latest and the greatest of these aggressions, incurred by the Muslims since the death of





the Prophet (ALLAH'S BLESSING AND SALUTATIONS ON HIM) is the occupation of the land of the two Holy Places -the foundation of the house of Islam, the place of the revelation, the source of the message and the place of the noble Ka'ba, the Qiblah of all Muslims- by the armies of the American Crusaders and their allies. (We bemoan this and can only say: "No power and power acquiring except through Allah")....

"Traitors implement the policy of the enemy in order to bleed the financial and the human resources of the Ummah, and leave the main enemy in the area-the American Zionist alliance enjoy peace and security! This is the policy of the American-Israeli alliance as they are the first to benefit from this situation.

"But with the grace of Allah, the majority of the nation, both civilians and military individuals are aware of the wicked plan. They refused to be played against each other and to be used by the regime as a tool to carry out the policy of the American-Israeli alliance through their agent in our country: the Saudi regime.

"If there are more than one duty to be carried out, then the most important one should receive priority. Clearly after Belief (Imaan) there is no more important duty than pushing the American enemy out of the holy land.

"Ibn Taymiyyah, after mentioning the Moguls (Tatar) and their behavior in changing the law of Allah, stated that: the ultimate aim of pleasing Allah, raising His word, instituting His religion and obeying His messenger (ALLAH'S BLESSING AND SALUTATIONS ON HIM) is to fight the enemy, in every aspects and in a complete manner; if the danger to the religion from not fighting is greater than that of fighting, then it is a duty to fight them even if the intention of some of the fighter is not pure i.e. fighting for the sake of leadership (personal gain) or if they do not observe some of the rules and commandments of Islam. To repel the greater of the two dangers on the expense of the lesser one is an Islamic principle, which should be observed. It was the tradition of the people of the Sunnah (Ahlul-Sunnah) to join and invade- fight- with the righteous and non-righteous men. Allah may support this religion by righteous and non-righteous people as told by the prophet (ALLAH'S BLESSING AND SALUTATIONS ON HIM). If it is not possible to fight except with the help of non-righteous military personnel and commanders, then there are two possibilities: either fighting will be ignored and the others, who are the great danger to this life and religion, will take control; or to fight with the help of non righteous rulers and therefore repelling the greatest of the two dangers and implementing most, though not all, of the Islamic laws...."

In February of 1998, bin Laden published a second declaration of war: Ladenese Epistle.

#### **OSAMA BIN LADEN DECLARES WAR (JIHAD) AGAINST JEWS & THE CRUSADERS**

"Praise be to God, who revealed the Book, controls the clouds, defeats factionalism, and says in His Book: "But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them, seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war)"; and peace be upon our Prophet, Muhammad Bin-'Abdallah, who said: I have been sent with the sword between my hands to ensure that no one but God is worshipped, God who put my livelihood under the shadow of my spear and who inflicts humiliation and scorn on those who disobey my orders.

"The Arabian Peninsula has never — since God made it flat, created its desert, and encircled it with seas — been stormed by any forces like the crusader armies spreading in it like locusts, eating its riches and wiping out its plantations. All this is happening at a time in which nations are attacking Muslims like people fighting over a plate of food. In the light of the grave situation and the lack of support, we and you are obliged to discuss current events, and we should all agree on how to settle the matter.

"No one argues today about three facts that are known to everyone; we will list them, in order to remind everyone:

"First, for over seven years the United States has been occupying the lands of Islam in the holiest of places, the Arabian Peninsula, plundering its riches, dictating to its rulers, humiliating its people, terrorizing its neighbors, and turning its bases in the Peninsula into a spearhead through which to fight the neighboring Muslim peoples.

"If some people have in the past argued about the fact of the occupation, all the people of the Peninsula have now acknowledged it. The best proof of this is the Americans' continuing aggression against the Iraqi people using the Peninsula as a staging post, even though all its rulers are against their territories being used to that end, but they are helpless.

"Despite the great devastation inflicted on the Iraqi people by the crusader-Zionist alliance, and despite the huge number of those killed, which has exceeded 1 million... despite all this, the Americans



are once against trying to repeat the horrific massacres, as though they are not content with the protracted blockade imposed after the ferocious war or the fragmentation and devastation.

“So here they come to annihilate what is left of this people and to humiliate their Muslim neighbors.

“If the Americans’ aims behind these wars are religious and economic, the aim is also to serve the Jews’ petty state and divert attention from its occupation of Jerusalem and murder of Muslims there. The best proof of this is their eagerness to destroy Iraq, the strongest neighboring Arab state, and their endeavor to fragment all the states of the region such as Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Sudan into paper statelets and through their disunion and weakness to guarantee Israel’s survival and the continuation of the brutal crusade occupation of the Peninsula.

“All these crimes and sins committed by the Americans are a clear declaration of war on God, his messenger and Muslims. And ulema have throughout Islamic history unanimously agreed that the jihad is an individual duty if the enemy destroys the Muslim countries. This was revealed by Imam Bin-Qadamah in “Al- Mughni,” Imam al-Kisa’i in “Al-Bada’i,” al-Qurtubi in his interpretation, and the shaykh of al-Islam in his books, where he said: “As for the fighting to repulse [an enemy], it is aimed at defending sanctity and religion, and it is a duty as agreed [by the ulema]. Nothing is more sacred than belief except repulsing an enemy who is attacking religion and life.”

“On that basis, and in compliance with God’s order, we issue the following fatwa to all Muslims:

“The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies — civilians and military — is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it, in order to liberate the al-Aqsa Mosque and the holy mosque [Mecca] from their grip, and in order for their armies to move out of all the lands of Islam, defeated and unable to threaten any Muslim. This is in accordance with the words of Almighty God, “and fight the pagans all together as they fight you all together,” and “fight them until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in God.”

“This is in addition to the words of Almighty God: “And why should ye not fight in the cause of God and of those who, being weak, are ill-treated (and oppressed)? — women and children, whose cry is: ‘Our Lord, rescue us from this town, whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from thee one who will help!’”

“We — with God’s help — call on every Muslim who believes in God and wishes to be rewarded to comply with God’s order to kill the Americans and plunder their money wherever and whenever they find it. We also call on Muslim ulema, leaders, youths and soldiers to launch the raid on Satan’s U.S. troops and the devil’s supporters allying with them, and to displace those who are behind them so that they may learn a lesson.

“Almighty God said: “O ye who believe, give your response to God and His Apostle, when He calleth you to that which will give you life. And know that God cometh between a man and his heart, and that it is He to whom ye shall all be gathered.”

“Almighty God also says: “O ye who believe, what is the matter with you, that when ye are asked to go forth in the cause of God, ye cling so heavily to the earth! Do ye prefer the life of this world to the hereafter? But little is the comfort of this life, as compared with the hereafter. Unless ye go forth, He will punish you with a grievous penalty, and put others in your place; but Him ye would not harm in the least. For God hath power over all things.”

“Almighty God also says: “So lose no heart, nor fall into despair. For ye must gain mastery if ye are true in faith.”

In 1998, bin Laden announced his intentions to the world and the United States and called for the killing of “Americans and their allies, civilians and military . . . in any country in which it is possible to do it.”

In 1998, U.S. targets were hit: the U.S. embassies in East Africa and the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen.

Years of planning went into the 1998 bomb attacks—just as bin Laden promised.

“The nature of the battle requires good preparation.”

In 1998, he also promised that “the battle will inevitably move . . . to American soil.”

In June of 2001, Osama bin Laden boasted that a horrific attack would soon take place in the United States.

“To all the Mujah: Your brothers in Palestine are waiting for you; it’s time to penetrate America and Israel and hit them where it hurts the most.”



On September 11, 2001, he made good on his terrorist threat. His Al-Qaeda terrorist organization murdered nearly 3,000 Americans.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, Mohammed Atta and 18 other Muslim terrorists, hijacked 4 commercial jets, two of which struck the World Trade Center, the others crashing into the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania.

Although Atta had repeatedly rehearsed this operation, on the morning of September 11, he was so worried that he might miss his flight from Maine to Boston that he rushed out and forgot his luggage. Later FBI agents would discover a jet fuel consumption calculator, an instructional video on flying commercial jets, a scrap of lined paper with a list of helpful hijacker hints, a letter, dated from 1996, and a kind of Hijacker's epistle.

In the notes and letter he left behind, Atta said he planned to kill himself so he would go to heaven as a martyr.

He also wrote out a page of last minute reminders which he may have photocopied and circulated among his followers. Atta, the presume author, had doodled on the paper, sketching a crude "key of life" that consisted of a arrowhead-like sword, with serpentine swirls and two hoops circling the shaft.

The letter also said in part:

"It is a raid for Allah....When the time of truth comes and zero hour arrives, then straighten out your clothes, open your heart and welcome death for the sake of Allah. Seconds before the target, your last words should be: There is no God but Allah. Mohammed is his messenger. I pray to you, God, to forgive me from all my sins, to allow me to glorify you in every possible way."

The FBI also found a detailed letter, a kind of Hijacker's Epistle which had apparently been circulated among all four hijacker teams, for a copy was also found in the debris of yet another hijacked jetliner.

It read in part as follows:

"In the name of God, the most merciful, the most compassionate. . . . In the name of God, of myself and of my family . . . I pray to you God to forgive me from all my sins, to allow me to glorify you in every possible way..."

"Remember the battle of the prophet . . . against the infidels, as he went on building the Islamic state..."

And then, on the top of page 3, it was captioned: "The last night."

"Remind yourself that in this night you will face many challenges. But you have to face them and understand it 100 percent."

"Obey God, his messenger, and don't fight among yourself where you become weak, and stand fast, God will stand with those who stood fast."

"You should engage in such things, you should pray, you should fast. You should ask God for guidance, you should ask God for help. . . . Continue to pray throughout this night. Continue to recite the Koran."

"Purify your heart and clean it from all earthly matters. The time of fun and waste has gone. The time of judgment has arrived. Hence we need to utilize those few hours to ask God for forgiveness. You have to be convinced that those few hours that are left you in your life are very few. From there you will begin to live the happy life, the infinite paradise. Be optimistic. The prophet was always optimistic."

"Always remember the verses that you would wish for death before you meet it if you only know what the reward after death will be."

"Everybody hates death, fears death. But only those, the believers who know the life after death and the reward after death, would be the ones who will be seeking death."

"Remember the verse that if God supports you, no one will be able to defeat you."

"Keep a very open mind, keep a very open heart of what you are to face. You will be entering paradise. You will be entering the happiest life, everlasting life. Keep in your mind that if you are plagued with a problem and how to get out of it. A believer is always plagued with problems. . . . You will never enter paradise if you have not had a major problem. But only those who stood fast through it are the ones who will overcome it."

"Check all of your items, your bag, your clothes, knives, your will, your IDs, your passport, all your papers. Check your safety before you leave. . . . Make sure that nobody is following you. . . . Make sure that you are clean, your clothes are clean, including your shoes."

"In the morning, try to pray the morning prayer with an open heart. Don't leave but when you



*Figure 158a. World Trade Center, 9/11/2001. From Reuters.*





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*Figure 158b. World Trade Center, 9/11/2001. From The New York Post*



have washed for the prayer. Continue to pray.”

“When you arrive ... smile and rest assured, for Allah is with the believers and the angels are protecting you.”

“When you enter the plane pray:

“Oh God, open all doors for me. Oh God who answers prayers and answers those who ask you, I am asking you for your help. I am asking you for forgiveness. I am asking you to lighten my way. I am asking you to lift the burden I feel.”

“Oh God, you who open all doors, please open all doors for me, open all venues for me, open all avenues for me.”

“God, I trust in you. God, I lay myself in your hands. I ask with the light of your faith that has lit the whole world and lightened all darkness on this earth, to guide me until you approve of me. And once you do, that’s my ultimate goal.”

“There is no God but God. There is no God who is the God of the highest throne, there is no God but God, the God of all earth and skies. There is no God but God, I being a sinner. We are of God, and to God we return.”

### THE SUICIDE BOMBER

The suicide bomber is stereotypically highly religious, a loner with few social skills, depressed, withdrawn, and often confused about their sexuality (Jess, et al., 2001, Jess & Beck, 2002). He who volunteers to destroy himself and others with a bomb strapped to his back, generally faces a future that offers little hope. He (or she) often feels overwhelmed by hopelessness and defeat as well as by feelings of terrible rage and anger.

The suicide bomber is not interested in killing soldiers, but civilians. He has no qualms, nor issues about destroying the innocent. Women and children are viable, desirable targets. By bringing the war off the battlefield and into the homes, work and public spaces of the innocent, the suicide bomber tries to spread so much terror that the enemy, who they call Israel and America, will withdraw from their lands and capitulate, as capitulation offers the possibility of salvation.

The suicide bomber seeks revenge and salvation--often for imaginary sins, including the “sin” of homosexuality (Jess, et al., 2001, Jess & Beck, 2002). The suicide bomber believes that through hatred and violence, by murdering innocent people, he is fulfilling a moral and spiritual quest that will lead to martyrdom and paradise.

Most suicide bombers are highly religious. Prospects are recruited from mosques and religious institutions and are led to believe that by killing themselves and others, they will go straight to paradise, where they will be seated in honor, next to their almighty God.

According to Islamic tradition, and as taught by “suicide teacher” Mohammed el Hattab, “He who gives his life for Islam will have his sins forgiven and will attain the highest state of paradise.” And what is paradise? 72 virgins who will love him and him alone. Eternal sexual bliss is one of the rewards of martyrdom.

Suicide bombers are commonly recruited by and are affiliated with the Palestinian militant group Hamas (or Islamic Jihad).

They are recruited from mosques and schools. It is not the brave and courageous who are enticed, but those who appear lonely, troubled, shy and withdrawn—those who might leap at the chance to be accepted, to be part of a group, to be given a mission in life, to feel important, and to belong.

Suicide bombers from the Middle East are typically young, impressionable, often highly religious, and living in despair and hopeless poverty. They are loners. They are shy, awkward, and usually have few or no friends. In American slang, they are the “losers.” They are young men with nothing to lose and everything to gain: Paradise and 72 willing virgins.

And like many virgins and young men confused about their sexuality, these “losers,” are often seduced by older men, who offer camaraderie and the chance to feel wanted, to belong and to have friends, if only the young man will agree to kill himself.

Friendly, awkward, shy and alone, these young men are easy pickings for those sophisticated in the art of enticing the friendless with gifts of kindness, respect and yes, even love, brotherly love.

The recruiters, these older men wise in the world, offer the “loser” a chance to become an accepted, respected member of the gang, part of an elite brotherhood: A brotherhood in blood.



Perhaps at many as half of the 19 men who agreed to kill themselves and thousands of others on September 11, were mentally disturbed and confused about their sexuality.

Wail Alshehri, for example, suffered from significant “psychological problems” that required treatment.

Abdulaziz Alomari was an alcoholic. He had at least one arrest for drunk driving.

Ahmed Salah Alghamdi, was highly religious, the graduate of a religious school, and he suffered from the torment of sin. He knew himself to be a sinner. He was wracked by a pathological, almost delusional guilt, frequently asking others, such as his parents, to pray for him.

Highly religious, mentally disturbed, and drowning in self-hate.

Some would agree to murder and destroy Americans, only because they were seeking to destroy their own unknown face.

As detailed in the book, *America Attacked* (Jess et al., 2001), Mohammed Atta was centrally involved in possibly all phases of the 9/11 attack, including planning, spying, recruitment and training. Atta may have also been a self-hating homosexual.

Atta was a religious man, which is a common characteristic of those who carry out suicide attacks. Yet, Atta differed from the stereotypical suicide attacker in that he was older, 33, highly educated and technically skilled. He also came from a well to do family and could be considered “upwardly mobile.”

In many respects he was no different from any other “upwardly mobile” highly educated Muslim. But there were also several notable exceptions. Atta drank alcohol excessively and he enjoyed hanging out at bars, including Sharky’s Billiard Bar in Hamburg where he was attending the Technical University in 1996.

He also preferred the company of men to women and his goal in life was to launch a suicidal attack and murder thousands of people who had never caused him or his loved ones harm.

Mohammed Atta, was a religious man. His teachers described him as polite, diligent, intelligent and very religious, perhaps fanatically so.

Yet he was also a sinner who loved fast cars, flashy clothes, young men and money, lots and lots of money.

Mohammed Atta knew himself to be a sinner. He desperately sought redemption, turning first to religion, and then failing that, or perhaps, because of it, embracing suicide and mass murder in order to achieve martyrdom and to wash away his guilty sins.

Mohammed Atta was also a leader. He played a leadership role in Hamburg and again in the United States.

Young men were attracted to Mohammed Atta and many were seduced and convinced to join his army, including fellow hijackers, Marwan Al-Shehhi, Saeed Alghamdi and Ziad Jarrahi—men he met and “seduced” in Hamburg.

Together they were to do battle with the enemies of Islam and their reward would be paradise and the cleansing of their guilty sins.

Mohammed Atta saw himself as a soldier and he would lead his men on a journey to eternity and paradise.

In 1996, Atta demanded that University officials accommodate his religious needs. He convinced them to establish an Islamic prayer room for himself and 20 other Muslim students.

Atta, the seductress, began recruiting others to the cause.

Arabic men not only attended his prayer room sermons but would gather late at night at his home.

Atta held meetings in the prayer room and in his home and soon found a willing convert, Marwan Al-Shehhi, who was 11 years his junior. Marwan Al-Shehhi, was not just a convert, he moved into Atta’s apartment and formed an unusual relationship that was to last until the day they died.

The two men became “inseparable” and “joined at the hip.”

They lived together. They trained together. They worked out together. They drank together. They committed mass murder together. The only thing they didn’t do together was seek out women.

They had no interest in women. They did not like women. Atta, in fact, hated women and left instructions that women should not be allowed to attend his funeral.

In America and Europe, when two men form close, physical, “inseparable” relationships, and eschew the company of females, few eyebrows are raised even when it becomes clear the men are homosexuals.



In more conservative Islamic countries, it is also not uncommon for men to spend a lot of time together and to even live together. That two highly religious men might also become inseparable and eschew the company of women, would be viewed as a sign of virtue and no cause for alarm.

However, if the same two inseparable Arab men liked to drink, wear expensive fancy clothes and spend time on the town, but also eschewed the company of women, such behavior would be recognized for what it is, and would not be tolerated. It would have been viewed as “immoral.” Sinful. In many Muslim countries, they could be legally killed and stoned to death.

Al-Shehh was also a problem drinker. In Florida he and Atta frequented a number of bars and were often observed to down four or five drinks in a row. Their favorite “poisons” included rum and Coke and Stolichnaya vodka and orange juice.

If they were Osama bin Laden’s men, they didn’t act like it. Bin Laden would not let his boys smoke cigarettes. Drinking alcohol would have led to banishment from the ranks of his al-Qa’eda movement.

However, as we now know, in 1996 bin Laden made an exception. He welcomed sinners into the ranks of his fighters. He would even finance their sins.

Were the two men homosexuals?

We don’t know.

What we do know is that Mohamed Atta and Marwan Al-Shehhi were fashion conscious, they enjoyed wearing expensive clothes, and were provided with large sums of money to indulge these habits. They also spent time keeping their bodies pretty by working out together at gyms.

They were always together.

The lived together.

They were inseparable.

Indeed, these two men remained “bound at the hip” until the day they boarded separate planes in Boston and hijacked them to New York City.

That they were both highly religious, Mohammed Atta in particular, does not rule out homosexuality. It certainly didn’t rule out mass murder. Rather their brand of religiosity leads credence to the possibility that these two fashion conscious, inseparable, unmarried men may have harbored “forbidden” tendencies, even if they never acted on them.

These forbidden tendencies may have also been the lure, which attracted and then bound so many young men to Atta’s camp. These same guilty, sinful tendencies may have had the motive force, which drove them to commit suicide and mass murder—devilish deeds that would cleanse them of their sins, even if they had never acted on them.

Mohammed Atta, while he was in Hamburg, Germany, had taken on the role of a cleric, of a priest! In was in this clerical-type shepherd role that he was able to gather so many sheep.

Homosexuality is common among clerics, shamans and priests. In the United States, homosexuality was so rampant within the ministry of the Episcopal church and its homosexual clergy so openly promiscuous that the church lost over 5 million members by 1997.

Likewise, and as will be detailed later in this chapter, the priesthood of the Catholic Church also includes a high percentage of homosexuals and pedophile priests who rape young men and boys. For example, in 1999, the Bishop of the Santa Rosa Diocese in California was forced to resign because another priest, a younger man, accused the Bishop of repeatedly raping him. In 2000, the Catholic Church decreed that priests could no longer be alone with altar boys, because of the possibility these older men would seduce their young charges.

In Hamburg, Mohammed Atta also served a priestly role. He gathered young and highly intelligent Muslim men who were alone, friendless and isolated, and bound them to him and his cause. He was a seductress.

Ziad Jarrah was seduced. He soon began living together with Mohammed Atta and Marwan Al-Shehhi in the same apartment—an arrangement that astonished his father, Samir Jarrah, when he learned of it.

This unusual relationship also put a strain on Ziad’s relationship with his fiancée, Asle. Although they were to get married, Ziad became so entangled with his new friends that he no longer had time to see her. He was so busy that when it came time for Asle to meet his parents, he could not find the time to accompany her.

Too busy to bring his fiancée to meet his family?

Ziad Jarrah had been seduced. He not only lived with the two men but he died with them. On September 11, he helped to commandeer and then to pilot one of the four hijacked planes.



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### HEAVEN'S GATE

Mass suicide has been practiced by numerous religious cults, both ancient and recent, including, in the 1990s, 74 followers of the "Order of the Solar temple," and 39 members of "The Higher Source," i.e. "Heavens Gate." Many of the male members of the Higher Source, including the leader of the cult, a minister (and son of a Presbyterian minister), Marshall Applewhite (also known as "Do") also had themselves castrated.

In the case of Applewhite, castration was not only a means of achieving purity, but a way to control his rampant homosexuality. In 1970, for example, he was fired from the University of Saint Thomas after it became known that he was having sex with male students. Soon thereafter he apparently began hearing voices, including the voice of god and was awakened to a new form of spirituality which required abstinence from sex. His creed eventually came to include strict rules involving "no human-level relationships and no socializing."

As an aside it is noteworthy that abnormal amygdala activity, or amygdala destruction, can alter sex drive and sexual orientation, and can also induce a loss of social interest. Human-level relationships are avoided (Joseph, 1999b; 2000a).

Soon Applewhite's credo came to include UFOs.

Specifically, Applewhite saw the coming of the Hale-Bopp comet as a heavenly sign that a UFO was coming to take him and his followers to a better place, to "the level above human, to take us home to Their World: Heaven." The cultists, therefore, killed themselves by eating a poison laced pudding. They lay on bunk beds in a standard black uniform and Nike tennis shoes and died.

### DAVID KORESH: BEATEN BY THY GOD

David Koresh ("Vernon") of the Branch Dividian cult, also ordered the death of his followers, and they apparently obeyed his wishes, for he had told them he was "god." In fact he first made his announcement on January 30, 1987, when he sent a wedding invitation to the Seventh Adventists Church in southern California, which read in part: "I have seven eyes and seven horns. My Name is the Word of God...Prepare to Meet Thy God."

David Koresh was a sexual sadist. He had sex with the wives of all his many followers, and had sex with and would beat and order the beating of their and his children. According to one of his followers, Marc Breault (Breault & King, 1993) "Children were spanked for any reason; crying during a sixteen hour Bible study, refusing to sit on Vernon's lap, or daring to defy the prophet's wishes."

"Each child had their own special paddle with their name written on it...Some women thought the best way to please their Son of God lover was to be especially severe when dishing out discipline. But sometimes it wasn't easy for the adults to spank the children. They couldn't find a spot on the child's buttocks that wasn't black and blue or bleeding" (Breault & King, 1993).

The women were sometimes subjected to the same treatment. One 29-year old woman who announced that she was hearing voices was imprisoned in one of the small cottages on their property. She was beaten, and repeatedly raped by her "guards."

David Koresh was also a prophet of Doom, and between the months of October 1991 to February 1993, he and his group spent over \$200,000.00 on guns. This arsenal included 50-caliber machine-guns and a million rounds of ammunition (Breault & King, 1993). Koresh was not only preparing for Armageddon but was contemplating mass suicide.

On Sunday, February 28, 1993, at 9.55 A.M., in Waco, Texas, a hundred ATF agents began their raid which resulted in a blood bath. A 51 day siege finally ended in a firestorm, and the death of David Koresh, his followers, and their children who burned to death when the compound was set on fire and burned to the ground. It was David's wish, however, for the entire world to go up in flames.

### CROSS CULTURAL SPIRITUAL BLOOD LUST

These crazed religious practices are not limited to Americans. Consider, the Japanese religious cult "Aum." Their leader Shoko Asahara and many top cult members were arrested and charged with murder in June of 1995 for releasing the nerve gas Sarin in five subway cars during rush hour injuring over 5,500 Japanese commuters (New York Times, 6/7/95).

Similarly, although the "modern" Islamic, Christian and Jewish religions forbids it, many modern day Middle Eastern and African Islamic, Christian, and Jewish fundamentalists, regularly preach murder and hatred.

For example, "militant rabbis" in Israel had encouraged and condoned the assassination of



Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, and had issued a "pursuer's decree," which in effect morally required that he be killed (New York Times 11/11/95). And, he was murdered by a student of religion, Yigal Amir, who claimed he acted upon "God's" instructions.

Because of this limbic religious blood lust, members of religious sects may turn against one another and commit murder in the name of God, just as Jews murder Jews, and Christians murder Christians in the name of God.

For example, on November 29, 1998, six members of the United Pentecostal Church were arrested for kicking to death six people, including three children, "to wipe out the enemies of God." According to Reuters new agency (11/28/98), the killings began two weeks prior, when the pastor of the thirty member sect announced during a sermon that he could hear voices from Jesus Christ" ordering that members of the group be punished. "The pastor, helped by his wife and two other men, began beating, whipping and stamping on the worshipers... followed by more disciplinary torture over several days. Among the dead were two boys, aged three and four."

### **HINDU, MUSLIM, BUDDHIST SPIRITUAL BLOOD LUST**

"Terrorist attacks" by Muslim religious zealots is not uncommon. However, these attacks and calls for the death of infidels, are not always aimed at Jews or Americans, but their "brothers" and "sisters," i.e. fellow Arabs and Muslims.

Consider Algeria. Between 1992 and 1999, over 80,000 Algerians were murdered by Muslim zealots, with the majority of victims consisting of children, girls, and pregnant women who were beheaded, disemboweled, or who had their throats slashed. The reason for these murders and campaign of terror? To establish a holy Islamic state.

In fact, in 1998, on the first holy day of Ramadan—which marks "god's" revelation of the Koran to the Prophet Muhammed—Muslim religious zealots killed and slaughtered more than 400 people, most of them women.

Hindu Muslim violence has haunted the country of India for hundreds of years, but reached a boiling point in 1947 when Pakistan, an Islamic nation, declared its independence from India, a secular democracy. Over a million Hindus and Muslims were slaughtered that year.

The violence and religious murders have continued unabated.

In the spring of 2002, a Muslim mob stoned and then set fire to a train carrying Hindus, burning alive dozens of women and children. The Hindus were returning from Ayodhya where they had been demanding the construction of a Hindu temple on the site of a mosque destroyed by their nationalists allies. After the train pulled into Godhra, a town populated mostly by Muslims, some of the Hindus began attacking Muslim men. The Muslim community reacted with stones and set fire to the train. Nearly 60 Hindus were killed.

The next day, tens of thousands of Hindus retaliated with acts of unspeakable butchery. Muslim men were beaten, stabbed, shot, and beheaded, young women and mothers were stripped naked, raped, and then skewered on swords or soaked with gasoline and set on fire. The bellies of pregnant women were slit open, and their unborn babies ripped from their bodies, raised skyward on the tip of a sword and then tossed into the many fires that were consuming Muslim towns and cities. Thousands of Muslims lost their lives in this manner and over 100,000 were left homeless.

Even Buddhist monks murder and assault one another. For example, in November of 1998, gray-robed Buddhist monks of the Chogye Buddhist order in Korea, spent several weeks assaulting and beating each other with clubs, chairs, and even fire bombs as they battled over religious control of the order's main temple (Associated Press, 11/17/98). In one brawl alone, 37 were seriously injured and five killed.

### **RELIGIOUS MURDERS AND THE LIMBIC SYSTEM**

What is the source of these religious-murderous and sadistic behaviors? The limbic system and the same cluster of nuclei which subserve aggression, sexuality, and spirituality. It is the limbic system which enables humans to respond with irrational and murderous blood lust in the name of "God" and religion and it is the amygdala that can induce a horribly violent and murderous assault with minor provocation—and as we have seen, the Lord God, and numerous religious fanatics, have also murdered at the slightest provocation.

For example, if the amygdala is directly stimulated rage reactions are commonly triggered. The face will begin to contort, the teeth will be bared, the pupils will dilate, the nostrils will flare, and then the animal or human will viciously attack (Egger & Flynn, 1963; Gunne & Lewander, 1966; Mark et al., 1972; Ursin & Kaada, 1960; Zbrozyna, 1963). Amygdaloid activation results in attacks



directed at something real, or, in the absence of an actual stimulus, at something imaginary; including, presumably, in the case of religious fanatics, imaginary slights or insults.

There have been reported instances of patients suddenly lashing out and attacking friends, relatives or strangers while in the midst of a temporal lobe seizure (Saint-Hilaire et al., 1980), and/or attacking, kicking, and destroying furniture and other objects (Ashford et al., 1980). One female patient, during amygdala stimulation, became irritable and angry, and then enraged. Her lips retracted, there was extreme facial grimacing, threatening behavior, and then rage and attack—all of which persisted well beyond stimulus termination (Mark et al., 1972).

Yet another man developed intractable aggression following a head injury and the development of abnormal activity within the amygdala (Schiff et al., 1982). Subsequently, he became easily enraged, sexually preoccupied, and developed hyper-religiosity and pseudo-mystical ideas. He became violently religious.

Indeed, the amygdala is able to overwhelm the neocortex and the rest of the brain so that the person not only forms religious ideas but responds to them, sometimes with vicious, horrifying results. Hence, it appears to be the limbic system, and the amygdala in particular, which not only contributes to religious and spiritual experience, but religious brutality and murder committed in the name of one's god.

## SEX, GOD, AND RELIGION

### Sexual Spirituality and the War Against Women

A not uncommon characteristic of high levels of limbic system and inferior temporal lobe activity are changes in sexuality as well as a deepening of religious fervor (Bear 1979; Blumer, 1970; Slater & Beard 1963; Trimble 1991; Taylor 1972, 1975). Hypersexuality or conversely, hyposexuality is not uncommon.

It is noteworthy that not just modern day evangelists, but many ancient religious leaders, including Abraham, Jacob (Israel) and Muhammed, tended to be highly sexual and partook of many partners (e.g. St. Augustine of Hippo: "Give me chastity, 'o lord, but just not yet"), or, they shared their wives (Abraham), or they married women who were harlots (e.g. Hosea) or had sex with other men's wives (Muhammed, King David), or killed other men in order to marry or have sex with their wives (King David).

King Solomon (like his father King David) experienced numerous dream states in which he communicated with God, and he required the sexual services of 700 wives and 300 concubines.

### LIMBIC SYSTEM SEXUALITY

The limbic system is concerned with sex. Structures such as the amygdala and hypothalamus not only mediate sexual behavior, but they are sexually differentiated and have sex specific patterns of neuronal and dendritic development, (Allen et al. 1989; Blier et al. 1982; Gorski et al. 1978; Nishizuka & Arai, 1981; Rainbow et al. 1982; Raisman & Field, 1971, 1973; Simerly, 1990; Swaab & fliers, 1985). That is, there are "male" and "female" limbic systems, and even "homosexual" limbic systems such that male homosexuals are in possession of a limbic system which is more "female" than "male" in structural organization (Levey, 1991; Swaab, 1990), and in some respects (the anterior commissure) hyper-female in size (Allen, & Gorski, 1992).

Indeed it has now been well established that the amygdala and the hypothalamus (specifically the anterior commissure, anterior-preoptic, ventromedial and suprachiasmatic nuclei) are sexually differentiated and have sex specific patterns of neuronal and dendritic development including the preoptic area and ventromedial nucleus of the hypothalamus (Bleier et al. 1982; Dorner, 1976; Gorski et al. 1978; Rainbow et al. 1982; Raisman & Field, 1971, 1973). The preoptic and other hypothalamic regions are not only sexually dimorphic but chemical and electrical stimulation of the preoptic and ventromedial hypothalamic nuclei triggers sexual behavior and even sexual posturing in females and males (Hart et al., 1985; Lisk, 1967, 1971). In female primates, even maternal behavior can be triggered (Numan, 1985). In fact, dendritic spine density of ventromedial hypothalamic neurons varies across the estrus cycle (Frankfurt et al., 1990) and thus presumably during periods of maximal sexual receptivity and arousal, as well as during pregnancy and while nursing.

Electrical stimulation of the preoptic area increases sexual behavior in females and males, including the frequency of erections, copulations and ejaculations, as well as pelvic thrusting followed (in the case of males) by an explosive discharge of semen even in the absence of a mate (Hart, et al., 1985; Maclean, 1973). Conversely, lesions to the preoptic and posterior hypothalamus elimi-



es male sexual behavior and leads to gonadal atrophy.

Although the etiology of homosexuality remains in question, it has been shown that the ventromedial and anterior nuclei of the hypothalamus of male homosexuals demonstrate the female pattern of development (Levy, 1986; LeVay, 1990). Male homosexuals are in possession of limbic system that is more “female” than heterosexual men in functional as well as structural orientation.

The primate amygdala is sexually differentiated (Nishizuka & Arai, 1981; see also Simerly, 1990). The male amygdala is 5% larger than the female amygdala (Breedlove & Cooke, 1999; Filipek, et al., 1994). In male rats, the medial amygdala is 65% larger than the female amygdala and increases in the presence of testosterone (Breedlove & Cooke, 1999).

The female amygdala also contains a greater number of synaptic connections and shows different steroid activity (Breedlove & Cooke, 1999; Nishizuka & Arai, 1981; Simerly, 1990). These differences are particularly evident in the medial amygdala, which is also a primary site of uptake, including the female sex hormone, estrogen, and contains a high concentration of sex steroid hormones (Stopa et al., 1991). The number of immunoreactive cells in the amygdala fluctuates during the estrus cycle, being highest during proestrus (Simerly, 1990). The amygdala probably acts so that if pregnant, the fetus will not be attacked as foreign, and/or interacts with the hypothalamus, the appropriate neuroendocrine responses during pregnancy and birth.

The amygdala is involved in sexuality and is sexually differentiated, activation of the amygdala induce clitoral tumescence, penile erection, sexual posturing (Kling and Brothers, 1990; Robinson and Mishkin, 1968; Stoffels et al., 1980) sexual feelings (Bancaud and Remillard et al., 1983). Electrical stimulation of the amygdala can also trigger sensations of pleasure (Olds and Forbes, 1981), memories of sexual intercourse (Gloor, 1986), sexual moaning, ejaculation, as well as ovulation, uterine contractions, lactogenetic release of milk at orgasm (Backman and Rossel, 1984; Currier, Little, Suess and Andy, 1971; Freeman et al., 1969; Warneke, 1976; Remillard et al., 1983; Shealy and Peel, 1957).

Moreover, in rats and other animals, kindling induced in the amygdala can trigger estrus and prolonged female sexual behavior. In fact, abnormal- or seizure activity within the amygdala of the monkey temporal lobe may induce a female to engage in “sexual intercourse” even in the absence of a partner. For example, Currier and colleagues (1971, p. 260) describe a female temporal lobe seizure patient who was “sitting at the kitchen table with her daughter making out a shopping list when she suffered a seizure. “She appeared dazed, slumped to the floor on her back, lifted her skirt, spread her knees and elevated her pelvis rhythmically. She made appropriate vocalizations for sexual intercourse such as: It feels so good...further, further.”

The anterior commissure, the band of axonal fibers which interconnects the right and left amygdala/temporal lobe is also sexually differentiated. Like the corpus callosum, the anterior commissure is responsible for information transfer as well as inhibition within the limbic system. Specifically, the female anterior commissure is 18% larger than in the male (Allen & Gorski 1992). However, the anterior commissure is larger not only in females, but is 35% larger in homosexual female heterosexuals (Allen & Gorski, 1992).

It has been argued that the increased capacity of the right and left female amygdala to communicate (via the anterior commissure) coupled with the more numerous and more densely packed synapses in the female amygdala (which in turn would decrease firing thresholds and enhance emotional responsiveness), and the sex differences in the hypothalamus, would also predispose females to be more emotionally and socially sensitive, perceptive, and expressive (Joseph 1993). Hence, these differences induces her to be less aggressive and more compassionate and maternal, and more nurturing, feelings of dependency and nurturance, and desire to maintain and form attachments than males. However, in homosexual males, this may predispose at least some of them to be more emotionally sensitive, but more violently than women and heterosexual men.

These sex differences in the limbic system which account for why women are more religious than men, why homosexuals go to church more often, and why homosexuals are drawn to the priesthood of homosexual priests, because they are in possession of a “female” limbic system. Homosexual men, by producing testosterone, have also promoted the male characteristics of the limbic system, and thus, more aggressive than women.

**WOMEN**



Abnormalities in the limbic system, the amygdala and hypothalamus in particular, can also provoke extreme sexual violence. In one case, a young man with seizure activity originating in his amygdala and temporal lobe, beat his mother to death and then sexually assaulted the body (Joseph, 2000a).

An abnormal limbic system may abnormally link sex with murder; and among men, the sexual murder or torture of women. Moreover, because the amygdala is clearly linked to religious experience, sexual behavior and religious expression may become linked in a positive or a negative fashion. For example, whereas a heterosexual male may respond to a beautiful woman with interest and sexual lust, homosexual priests may respond with murderous lust. Augustine, Jerome, Tertullian, and other Catholic theologians absolutely hated women, viewing them as evil temptresses that lead men to hell.

“What is the differences whether it is a wife or mother, it is still Eve the temptress that we must beware of in any woman.” -St. Augustine.

“Do you not know that you are each an Eve? The sentence of God on this sex of yours lives in this age: the guilt must of necessity live too. You are the devil’s gateway; you are the unsealer of that forbidden tree; you are the first deserter of the divine law; you are she who persuaded him whom the devil was not valiant enough to attack. You so carelessly destroyed man, God’s image. On account of you, even the Son of God had to die.” -Tertullian, 16th Century

Even the Lord God, Yahweh voiced contempt and hatred for women: “Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet...The Lord shall wash away the filth of the daughters of Zion... by the spirit of burning.” -Isaiah 3:16-26, 4:4.

Women throughout the ages have been demeaned and attacked by male and homosexual religious authorities, and their murder was often sanctioned by various gods. Indeed, during the middle ages, the Catholic Church declared war on women who were then systematically tortured and slaughtered by the Catholic authorities.

## FEAR OF FERTILITY

Yet another factor in the religious crusade against women was the fear of the goddess cult by the patriarchal religious authorities. For example, during the Crusades, because the women were temporarily freed of male dominance, some began to practice their own religion and worship their own goddesses, including those pagan goddesses that celebrated female sexuality; e.g., fertility cults—perhaps the oldest and most ancient of “organized religions.” In consequence, the leaders of the Catholic Church felt compelled to act. They sought to destroy woman in general, and those women associated in any way with the goddess and her fertility cults. Women, therefore, were suspect if they were in any way sexually attractive, and those who were the most sexually appealing (i.e. fertile) were the first to be murdered by the Catholic Authorities. Her reproductive facility was viewed as supernatural in origin, her menstrual cycle being in tune with the cycles of the moon, and the moon and the blood of her menstruation were believed to have supernatural power. Every woman was not just Eve, but an incarnation of the goddess.

The reproductive and supposedly supernatural power of menstrual blood may have contributed to those rituals requiring that animals be drained of blood and their blood splashed on religious altars, including the altars of the Lord God Yahweh. Originally it was menstrual blood that was splashed upon the altar of the goddess.

The ancient Hebrews, and the Catholic authorities, therefore, deemed a menstruating woman as unclean, for menstrual blood had the power of life and that of the supernatural. Women in general, therefore, were subject to attack, with the ancient Jews reciting a prayer thanking god “for not making me a woman.” However, it was her reproductive facility, and thus her association with the goddess that was most feared and detested.

As detailed by Robert Briffault in his brilliant text, “The Mothers” (Briffault, 1931) “the supernatural source which magic powers are regarded as being primarily derived is... connected in the closest manner with the functions of women... her... reproductive functions... and a power which is used in a dread-inspiring manner. And by virtue of their natural position and function, the wielder of domestic magic...she had charge of the sacred objects and performed all the religious functions connected with the household.”

Yet another factor in the religious persecution of woman, was her facility at speech. Indeed, and as is now well demonstrated, females demonstrate clear language superiorities over males, and



they even talk faster as well (Joseph, 2000b). Speech and language, that is, a woman's tongue, is her natural and traditional weapon, which she may use for "pronouncing curses, of casting spells... of bewitching and performing incantations. It was a dreaded power. The curse of a woman is accounted far more potent than the curse of a man" (Briffault, 1931). Women in general, therefore, were considered suspect by the Catholic authorities and during the Middle Ages they were rounded up, sexually tortured, and killed.

### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DECLARES WAR AGAINST WOMEN

Woman has been persecuted by various religious authorities because of the power of her tongue, her reproductive power, her associations with pagan goddesses, and her ability to enchant men with her sexuality.

Woman is biologically predisposed to having multiple orgasms, multiple partners, and to indulging in promiscuity—which does not mean she will necessarily behave promiscuously (Joseph, 2000a,c). Nevertheless, because of her sexual nature and association with fertility, religious rituals of the goddess stereotypically involved sexual orgies and ritual prostitution.

Although male authorities, both religious and otherwise, have attempted throughout the ages to control and yoke female sexuality, this has not always been successful. In Europe, including Rome, during the 6th through 11th century, female sexuality and her promiscuous nature was openly flaunted, and the worship of pagan goddesses became widespread and was threatening the authority of the Church. As early as the 1st century, the missionary sermons of St. Paul were repeatedly drowned out by women chanting "Diana, Diana, Diana;" Diana being the goddess known since prehistoric times as the Queen of Heaven.

Unable to suppress the goddess cult, and the fertility rites of her worshippers, the Catholic Church finally issued the "Canon Episcopi" in the 10th century: "Some wicked women, reverting to Satan, and seduced by the illusions and phantasms of demons, believe and profess that they ride at night with Diana, on beasts, with an innumerable multitude of women. It would be well if these women, one and all, perished for their infidelities."

### HOLY WAR: WOMAN THE WITCH, SORCERESS, AND HEALER

The proclamation, however, had little effect. Hence, in 1252, Pope Innocent IV issued the *Ad Exitpanda*, which authorized the execution of heretics (e.g. wealthy landowners) and the seizure of their goods, and the prolonged sexual torture of women who were beautiful, wealthy, or old, ugly, and eccentric and/or who gathered in groups to talk and converse and possibly worship pagan goddesses. This was followed by the first Papal bull on sorcery, in 1259, and yet another bull, the notorious *Super illius specula*, in 1322 (by Pope John the XXII), and then the famous Bull *Summis desiderantes affectibus*, in 1484 (by Pope Innocent VIII), which demanded the death of these women. The Popes and the Catholic Church proclaimed them witches and declared war against women.

Being "true soldiers of Christ," the Dominicans Heinrich Kramer and Johann Sprenger responded to this Papal decree by writing and issuing the *Malleus Maleficarum* (witch's hammer), thus unleashing a murderous, sadistic, blood lust that demanded the sexual torture and burning of "woman the witch, healer and sorceress" (Achterberg, 1991; Gies & Gies 1978; Lederer 1968). "For she is a liar by nature, so in her speech she stings while she delights us... for her voice is like the song of the Sirens, who with their sweet melody entice the passerby's and kill them..." (*Malleus Maleficarum*).

These sadistic misogynists were soon seconded by Bishop Bossuet, of France, who believed there was an army of 180,000 witches threatening France and Rome, all of them beautiful and thus bewitching. The Bishop then demanded that they be gathered up in one body and that "all be burned at once in one fire."

And the great sin of these women? According to the *Malleus Maleficarum* "Carnal lust! All witchcraft comes from carnal lust, which in women is insatiable."

As summed up by Lederer (1968) in his interesting book, *The Fear of Women*, "witchcraft was a woman-thing, and the persecution of witches a man-thing; for it was first and last the women who were being persecuted and burned." In fact, hundreds of thousands of women were murdered, whole populations were destroyed, and some villages were left with only one female inhabitant. In 1404 alone, it is estimated that the Papal fathers burned at least 30,000 women. So many women were murdered, that it could be said that the Church was attempting no less than a whole sale genocide of women—"sexocide" at Lederer put it.

Because many of the men (the Crusaders) had been killed or were serving in the army of the Catholic Lord God, the women were often left unprotected. Sometimes whole villages were destroyed, or all the women in a given area were rounded up by the Catholic authorities and then sexually murdered.

These women, particularly those who were exceedingly attractive or ugly, were then hideously tortured and then slaughtered by burning, boiling in oil, crushing, and via whatever device the religious authorities felt appropriate or which suited their sick minds. In Germany huge ovens were constructed for the purposes of mass female murder (Achterberg, 1991; Lederer 1968). As noted, even the Lord God Yahweh recommended that haughty, beautiful women be burned in the fire.

However, it was not just beautiful females, for they come in a limited supply, but those who were old, eccentric, childless, and particularly women who owned property and pets, such as cats. Indeed, the cats would be tortured and murdered alongside the women. The “Black Plague” in fact was in part a consequence of the denunciation and killing of cats, coupled with the sanctification of rats and mice (the proverbial church mouse), by the Catholic authorities.

As to the children of these witches, the Church had only “compassion.” These children would be merely flogged in front of the fires in which their mothers were burning.

Predominantly, when the priests set upon a village, it was the young and beautiful who were generally the first to be tortured, as they were experts at love magic. These beautiful women would bewitch men by shooting mesmerizing “beams of light from their eyes” which causes the man to fall in love (Briffault, 1931).

As pointed out by Dominicans Heinrich Kramer and Johann Sprenger, “Consider also her gait, posture, and habit, which is vanity of vanities. There is no man in the world who studies so hard to please the good God as even an ordinary woman studies by her vanities to please men... who... they infect with witchcraft by inclining men to inordinate passion. Yet...her heart is a net, it speaks of the inscrutable malice which reigns in their hearts... for they fulfill their lusts by consorting with devils.”

According to Pope Innocent VIII, these women “have given themselves up to devils in the form of incubi and succubi. By their incantations, spells, crimes, and infamous acts they destroy the fruit of the womb in women, in cattle and various other animals; they destroy crops, vines, orchards...they render husbands impotent.”

Of course, they also had the power to heal, so when the Archbishop of St. Andrews became ill and his physicians were unable to provide him with a cure, he sent for a well known woman healer whose expertise was in the making of ointments, Allison Peirsoun of Byrehill. Her cure was a success! So, the Archbishop had her tortured and burned.

## RELIGIOUS SEXUAL SADISM

The torture of women, of course, was sexual. The woman would be stripped and her body, breasts, and orifices would be thoroughly investigated for the mark of the devil. However, the “investigation” was made with long needles and conducted by priestly specialists called “prickers,” who would stick these needles into every suspected Devil’s mark.

After the women became unconscious or unresponsive to the continued pricking, the priests would then employ “gresillons which crushed the tips of fingers and toes in the vice; the echelle, or rack, for stretching the body; the tortillon for squeezing its tender parts... legs were broken, even into fragments... or the legs would be grilled on the caschielawis...the fingernails were pulled off with the turkas, or pincers, and needles driven up to their heads into the quick.”

As summed up by Henry Charles Lea: “Protestants and Catholics rivaled each other in the madness of the hours... Christendom seemed to have grown delirious, and Satan might well have smiled at the tribute to his powers seen in the endless smoke of the holocaust which bore witness to his triumph over the Almighty.”

## SEXUALITY, THE GODDESS AND THE SERPENT

Karen Robidoux was a young mother and a member of a religious sect. Karen was also very attractive and beautiful, and some of the female members of the sect believed she was vain. They resented how some of the men of the sect would look at her. And then, one of the women, Michelle Mingo, experienced a vision and heard a voice: it was a prophecy from God. Because Karen was pretty, and vain, she could no longer eat solid food, but could only drink boiled almonds. Her 10-month old son, Samuel, was also to be denied food. Breast milk would be his only source of nourishment. The sect members then allowed the boy to starve, and ignored his cries for food as they ate at the dinner table. He starved to death—“God’s” punishment for his mother’s beauty and sexuality.



Sexuality is a major concern of most major religions (Lederer 1968; Parrinder 1980; Smart 1969) as well as the limbic system. In fact, almost all major religions and their Gods, either act to promote sexuality, or to suppress it. This should not be entirely surprising for religions are very sexual and many were originally concerned with the fertility of the fields and the abundance of prey (Campbell 1988; Frazier 1950; Harris, 1993; Kuhn 1955; Malinowski 1948; Parrinder 1980; Prideux 1973). Religious rituals evolved accordingly beginning with the cult of the goddess, the sacred feminine, the Great Mother of All.

As summed up by Halle Austen (1990) in her book, *The Heart of the Goddess*, “creativity, the power to manifest physical and psychic reality, is one of the Goddess’s primary aspects...the source of all being. She appears as the Great Mother, the Sustainer of Life, the Cosmic Creatrix. It is from her that all life proceeds and to her that all life returns.” And, “just as our ancestors honored a woman’s ability to create humans from her womb and feed them from her breast, they also honored the Earth as the Great Mother who nourishes us” and the sky and heavens as the Great Mother who would nourish the Earth and her children with drops of life sustaining rain.

Aditi, the Hindu Goddess of the Void, for example, represented “creative power” and “abundance,” and the cosmic womb from which all creation has its source. The goddess is also known as the celestial cow and the golden calf who provides nourishment not just to humans, but the gods. As the Great Mother also nourishes the gods, she is also the guardian of cosmic harmony and order.

The cult of the goddess has its origins in the Paleolithic. Hence the numerous “Venus” statues and carvings of heavy breasted pregnant women.

The goddess cult continued to reign supreme during the Neolithic and she was worshipped by the ancient Sumerians, Egyptians, Akkadians, Babylonians, Hebrews, and in fact all ancient peoples including those of the Americas and Australia.

The Australian Aborigines, for example, are not only the oldest continuous culture that has survived on this planet, but they have worshipped the Great Mother, the “All Mother” since time immemorial, depicting her as giving birth in dreamtime to all the peoples of the Earth.

Because the sun also nourishes the Earth, the Goddess was also a goddess of the sun, for the sun was originally thought to be female. Hence, Igaehindvo the Cherokee Sun Goddess, Brigit the Celtic Fire Goddess, and Amaterasu Omikami the Great Spirit Shining in Heaven and Goddess of the sun of ancient Japan: “The radiance of the Sun Goddess filled the universe and all the deities rejoiced.” In ancient Egypt the goddess Nut was believed to have given birth to the sun.

Woman was also associated with the sun and fire because in many ancient cultures, it was believed that woman first discovered the art of making fire, which she used to warm the people and prepare the food. Fire is also a symbol of spiritual awakening and knowledge of the spirit world.

The goddess, therefore, was associated in all ways with all things having to do with life and death, and the spirit world.

“I am Nature, the universal Mother, mistress of all the elements, sovereign of all things spiritual, queen of the dead. Though I am worshipped in many aspects, known by countless names, and propitiated with all manner of different rites, the whole earth venerates me.” -Apuleius, second century B.C.

It is noteworthy that in addition to being the source of all life, that the Goddess was also associated with the serpent. The Sumerian “god” Enki, was depicted as a snake, and sometimes as a snake with breasts. The peoples of predynastic Egypt also worshipped the goddess in the form of a snake. In ancient Egypt, the hieroglyph for “snake” also means Goddess.

The Hindu Goddess Kali wore a garland of snakes around her neck—which represented the



Nevertheless, because of its association with wisdom, sexuality, and woman, the serpent also came to be viewed as evil. The Lord God condemned the serpent, whereas the Catholic Church depicted this reptile as synonymous with Satan, the Devil. Both woman and the serpent became enemies of the Lord God.

### **SEX, FOOD, AND RELIGION**

The limbic system mediates not only sexuality, but internal homeostasis and food intake. Likewise, many modern mystical and religious practices have also involved the ritual control over sex and food. This includes many American Indian, Christian, Jewish, and Moslem sects (Campbell 1988; Parrinder 1980; Smart 1969). Thus the commandment “thou shalt not...” These are limbic taboos, as eating and sexuality (like murder and violence) are under limbic control.

Many limbic taboos, however, promote survival, for example, by proscribing the eating of poisonous plants or unclean animals. Similarly, by forbidding anal or indiscriminate sex one was spared the wrath of this “God” and whatever plagues he might send in the form of venereal disease or viruses. If we rule out the possibility of an attack with nuclear armed missiles, mass death due to disease is presumably what became of Sodom and Gomorrah where the anal sex crazed mobs attempted to sodomize even the angels sent by the “Lord God” himself (Genesis 19).

Sex and food (along with fear, rage, and aggression) are probably the most powerful of all limbic emotions and motivators. If sufficiently hungry or sexually aroused, these conditions can completely overwhelm the brain. Limbic hyperactivation in turn can induce religious or spiritual dreams or hallucinations.

Hungry men, women, and infants will dream of food. Those who are sexually aroused will dream of sex. However, a parched and starving man will not just dream, he will hallucinate food and water and will attempt to slake his desires by consuming a hallucination.

Given that early (as well as modern) human populations were often concerned with obtaining food (as well as a sex partner) many of their earliest religious beliefs and rituals were therefore concerned with increasing the abundance of game animals as well as preserving their own progeny (Armstrong 1994; Campbell 1988; Frazier 1950; Harris, 1993; Kuhn 1955; Parrinder 1980; Prideux 1973). As noted, many an ancient Upper Paleolithic cave was decorated with fertility and sex symbols, including pregnant women (Venus figures) and animals (Bandi 1961; Joseph 1996; Kuhn 1955; Leroi-Gurhan 1964), whereas Egyptian tombs contain numerous paintings of food and goddesses.

Thus, given our ancient hunter-gatherer (and then later, farming) heritage, many religions both ancient and relatively modern are highly concerned with fertility and food, and tend to be very sexual and limbic in orientation if not origin. This is also why there have always been fertility goddesses and gods who are associated with eating and drinking, especially alcohol (Campbell 1988; Frazier 1950; James 1958; Parrinder 1980; Smart 1969). This also includes, for example, Osiris, and especially Dionysus who was among other things, a sex crazed dancing god of the vine. In fact, one of the first miracles performed by Jesus involved making wine from water, and, as we know, Jesus surrounded himself with highly sexual women, prostitutes who would sometimes rub precious oil on his body.

### **SEX, GOD, AND RELIGION**

#### **RELIGIOUS LOVE CHARMS AND SPIRITUAL SEXUALITY**

In Arabic-pre-Islamic tradition, it was said that martyrs were rewarded in heaven with 72 Virgins. “Man has not touched them before them nor jinni. Which then of the bounties of your Lord will you deny? Reclining on green cushions and beautiful carpets. Which then of the bounties of your Lord will you deny? —The Beneficent.

Hadith number 2,562 in the collection known as the Sunan al-Tirmidhi says, “The least [reward] for the people of Heaven is 80,000 servants and 72 wives, over which stands a dome of pearls, aquamarine and ruby.”

Among the ancient religions of India and China, the sexual activity of the Gods and the promotion of similar sexual activities among the believers were widespread religious practices and beliefs (Austin 1990; Campbell 1988; Parrinder 1980).

For example, the ancient Vedas were greatly concerned not only with the worship of various nature gods, but with the rituals of sexual union. Ancient Indian religious texts are filled with love charms and instructions as to how to win the love of a man or woman, or to protect against demons.

Temple prostitutes were also quite common throughout India and the Middle East, as well as in Rome and Greece. Some temples employed so many girls that they were like giant brothel empori-



*Figure 159. A Paleolithic Mother God and fertility figure.*



**Figure 160.** *The patriarchal gods and their male priests, declared war against the Goddess, and the Mother of all, became a whore, “Satan’s Bride,” “harlots from hell” who cavorted and had sex with devils.*



ums (Parrinder 1980). As noted, sexuality and desire (like religious feeling) are directly mediated by the amygdala and hypothalamus.

In fact, sexual intercourse became a religious ritual among Hindus and Buddhists who practiced “tantra.” The practitioners of tantra were inspired by visions of cosmic sex and the acquisition of sexual energy. Through tantra one might be confronted with the cosmic mystery of creation as exemplified by another deity, Shakti, the divine mother. However, restrictions on where one could have sexual intercourse (not in public) and certain types of sexual acts such as oral sex, were prohibited as well as sex with strange women or those of a lower caste (Parrinder 1980). Nevertheless the joys of sex were continually emphasized and embraced. Hence, the Kama Sutra, the “love text”.

On the other hand, it was believed by some ancient far Eastern sects that in order to gain power, one had to break taboos and, for example, engage in sexual orgies or have sex with women while they were menstruating. Menstrual blood was believed to possess the spiritual and creative life force,





whereas sexual orgies were believed to liberate tremendous amounts of sexual energy.

These “taboo” sexual practices were also a form of tantra, referred to as “left handed tantra.” Those who followed the way of the left handed tantra claimed that passion was nirvana and that adepts should cultivate all sexual pleasures (Parrinder 1980). Both male and female deities, usually in the act of having sex, were worshipped.

Ancient Chinese and Taoists religions are also quite sexual (Austin 1990; Parrinder 1980). These beliefs are exemplified by the concepts of Yin and Yang which appeared over 3000 years ago and which represented the male and female principles of the universe. Sexual intercourse was viewed as a symbolic union of the earth and heaven, which, during rainstorms were believed to mate. By engaging in sexual relations man and woman achieved harmony by following the example of the gods.

### THE LORD GOD: A SEXUAL GOD

Beginning at about the same time that the Judaic religion became more dominant in certain areas of the Middle East, around 3,000 years ago, and over the following thousand years a tremendous change in religious sexual thought began to flourish, enveloping the Roman Empire, and which eventually paralleled and coincided with the development of Christianity and Islam.

Unlike the goddess and the highly sexual gods of, for example, the ancient Greeks and Romans, the “Lord God” of the Old Testament does not have sex with human women and there is no hint of sexual duality in his personage. He is a male god, a warrior and destroyer. Although not overtly sexual, the sexual activities of men and especially women were of great concern to Him. Be fruitful and multiply, He ordered, and as to certain women who were presumably barren, and in one case, still a virgin, He is reported to have opened their wombs.

Male sexuality was also a concern; that is, the diminishment of the intensity of man’s sexual pleasure. Thus He required a form of sexual self-mutilation. As part of his covenant with Abraham and the Israeli people, it was ordered that every male child would suffer the amputation of the tip of his penis (which is densely innervated by fibers that yield intense sexual pleasure): “And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you” (Genesis 17: 10-11).

Although there is no evidence that the Lord God was sexually active with human females, it does appear that the Lord God had a sexual consort, the goddess Sophia, before he became the Lord God of the Earth. Sophia was the goddess of wisdom and she was not only his lover, she may have been his sister: “It is Wisdom calling. Understanding raising her voice. I Wisdom, live with Prudence; I attain knowledge and foresight... The Lord possessed me in the beginning in his own way, before his works of old...When he prepared the heavens, I was there...I was by him as one brought up with him. I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him” (Proverbs 8).

In addition, it appears that she may have betrayed Him. “Rejoicing in the habitable part of the earth, and my delights were with the sons of men” (Proverbs 8:31).

It is true, however, that the above quote may mean that she simply was delighted by the sons of men, and did not have sex per se with men.

However, if she did betray Him, this may explain why she is never again referred to, as well as His following complaints: “Aholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers...desirable young men...thus she committed her whoredoms with them and with all whom she doted... she defiled herself” (Ezekiel 21: 5-7). “Like mother, like daughter. You are the daughter of your mother, who rejected her husband” (Ezekiel 16: 44-45).

It may also explain His jealous prying nature, and obvious dislike of the female sex and his recommendation that women who were truly attractive and sexually desirable should be burnt (Isaiah 3:16-26, 4:4) as they were all “whores” (Hosea 2).

“Because the daughters of Zion walk with wanton eyes, mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet...The Lord shall wash away the filth of the daughters of Zion... by the spirit of burning” -Isaiah 3:16-26, 4:4.

Indeed, Sophia’s “delights with the sons of men” and her betrayal of the Lord God may explain why He not only disdains pretty women, but pardons and encourages the sexual exploitation of women and the rape and sexual slavery of women, and their murder if they dare behave like whores. In fact, He brags that he “delivered...Aholah who played the harlot when she was mine...into the hand of the Assyrians... They discovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, and slew her with the sword... they executed judgment on her” (Ezekiel 23:9-10).



## RELIGIOUS RAPE AND SEX SLAVERY

The Lord God is very concerned with the sexual relations between men and women. Those men He loved most dearly had sex with multiple sex partners. The Lord God even approved of sex slavery, including sex with little girls who are taken slave:

“Kill every male among the little ones. But all the women and female children that have not known a man, keep alive for yourselves.” -Numbers, 31

The permissive attitude of the Lord God when it comes to female sex slavery may explain why the modern state of Israel not only has no laws forbidding the owning or selling of human beings, but why non-Jewish women are openly sold as sex slaves in the state of Israel (see M. Specter, “Traffickers New Cargo: Naive Slavic Women, New York Times, January 11, 1998).

And, once a sex slave, always a sex slave, even if she is Jewish female.

“When you acquire a Hebrew slave... and if his master gave him a wife, and she has borne him children, the wife and her children shall belong to the master. When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall never be freed, as male slaves are.” -Exodus, 21: 2-7.

And the Lord God even encourages and pardons the violent rape of young Jewish virgins by Jewish men. For example, after some of the Benjaminites raped a woman to death (Judges 19:25), and following the murder of their own women in retaliation by the other 11 tribes of Israel, these tribes then realized that the tribe of Benjamin would die out without women. So, they decided to attack yet another city of their fellow Jews and to “utterly destroy every male and every women that hath lain by man” with the exception of “young virgins” who the Benjaminites were allowed to rape (Judges 21:11-13).

However, not enough virgins were acquired following this massacre. So the Benjaminites were instructed by the Lord God to rape another group of young Jewish virgins.

“Then they said, Behold there is a feast of the Lord in Shiloh...Go and lie in wait in the vineyards. And see and behold if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh” (Judges 21:19-25).

The Benjaminites, however, raped men as well as women, and were quite willing to gang rape a woman until she was dead (Judges 19:25-26, 20:5). According to the divine law, they could also brutally and sadistically rape female slaves; and if she lived for two days following a violent, brutal rape, there was no penalty.

Again, the Lord God of the ancient Jews had an obvious contempt for the female sex: “Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet; The Lord will smite with a scab of crowns of their head and the Lord will discover their secret parts. In that day the Lord will take away their



**Figure 161.** (Right & Left) The god Shiva and the most feminine and lovely of his shktis, Parvati the daughter of a Himalayan god. Shiva and Parvati symbolize the union of the female and male energy of the cosmos. The god Vishnu and his voluptuous and swollen breasted Lakshmi. From a stone panel in the temple of Khajuracho, 10th century.





**Figure 162.** *A swollen naked breasted Yakshimi (tree goddess). With her swollen breasts, wide hips, slim waist and shaved vagina, she is the ideal estrus female. From Mathura, 2nd century India.*

tinkling ornaments...their bracelets...bonnets, ornaments...earrings, the rings...and fine linen...And it shall come to pass that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink.” -Isaiah 3:16-26, 4:4.

Indeed, this Lord God, when angry, found pleasure in using explicit sexual imagery when condemning his people, Israel—whom He referred to as a woman when He was angry. Indeed, He repeatedly threatened to strip this brazen female “naked” and referred to her as an “adulterous harlot.” Echoes of the divine betrayal by the Sophia, the goddess of Wisdom?

“And let her put away her harlotry from her face and her adultery from between her breasts. Else I will strip her naked... And I will snatch away My wool and My linen that serve to cover her nakedness. Now will I uncover her shame in the very sight of her lovers...” -Hosea 2.

### **SEXUALITY, PEDOPHILIA, & HOMOSEXUALITY**

Although this volatile, mercurial, and masculine seeming “Lord God” was asexual, sexual behavior was of tremendous concern to “Him” for He commands sexual moral obedience—at least of women and married women in particular— and repeatedly tells his people, starting with Adam and Eve, “be fruitful and multiply.”

And sexuality, and the condemnation and/or control of sexuality, has been and remains a major concern of cults or established religions. The temple virgins who served the virgin goddesses of ancient Greece and Rome, were required to remain celibate upon threat of death. Shakers’ communities have been dying out for lack of sex and children. Buddhist monks are celibate, and Hindu “renouncers” swear off sex later in life. According to Catholic Canon law priests are required to remain celibate and celibacy is defined to include “perfect and perpetual continence,” meaning no sexual activity of any kind, including masturbation.

However, celibacy did not become a requirement of priests until 1139 when it became church





law. Prior to 1139, priests, bishops, cardinals, and even Popes had lovers and wives, some Popes had several.

The Mormon Church initially willingly embraced, as a religious creed, the right of every man to have several wives; i.e. sex partners, and the founder of the Church was reputed to have 40 wives.

Likewise, Muhammed was reported to have the sexual prowess of forty men, and to have bedded at least 9 wives and numerous concubines including even one young girl (Lings 1983).

However, the grand champion of religious-sexual excess was King Solomon who required the sexual services of 700 wives and 300 concubines.

Sex scandals are also commonplace among priests, rabbis, pastors, and ministers.

The Reverend Jimmy Swaggart whose sermons were filled with fire and brimstone, and who regularly assailed Catholics, Jews (who “are going to Hell”) pornography and prostitution, temporarily gave up a \$150 million dollar a year world wide television ministry in 1988, when his fondness for prostitutes and pornography was exposed and he was caught with a prostitute. Moreover, the attorney who exposed Swaggart also claimed the minister was a pedophile. Swaggart has since returned to the ministry. During his sermons he yells, collapses to the floor, recounts conversations with god, repeatedly breaks into tears, and again rails against Catholics and Jews (who “are going to Hell”), and against pornography, prostitution, as well as hypocrisy.

Likewise, Jim Bakker lost a 300 million dollar ministry, when among other things, he and another pastor were accused of repeatedly sexually assaulting a young female member of their flock.

In 1999, the dean of Harvard Divinity School was forced to resign “for conduct unbecoming” after it was discovered that he had downloaded thousands of “explicit” pornographic images on his Harvard-owned computer in his Harvard-owned home.

In January of 2001, the Reverend Jesse Jackson admitted that he had cheated on his wife and has fathered a daughter from another woman. “No doubt, many close friends and supporters will be disappointed in me,” Jackson said.

Sex with little girls is permitted by the Jewish Holy book, the Talmud:

For example, according to the Talmud: “Rab said: When a grown-up man has intercourse with a little girl it is nothing, for when the girl is less than this it is as if one puts the finger into the eye... tears come to the eye again and again, so does virginity come back to the little girl under the age of three.”

Talmud Sanhedrin 55b “Come and hear! A maiden aged three years and a day may be acquired in marriage by coition [sexual intercourse], and if her deceased husband’s brother cohabits with her, she becomes his.”

The Talmud, is believed by Orthodox Jews, to be based on god’s laws and to be Mosaic in origin; that is, based on oral (and written laws) first put forth by Moses: “Kill every male among the little ones. But all the women and female children that have not known a man, keep alive for yourselves.” -Numbers, 31

Sex with children, and especially sex with little boys, has been a common religious practice, and a priestly predisposition, since the inception of the priesthood and organized religion.

### DAVID KORESH: SEXUAL THEOLOGY

David Koresh announced he was God in a wedding invitation to the Seventh Adventists Church in southern California. It read in part: “I will scold your daughters for their nakedness and pride that they parade in My Father’s house, and by my angels, I will strip them naked before all eyes because of their foolish pride.” Naked women at his mercy and who he would impregnate and “fill with seed” was his predominant religious fantasy.

As he confided to his “right hand man” Marc Breault early in his ministry: “I’ll have women begging me to make love to ‘em. Just imagine, virgins without number.” Within just a couple of years he would be attended by at least twenty young women, most of whom he “married,” including two that were just 14 years old, and one who was age 12 (Breault & King, 1993).

Sex was at the center of his theology, even claiming that god would take them to heaven in a divine spaceship that he sketched on a blackboard. It was an erect penis!

Koresh apparently was consumed by sexual thoughts and was the recipient of sexual visions that he claimed were sent to him by God. Soon he began demanding sex from the wives of his followers, women who he believed had married these other men without his permission and who should have married him

“All you men are just fuckers, that’s all you are. You married without getting God’s permission.





Even worse, you married my wives. God gave them to me first. So now I'm taking them back."

According to Marc Breault, everybody was shocked, stunned, and Vernon kept saying things like: "So Scott, how does it feel to know your not married anymore... In October, 1989, he began having sex with the other men's wives... and directed the women to inform him when they had reached the fertile part of their cycle to maximize the chance of pregnancy." As per the men, Vernon informed them that it was their job to "defend King Solomon's bed."

Vernon not only had sex with and impregnated their wives—fathering over 20 children— but began having sex with these children; that is, when he wasn't beating them.

## PEDOPHILE PRIESTS

As the American public learned in the Spring of 2002, pedophile priests have been raping little boys for decades if not for the last thousand years. Indeed, homosexuality and the homosexual rape of boys and young men is so common in the Catholic church that by edict, priests are no longer allowed to be alone with altar boys.

In 1999, the Bishop of the Santa Rosa Diocese in California was forced to resign because another priest accused the Bishop of repeatedly raping him.

Rev. John Rebovich enticed teenagers with free alcohol and then would rape them when they were too drunk to resist.

Gerald Ridsdale, an Australian Catholic priest, pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting 21 children.

Stephen Kiesle, a priest serving in Fremont, California, was charged in May of 2002 with sexually molesting up to 21 children. Kiesle had admitted to police that he "really liked young blond girls." However, his victims included both boys and girls, many as young as 9, some of whom he would tie up before assaulting them sexually.

The Rev. Paul Shanley has been accused of raping hundreds of boys. Indeed, Paul Shanley openly advocated the idea of sex between men and boys and he often attended meetings with the North American Man-Boy Love Association.

Boston priest John Geoghan had been raping young boys for over three decades; nearly 200 boys in 30 years. He is not alone.

It has been reported by the Boston Globe that 50 of Boston's Roman Catholic priests have been molesting boys for decades. Because of the public uproar, the Boston archdiocese was forced to remove over 20 priests between January and September of 2002, because of sexual misconduct and the rape of young boys. Over 400 lawsuits have been filed against priests in Boston.

In 2002, a number of seminary students were expelled from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago because they were openly engaging in homosexual relations with one another. The Maryknoll Seminary is known to be "overrun with gay men."

The entire Catholic Church appears to be overrun with "gay men;" that is homosexual pedophiles. In consequence, when one pedophile priest is removed or transfers, another pedophile takes his place.

In March of 2002, Anthony J. O'Connell, the Roman Catholic bishop of Palm Beach, Florida, resigned after admitting that he sexually abused a teenage seminary student. He had also been accused of raping two other boys. He had been appointed to lead the Church by Pope John Paul II following the resignation of another pedophile, Bishop Joseph Keith Symons, who admitted sexually assaulting at least five boys.

According to Dr. Thomas Plante of the Jesuit college, Santa Clara University, and editor of a book on sexuality and the church, "50% of the Catholic clergy are gay." The Boston Globe (1/31/2000) has revealed that Catholic priests have a rate of HIV infection which is four times that of the general population.

Estimates as to the number of active, homosexual pedophiles in the Catholic Church range from 6.1% to 16% according to Richard Sipe, an "expert" on sex abuse and the Church.

There are an estimated 50,000 priests in the US. Hence, the number of pedophile priests could range from 3,000 (6%) to 8,000 (16%). However, there are only 188 diocese in the U.S., which means that there are anywhere from 16 to 42 pedophile priests per diocese.

Not surprisingly, over 800 priests have been removed from the ministry as a result of allegations against them. There have so far been over 1,400 insurance claims against the Church. The Church has so far paid out over \$1 billion in liability with an estimated \$500 million pending.

Not surprisingly, pedophile priests often work together in the same church or diocese.



The Rev. Paul Shanley and another pedophile priest owned and operated a “gay inn” in Palm Springs which catered to gay men. Shanley is accused of raping hundreds of boys. Indeed, Paul Shanley openly advocated the idea of sex between men and boys and he often attended meetings with the North American Man-Boy Love Association.

Likewise, according to the Cleveland Plain Dealer in a series of stories printed in the Spring of 2002, “parishes such as Ascension and St. Patrick, both in the West Park neighborhood of Cleveland, had more than one alleged abuser working at the same time.” Moreover, when they work together, they also aid each other in recruiting and raping children.

Consider, for example, Reverends Gary Berthiaume and Allen Bruening. As detailed in May of 2002, by the Cleveland Plain Dealer: “Bruening would use trips to the pool to seduce young boys.” One child, “Frank (not his real name), says he not only had to contend with Bruening, but also with Berthiaume, who was sent to the Cleveland diocese after serving six months in a Michigan prison for child abuse. After the swimming trips, says Frank, both priests were waiting in the showers. While Bruening stood naked in a one-person stall, says Frank, Berthiaume would be ordering him to join the other priest in the shower.”

“Here I am, a little kid, and here is this pastor, you want to believe you’re a good kid,” Frank says. “This person is the next closest thing to God. You would do anything that they would say. How could you question these people?”

According to Professor Germain Grisez, and as he reported to the Bishops Committee on Sexual Abuse, the Catholic Church is permeated by a “homosexual subculture” and “homosexual clerics” who seduce “adolescent boys.”

Likewise, according to Father Donald B. Cozzens, author of *The Changing Face of the Priesthood*, there are a “disproportionate number of gay men that populate our seminaries.”

As summed up by Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, “It is an ongoing struggle to make sure the Catholic priesthood is not dominated by homosexual men.”

It is in part because of the homosexual culture and the large number of pedophile priests that the Catholic Church and its Catholic Bishops have for centuries, covered up the homosexual rape of children by not just priests, but Bishops and Cardinals.

For example, Boston priest John Geoghan had been raping young boys for over three decades. When Bernard Cardinal Law of the archdiocese of Boston became aware of Geoghan’s behavior which was threatening to become public, he quietly transferred Geoghan to another parish where he immediately began sexually assaulting children. Geoghan was not the only priest he transferred; and many other bishops have done likewise: cover up the crime and transferring the pedophile priest to another city where he can continue raping boys.

It is also because of these coverups, that in March of 2002, several Federal anti-racketeering suits—RICO The Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act—have been filed. By filing that kind of suit, the lawyers are calling the Catholic Church a criminal enterprise.

It is because of this overarching homosexual-pedophile culture that many priests, bishops, and cardinals, have not just covered up abuse, but in fact see nothing wrong with it, viewing these crimes as “forgivable”—except in those cases where a priest or Bishop repeatedly rapes young boys and the rapes become public.

Even in these latter instances, Church officials, until recently, were inclined to reinstate pedophile priests even after their cases become public or the cause of ruinous lawsuits.

For example, Bishop Donald W. Wuerl of Pittsburgh, had to battle with Church officials for over 7 years before he was able to remove Rev. Anthony Cipolla. Cipolla had been accused of raping altar boys, one of whom filed suit.

Father Cipolla appealed to the Vatican’s homosexual hierarchy, its highest tribunal, which ruled to reinstate him despite the suitcases full of papers which documented the priest’s sex crimes. Essentially, the Vatican, in making this ruling, also ruled that it was permissible to have sex with children.

Most Bishops are more concerned with protecting the church’s name and its bank accounts, and with making it possible for pedophile priests to continue raping boys. Until recently, American bishops have repeatedly transferred predator priests from parish to parish, but only when their sex crimes threatened to bring unwanted publicity to the parish.

In May and June of 2002, when the scandal grew and threatened to completely overwhelm the Catholic Church, Church officials and thus the homosexual hierarchy first tried to downplay the problem and then sought to distinguish between sex with young children who were unwilling to have



sex, and sex with older children and older boys who, the Church claims, welcomed if not solicited the sex. The Church denied that it had a problem, and claimed that rapes and sex with minors was not truly an act of pedophilia, because “almost all the cases involved adolescents and therefore were not cases of true pedophilia.”

Moreover, according to Church officials, these offenses are forgivable because they amount to little more than the sexual seductions of teenage boys who willingly submit.

In May, and as was widely reported in newspapers such as the Boston Globe, Church officials announced that priests who had abused children in the past, would remain priests so long as there was no evidence that the priest in question was a serial abuser. Likewise, those who abused children in the future would not suffer any penalty, that is, unless they raped and sexually assaulted a number of children. However, even in these cases bishops would be given the discretion to retain these priests given mitigating circumstances.

“The question of the reassignment of priests who have harmed children is still a thorny issue,” said Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, president of the United States Catholic Conference, the national forum for American bishops.

To their surprise, the public and the media reacted angrily to their pronouncements and the willingness of the Church to tolerate the sexual rape of young boys. It was repeatedly said in the media, that “the Catholic Church just doesn’t get it.”

Presumably, the homosexual hierarchy was unable to understand why the public was outraged, precisely because this homosexual hierarchy experienced the same “forgivable” sexual longings for children. In fact, three of the five members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sex Abuse, including its chairman, Bishop John B. McCormack of Manchester, N.H., had been severely criticized for their handling of sex abuse cases, and their willingness to tolerate the rape of children and homosexuality among members of the clergy. Because so many shared the same deviant desires, even minor sanctions against abusers thus seemed excessive to many in the pedophilia priesthood.

In fact, on August 8, 2002, the Rev. Connors, the president of an association of Roman Catholic religious orders, publically complained that pedophile priests were being “scapegoated” and then criticised American bishops for reacting to the complaints of victims and the media, charging “that American bishops have been scapegoating abusers.” Connors also ridiculed those victims who had stepped forward by asking: “Are we having fun yet?” Connors, as president, represents the views of 15,000 U.S. priests in orders such as the Jesuits and Benedictines.

We should recall, that these are the same religious orders which burned women and beat their children in front of the raging fires. This is the same church which would castrate young boys to keep them singing and looking pretty; i.e. the “castratos”—boys who were also the sexual playthings of Bishops, Cardinals and priests.

Thus we should not be surprised to discover that insofar as modern pedophile priests, and the majority of bishops and cardinals are concerned, sex with boys is normal and forgivable. In fact, even sex with children could be forgiven so long as a large number of children were not involved and the cases did not become public.

Specifically, in June of 2002, top Vatican officials and American cardinals tried to contain the public uproar. Repeat offenders and those priests who “become notorious and are guilty of the serial, predatory sexual abuse of minors,” would be dismissed, said Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington. However, as to those priests who had molested and sexually assaulted children in the past, the Church would be more lenient and leave it up to the local Bishops to determine if the priest was a true danger to children.

According to Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, the church wanted to protect the rights of priests who had been accused. In fact, Church officials sent a letter to Catholic priests in America, expressing sympathy and support “through these troubled times. We regret that episcopal oversight has not been able to preserve the church from this scandal,” the letter read. That is, the sympathy of the church, was not for the victims, but only for the church and its priesthood. Indeed, pedophile priests must be protected according to Bishop Gregory, who emphasized that “even a priest who offends still enjoys rights.”

Cardinal Francis George, of Chicago has also argued that bishops should be allowed to make distinctions between serial pedophiles and priests who “crossed boundaries” with older teenagers.

“A little more wiggle room enables you to be more just,” Cardinal George said. “There is a difference between a moral monster who preys upon little children, and does so in a serial fashion, and someone who perhaps under the influence of alcohol engages in an action with a 17- or 16-year-



old young woman who returns his affection.”

Young woman?

Stephen Rubino, a lawyer who has represented over 300 alleged victims of priest abuse, estimates 85% of the victims have been teenage boys.

As summed up by National Review senior writer Rod Dreher “This is chiefly a scandal about unchaste or criminal homosexuals in the Catholic priesthood.”

Even some Catholic priests and Bishops grudgingly agree, though they were again quick to make a distinction between pedophilia and sex with young men: According to Monsignor Eugene Clark of New York, “disordered” homosexuals were to blame. His view was seconded by the Bishop of Detroit who has said the current crisis is “not truly a pedophilia-type problem, but a homosexual-type problem.”

Indeed, homosexuality is so rampant among Catholic priests that according to the Boston Globe (1/31/2000) they have a rate of HIV infection which is four times that of the general population.

And it is not just the Catholic Church which is a refuge for homosexual priests. The Presbyterian Church stated that perhaps as many as 23% of clergy have had “inappropriate sexual contact” with other men. As detailed in the San Francisco Chronicle (Lattin, 7/15/97) homosexuality became so rampant within the ministry of the Episcopal church, and its homosexual clergy so openly promiscuous that the church lost over 5 million members by 1997.

In Australia, hundreds of boys and young men have alleged they were raped by the homosexual priests and pastors of the Christian Fathers boarding schools.

In Islamic countries, homosexual are also drawn to the priesthood. It is rumored, for example, that in the holy city of Om, in Iran, that homosexuality and homosexual pedophilia is a common, albeit forbidden practice among Mullahs who sexually exploit their young male charges.

Homosexuality and homosexual pedophilia are common among the Hindu priesthood and the Hare Krishnas. In fact, over a dozen Hare Krishna temples in the United States were forced to file for bankruptcy in 2002, because of the over 400 million dollars in judgments awarded in lawsuits for the homosexual sexual abuse of boys and young men. They are not alone: The archdiocese of Boston has acknowledged playing millions of dollars in settlements for almost 90 priests.

## THE LIMBIC SYSTEM AND SEXUALITY

Why the concern regarding sex pro or con in religious thought? Why the illicit, perverse, or promiscuous tendencies of priests and other religious leaders? Sex, like religious experience, or the ability to derive pleasure from eating and drinking, is mediated by the limbic system; i.e. the hypothalamus, amygdala, and temporal and frontal lobes (e.g. Freeman & Nevis 1969; Joseph, 1988a, 1992a, 1999a; MacLean 1969, 1990; Remillard 1983; Robinson & Mishkin 1968).

As noted, activation of the sexually dimorphic amygdala can produce penile erection and clitoral engorgement (Kling & Brothers, 1992; MacLean, 1990; Robinson & Mishkin, 1968; Stoffels et al., 1980), and trigger sexual feelings (Bancaud et al., 1970; Remillard et al., 1983), extreme pleasure (Olds and Forbes, 1981), memories of sexual intercourse (Gloor, 1986), as well as ovulation, uterine contractions, lactogenetic responses, and orgasm (Backman & Rossel, 1984; Currier et al., 1971; Freeman & Nevis, 1969; Remillard et al., 1983).

However, the limbic system also mediates violent behavior, including sexually violent behavior. Thus religiosity also can be tainted by violent sexual thoughts and behavior.

## THE GODDESS, HOMOSEXUALITY, & RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

As noted, it has been estimated that at least 50% of Catholic priests are homosexuals, and that the HIV rate among Catholic Priests is four times that of the general population. In fact, throughout history, shaman and other religious figures have commonly been homosexuals. Homosexuals are probably drawn to the priesthood for the same reason that women have been viewed as more in touch with the supernatural; i.e., the sexual differentiation of the limbic system.

Recall that portions of the hypothalamus and amygdala are sexually dimorphic; i.e. there are male and female amygdaloid nuclei (Bubenik & Brown, 1973; Nishizuka & Arai, 1981). Female amygdala neurons are smaller and more numerous, and densely packed than those of the male (Bubenik & Brown, 1973; Nishizuka & Arai, 1981), and smaller, densely packed neurons fire more easily and frequently than larger ones. This may contribute to the fact that females are more religious, more emotional and more easily frightened than males as the amygdala is a principle structure involved in evoking feelings of fear (Davis et al., 1997; Gloor, 1997; LeDoux, 1996) as well as spirituality.





### THE FEMALE LIMBIC SYSTEM AND RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

Confirming common experience, numerous scientific studies have demonstrated that women display clear superiorities over males in regard to the expression, perception, and comprehension of social emotional nuances, regardless of the manner in which they are conveyed (Burton & Levy, 1989; Brody, 1985; Buck, 1977, 1984; Buck et al., 1974, 1982; Card et al., 1986; Eisenberg et al., 1989; Fuchs & Thelan, 1988; Harackiewicz, 1982; Lewis, 1983; Rubin, 1983; Safer, 1981; Shennum & Bugental, 1982; Strayer, 1980). And this is true even from the earliest stages of childhood.

This greater social emotional sensitivity, including a much greater likelihood of becoming frightened and easily terrified, is likely due to sex differences in the functional and structural organization of the limbic system, the amygdala in particular. Because female amygdala neurons are more numerous and packed more closely together (Bubenik & Brown, 1973; Nishizuka & Arai, 1981), and as smaller, tightly packed neurons demonstrate enhanced electrical excitability, lower response thresholds, and increase susceptibility to kindling, there is thus a tendency for the female amygdala to become hyperactivated more easily than the male amygdala—thus inducing extreme fear as well as a propensity for religious and spiritual feelings.

Indeed, women are not just more emotional, but have more intense religious experiences, attend church more often, are more involved in religious activities, involve their children more in religious studies, hold more orthodox religious views, incorporate religious beliefs more often in their daily lives and activities, and pray more often as well (Argyle & Beit-Hallahami, 1975; Batason & Ventis, 1982; De Vaus & McAllister-Glock, 1967; Lazewitz, 1961; Lindsey, 1990; Sapiro, 1990).

Moreover, the anterior commissure, a thick rope of axonal fibers which interconnects the right and left amygdala of the right and left temporal lobe is also sexually differentiated. The anterior commissure is responsible for information transfer as well as inhibition within the limbic system. Specifically, the female anterior commissure is 18% larger than in the male (Allen & Gorski 1992).

Thus not only is the female amygdala more excitable, but the right and left amygdala (located in the right and left temporal lobe) can more easily communicate and excite one another. Hence, again, the increased tendency for females to become easily frightened and to be religiously inclined. To know fear is to know god.

### THE HOMOSEXUAL LIMBIC SYSTEM AND SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

Although the etiology of homosexuality remains in question, it has been shown that the ventromedial and anterior nuclei of the hypothalamus of male homosexuals demonstrate the female pattern of development (Levy, 1991; Swaab, 1990), whereas the anterior commissure, which interconnects the right and left amygdala/temporal lobe, is “hyper-female” in size (Allen, & Gorski (1992). Male homosexuals are in possession of limbic system that is more “female” than “male” in functional as well as structural orientation.

This female pattern of limbic system development also explains why homosexuals are more inclined to behave and think like women rather than men. Indeed, homosexual males and females tend to be more alike than different in regard to social-emotional reactions and tendencies (Tripp 1987). In some cases these feminine tendencies are grossly exaggerated (Tripp, 1987); i.e. the “swishy” male with the exaggerated high pitched voice.

A significant number of homosexuals, in fact, are psychologically similar to females in a number of ways, including having a high interest in fashion and wearing apparel, a pronounced tendency to employ feminine body language and vocal tones, to shun sports and avoid fights, and to have a fear of physical injury, particularly during childhood (Bell et al. 1981; Bieber et al. 1962; Van Den Aardweg, 1984; Tripp, 1987). Many also tend to maintain intense dependency relations with their mothers and to remain distant from strong male figures including their fathers (Green, 1987).

As children homosexual males tend to prefer female companions and friends, girls toys, activities, and often girls clothes, (Bell, et al. 1981; Saghir & Robins, 1973; Grellet et al. 1982; Green, 1987). From 67% to 75% of homosexuals vs 2%-3% of heterosexual males reported being “feminine” and more like girls than boys as children (Saghir & Robins, 1973; Green, 1987).

Thus, being in possession of a “female” limbic system may not only account for similarities between homosexuals and women in regard to fear and other behaviors, but in respect to spirituality. Thus priests and shamans not only tend to be homosexuals, but public displays of overt homosexual activity and promiscuity coupled with religious fervor often comes to characterize the behavior of homosexual clergy, as was the case within the ministry of the Episcopal church, and which appears to



be the case in the Catholic Church.

The homosexual limbic system, however, is actually organized in a hyper-female fashion. When compared to the female and especially the male limbic system, the homosexual limbic system could be considered different from the male and female “norm.” And as noted, abnormalities in the limbic system or hyperactivity, is associated with hypersexuality, transvestitism, and public displays of sexuality (Blumer, 1970; 1999; Davies and Morgenstern, 1960; Kolarsky, et al., 1967; Leutmezer et al., 1999; Terzian and Ore, 1955).

As noted, in ancient religions, including those who worshipped the great goddess, male youths would sometimes castrate themselves, and would forever after dress as women in order to obtain her power and serves as her priests.

Goddess cults have always been associated with fertility rites and woman’s sexuality. Homosexuality between women worshippers was common, whereas when men were allowed to participate, the religious service would become a sex orgy. That modern day homosexual priests with their female limbic system behave similarly, albeit with men and boys, is therefore to be expected.

### **HOMOSEXUAL PRIESTLY DISDAIN FOR THE FEMALE SEX**

Despite the “love” between women that has always characterized the goddess cults, women in general, and young women in particular are sexually quite competitive. It is not uncommon for young women to feel threatened by attractive women (Joseph, 1985, 2000d). That is, sexy attractive women pose a competitive threat; feeling that can border on intense dislike if not hate for those women who are particularly sexy and especially those who flaunt their sexuality (Joseph, 1985, 2000d).

Fertile and sexy women, as noted, aroused considerable hate among the priests of Yahweh, the Lord God, and the Catholic Clergy during the Middle Ages. Given that so many priests are in fact homosexuals, and have a “female” limbic system, and are thus similar to women in so many ways, this may also explain the extreme hatred for the female sex as expressed by the Lord God and innumerable homosexual and pedophile priests.

“If it was good company and conversation that Adam needed, it would have been much better if god were to have arranged to have two men together as friends, not a man and a woman.” -St. Augustine.



**Figure 163.** *Venus and the lovers. An allegorical joke and a blasphemy in which the virgin Mary is depicted as naked and being adored by angels and devout men.*



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In Los Angeles there was a 58.2 percent increase.

Violence among “gays” is not a function of poverty.

Richard “Dick” Hatch became one of the poster boys of the homosexual movement after he won \$1 million on the CBS television show “Survivor. However, in October 2001, he was charged with domestic violence for assaulting his lover. Dick Hatch was also arrested in April 2000 on a charge of abusing his 9-year-old son.

There is a lot of self-hate and self-loathing in the homosexual community. After they give in to their urges, some men are so ashamed that they attack and beat up the man they just had sex with. Some homosexuals beat up their homosexual lovers because they enjoy it.

In August 2001, the homosexual community on the west coast was sent into a tizzy by the announcement that a homosexual serial killer was on the loose. Adam Ezerski, 19, of Atlantic Beach, Florida, had a history of beating up “gay” men, after having sex with them. But in the summer of 2001, Adam began beating some of his lovers to death, including a 76-year-old homosexual, Irving Sicherer, on July 25, and on the very next day, 39-year-old Anthony Martilotto. Both men had met Ezerski on the street, brought him home for some gay love-making, after which he killed them. Sicherer was bludgeoned to death, and Martilotto was strangled.

On August 15, a San Francisco homosexual who picked Adam up in a cafe, and brought him home, was severely beaten and strangled after a night of gay love-making. The victim told authorities that he woke up to discover Ezerski strangling him and beating him in the head. However, the victim did not contact police at first, because, he didn’t realize Adam was a serial killer.

In a recent PBS series on those who murder homosexuals, it was inadvertently revealed that almost every single individual convicted of viciously murdering a homosexual had previously had sex with men. And in some cases, several men who had sex together went out in search of homosexuals who they could rob, beat and murder.

Likewise, the worst of serial killers are male homosexuals, or men who have had significant homosexual experience. Henry Lee Lucas traveled the country with his homosexual lover and killed 350 men and women. A Russian homosexual, Andrei Chikatilo, raped and murdered 21 boys, 17 women and 14 girls. Donald Harvey killed 37 boys. John Wayne Gacy raped and killed 33 boys in Chicago. Patrick Kearney murdered 32, cutting his victims into small pieces after have sex with them. Bruce Davis molested and killed 27 young men and boys. The homosexual trio of Corll, Henley, and Brooks murdered 27 Texas men and boys. Juan Corona murdered 25 migrant workers and then had sex with their bodies. Jeffrey Dahmer killed 17 boys and also had a taste for body parts. It has been estimated that up to 68% of those murdered by serial killers have been killed by homosexuals.

Violence in the homosexual community is epidemic.

In a recent series of articles printed in the exceedingly pro-homosexual newspaper, the San Francisco Chronicle (e.g. see Heredia, 9/23/2000, page A25), it was reported that the radical homosexual group, ACT-UP/San Francisco, has been engaging in “a campaign of intimidation and violence” against homosexuals including “felony assault” on public health officials. “Members of the group face trial for assault on several employees of the AIDS group Project Inform” and according to witnesses, have been “fomenting terror” in the homosexual community.

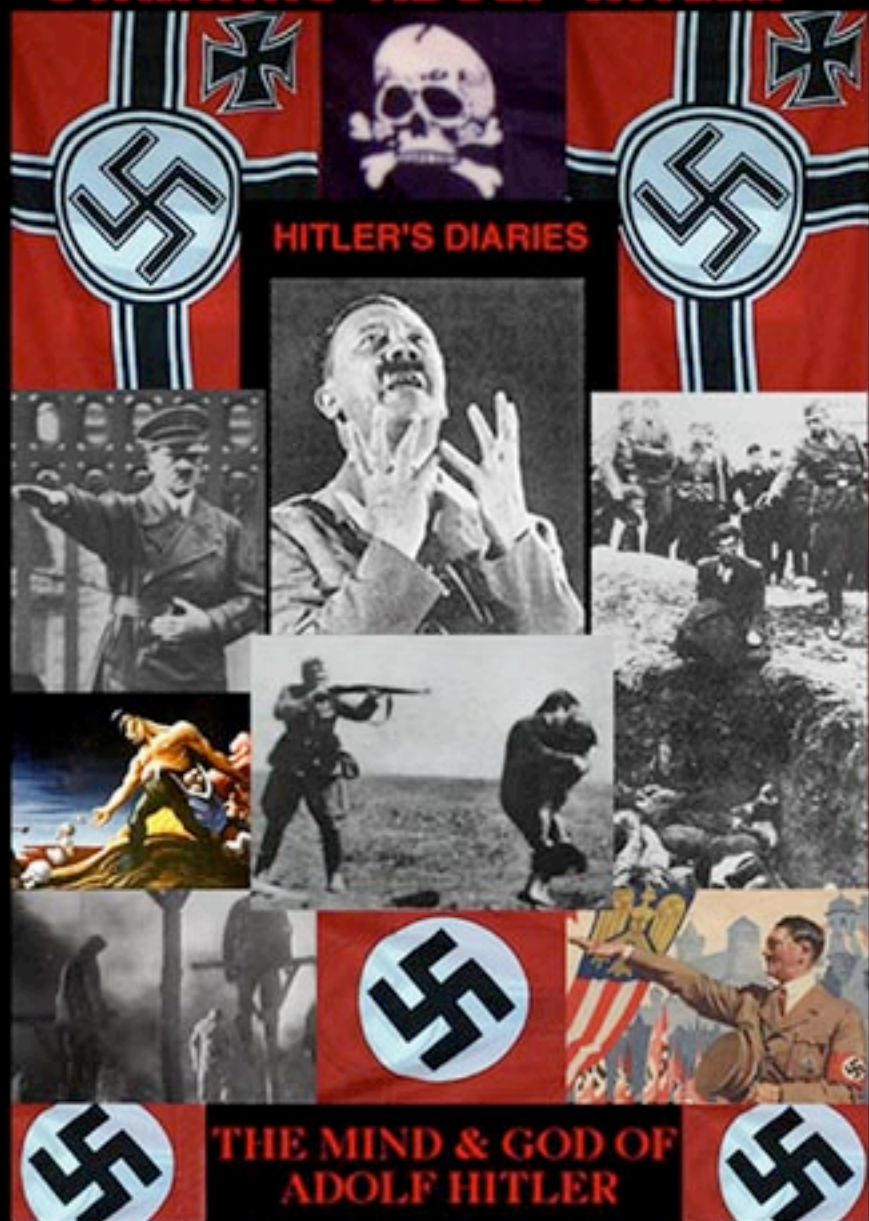
As noted, the male medial amygdala is larger than its female counterpart (Breedlove & Cooke, 1999) and changes in size in response to testosterone, which is significant as the medial nuclei (and testosterone) is directly implicated in violent and aggressive behaviors. In consequence, homosexuals, although they have a “female limbic system” also have high levels of testosterone, which, when coupled with other differences between the homosexual and “normal” limbic system, may well predispose a significant minority of homosexuals to behave in a violent and sexually sadistic manner, behaviors that might include the rape of little boys (as is common among pedophile priests), and the sexual sadism visited upon and the mass murder and torture of men, women, and children—as was common during the inquisitions, crusades, and witch burning trials conducted by a Catholic Church --a “church” that has been dominated by homosexuals and a homosexual and homosexual-pedophile subculture for over a thousand years.

On the otherhand, it is perhaps these same sex differences in the limbic system which predisposes a significant minority of homosexuals, and women in general, to be more religious and more spiritually inclined--sex differences which in turn would account for why so many homosexuals are drawn to the priesthood.



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