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CHORIZO and mental divorce

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Recently I received a question from a brother concerning the words of our Master in the book of Matthew on divorce and those of the Spirit delivered by the apostle Paul in the first letter to the Corinthians. Basic to the study of the text is a comparison of two Greek words for divorce or putting away. These two are *chorizo*, (1 Cor. 7:10 -11) and *apolo* [“put away” (KJV); “divorce” (NKJ); Mt. 5:32; 19:9]. Moulton and Milligan, page 696, say of the use of the former in the Greek papri and other non-literary sources, “*The word (chorizo) has almost become a technical term in connection with divorce.*” See also Arnt and Gingrich, 2nd Edition, p. 890, under *choridzo*, definition 2; Thayer page 674 under *chorizo*, item “a” and Kittel’s *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, Vol. 1, pp. 509-510.

The fact that *chorizo* may apply to divorce is of no comfort to those who hold the neo-waiting game known as “mental divorce,” which has become popular in some circles since the 1980s. The command by the Spirit in 1 Cor. 7:11 says, “*But and if she depart (choristhe) then let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband...*” This makes it clear that a woman can be *choristhe* from her husband and be spoken of as “*unmarried,*” yet she is obligated to remain separate or be reconciled to her “*husband.*” It is not that an unscriptural divorce is not a divorce or cannot take place, but it is *an invalid* divorce and therefore renders *any* succeeding marriage to another adulterous.

This is true because God holds them still bound or accountable to the spouse of their youth (Mal. 2:14). That they continue to be bound to one another is evident from Rom. 7:1-3, even though divorced (*choristhe*) unscripturally. Our Lord’s very first words on the subject of divorce and remarriage say, “*It has been said, whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery*” (Mt. 5:31-32).

In the face of this affirmation by the Savior Himself it takes subjective (not to say existentialistic) reasoning to claim that a wife put away arbitrarily against her will and in the face of her protests may claim a mental divorce from her husband subsequent to his remarriage or otherwise committing adultery. That is not what the Lord said and those who teach such to unsuspecting souls are not doing them a favor especially in view of the length and darkness of eternity (Mt. 22:13). Better to live celibate (Mt. 19:12),



the throne of david

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Of whom is Jesus Christ the ruler? The throne of David and the throne of the Lord are not two different thrones as the propagators of the earthly 1000 year reign contend. Jesus is at this very hour **"the ruler over the kings of the earth"** (Rev. 1:5). He took this position of authority after His resurrection and His coronation at the right hand of the Father. Peter and the rest of the apostles first proclaimed this message on earth on the day of Pentecost, which was May 28 in the calendar year 30. It was the year of our Lord 33. This is one of the five clues in chapter one of the Revelation which helps us gain a proper understanding of the book. Jesus had been King of Kings many years before the book was written.

On Pentecost Peter affirmed that Jesus had been **"exalted to the right hand of God"** (Acts 2:33-36) as Lord and Christ. From which position He was expected to rule until all enemies were put under His feet. The prophet David had foretold this fact saying, **"The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool"** (Psalm 110:1).

Paul to the Corinthians wrote, **"For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death"** (I Cor. 15:25-26). The destruction of death will take place when Jesus raises the good and the evil in the same hour (John 5:28-29) at **"the last day"** (John 6:40).

During the Messianic age Jesus rules all governors, kings, presidents and prime ministers. This reign began **"when (God) raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come"** (Eph. 1:20-21).

Jesus being seated on God's throne is also seated on the throne of David for He is the Son of David (Rom. 1:3) and was raised for that purpose (Acts 2:30; cf., Luke 1:31-32). David's throne over Israel was in truth God's throne, even as it is written, **"then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David his father..."** (I Chron. 29:23; cf., I Chron. 28:5). Jesus' rule at **"the right hand of the throne of the Majesty"** (Heb. 8:1) as both high priest and king (Zech. 6:13) began (as noted) on Pentecost fifty days after His resurrection and continues until this hour. As the writer of Hebrews affirmed, **"this Man (Jesus), after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool"** (Heb. 10:12-13). We are living in the last days (Heb. 1:1-20; I Pet. 1:20). It is rank error to claim that there will be a another period of 1000 years after these days; people are losing out on eternal life who believe such foolishness.

The permissive society

Andrew M. Connally

The permissive society — anything goes — taboos in twilight. Our society is in the death throes of radical change; and it began a long time ago. Consider the arts, consider movies. In 1967 *Bonnie & Clyde* was recommended by *Newsweek* magazine as one of the finest movies of the year. This was not an art show, an underground theater, a show in an area frequented by prostitutes and immoral people, but rather a first-run billing on marquees all over the country. And what did you find in that show? You found an opening shot of Bonnie nude. You found two scenes in which Clyde was impotent sexually, one in which he achieves sexual fulfillment. Strictly adultery all the way and anyone could recognize it for what it was. Then violence, not only were the people killed, but the bodies were machine-gunned in slow motion yet!



This is the degree of degradation that our nation has sunk to; some people saw it time and time again and they cried and said, **"It's the greatest thing produced this year."** This helps us to recognize that people are getting what they want, and what they want is what they are getting, and what they are getting came straight out of the cesspool and the garbage pail. This has become the day of obscenity! The Age of Babylon has already been outstripped. This is the society that produces and consumes **"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"** **"Blow-up"**; **"Barbarella"**; **"Penthouse"** **"I, a Woman"** and on and on and on. The no-holds-barred language, the obscenity of the gutter, that which was confined at one time to drunken sailors on the seven seas, have become common household words in many homes in our land today. This shows that our society is degenerating and, therefore, our people are degenerating with it. They are responsible for it. These are evidence of what the public wants and, brethren, what they want if filth and trash. If it is not fit for **"adults only"** to see, it's not fit for anybody to see.

Magazines are worse yet. When I was a young boy, they had their girly magazines and most of the boys looked at them, but they were nothing like what can be bought at the store in our neighborhoods today. The morals of our people are degenerating and, good people, it can only go so far before God is going to call it to a halt. It has always taken salt, light, and leaven to save a nation, to save the ancient world, and it still does. And when there is not enough salt, light and leaven to save us, this nation will go. They



always have and always will. Every time a child of God partakes of that which is immoral, ungodly, obscene, pornographic, he helps seal the doom of this nation. He seals the doom of the church early and maybe destroys the world for future posterity. But again, *Playboy* magazine has the circulation of 5 million. They estimate that 20 million readers every month read their hardcore sex and pornography.

Recently, I was coming back from Freed-Hardeman College on the plane. I picked up a flight from Memphis and settled down. A man sat down one seat from me and he laughingly asked the stewardess, **"Do you have a copy of Playboy?"** **"No,"** she replied. So he took something else. And then in a little bit, he took out his cigarettes and offered me one; I refused. He lit up and began to talk, **"Oh, you are a preacher, are you?"** He said, **"I've got a problem with my two sons. I've got two teenagers, or nearly so, one eleven and one thirteen."** He said, **"You know, they have an extraordinary preoccupation with sex and I don't know what I am going to do about it."** There was Daddy ordering *Playboy* magazine, probably shelves filled with them at his house, and he is worried about his sons and their preoccupation with sex. Then he said, **"You know (as he stubbed out his cigarette), I am having a hard time keeping them from smoking, as well."**

Now, brethren, when it reaches that stage, anybody with a lick of sense knows that this man could not possibly be any good influence over his own children, because what they see they are going to do. They are not going to listen to what is said; they are going to obey what their eyes tell them that Mama and Daddy do. And the tragedy is that we, in the church, try to talk a double standard as well. We try to preach and teach to our young people a high standard of morals, when all the time we are dragging them down with what they see us do. Again, those that read magazines like *Playboy* subscribe to that philosophy. Of course, they do! They believe in immoral sex or they wouldn't be reading it. It is a safe evaluation to say that the people who consume it, like it. And if they consume it, they are a part of it and its time that Christians decide to do something about it.

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness...evil-mindedness...haters of God...inventors of evil things...who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them."
(Romans 1:28-32)