

Le Nouvel Esprit:  
A Video Series on the Theology of  
the Body

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# Review

- Genesis 3 shows that shame appeared in the reciprocal relationship between man and woman
  - Because of shame, this relationship underwent a radical transformation
- The fact shame is born in the heart of man means that we are able to examine concupiscence within the communion of persons
  - This leads to an analysis of the insatiability of the conjugal union
  - Insatiable, means “(of an appetite or desire) impossible to satisfy.” Oxford Dictionary

# Change in the Communion of Persons

- The facts of shame and hiding indicate a shattering of the original communicative power of the body and sex
- This is a negative change in the relationship between man and woman
  - Body and sex are no longer “ceased to be free from suspicion” as the substratum for communion
    - Substratum, means “a foundation or basis of something”, Oxford Dictionary
  - This communion being called into doubt shows the disappearance of the simplicity and purity of original experience in the situation of original innocence
  - The different sexes are now sensed and understood to be an element of mutual opposition
  - Gen. 3:7: “They realized that they were naked”

# The Substratum

- The one flesh union of man and woman as spouses in the communion of persons in original innocence was of full power in purity, simplicity, and depth
- Shame ended this power
- The body as masculine and feminine is the substratum for personal communion
- Shame is the loss in certainty that the body through sex is this substratum
- Sensation of sexuality and sexuality itself both appear as if they were an obstacle to communion

# A Deeper Dimension

- Shame emphasizes a detachment of love
- Concupiscence introduces the difficulty now of identifying with one's own body in the sphere of one's subjectivity and the subjectivity of the other person
  - This lead to the first man and woman to hide themselves, indicating now a lack of trust between them
  - This lack of trust points to a collapse of the original relationship
  - All of this indicates a deeper dimension found in the in the difference between the man of concupiscence and the man of innocence

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