

Godly Sexuality





THE PICKLE PRINCIPLE

Most of us are like pickles. We sit in the brine of a sex-saturated culture, absorbing its values and beliefs, and it changes the way we think.

- Christians are prudes when it comes to sex
- The Bible prohibits all that is fun
- Porn is harmless, and even educational
- Pre-marital sex is okay, and wise
- Same sex marriage is loving
- Marriage isn't necessary

And **do not be conformed** to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
(Romans 12:2)



**For this reason a man shall
leave his father and his mother,
and be joined to his wife; and
they shall become one flesh.**

Genesis 2:24





Therefore what
God has joined
together, let not
man separate.

Matthew 19:6



“This mystery is great”

EPHESIANS 5:32

Ephesians 5:33

FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE **TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.** ³² This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. ³³ Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to **love his own wife** even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she **respects her husband.**

SHE desires LOVE

HE needs RESPECT



Song of Solomon 7:10-12

“I am my beloved's, And his desire is for me.
11 Come, my beloved, let us go out into the
country, Let us spend the night in the villages.
12 Let us rise early and go to the vineyards;
Let us see whether the vine has budded And
its blossoms have opened, and whether the
pomegranates have bloomed. There I will give
you my love.”



Our Biggest Sex Organ

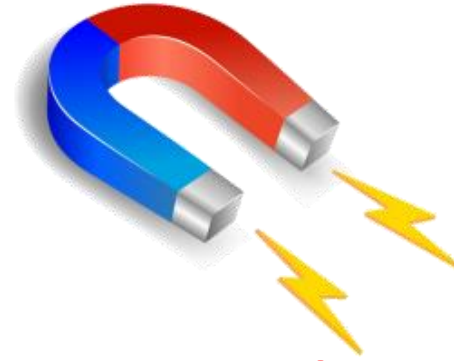
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Desire

Testosterone
Estrogen



Attraction

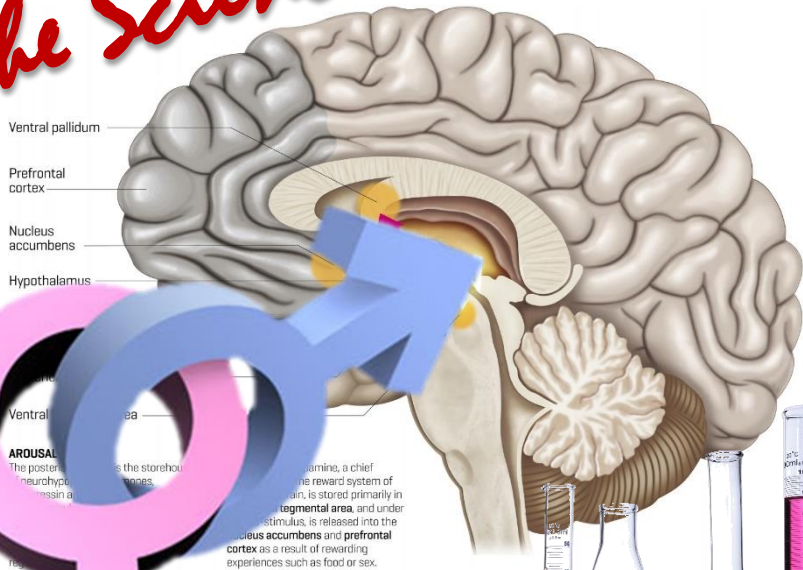
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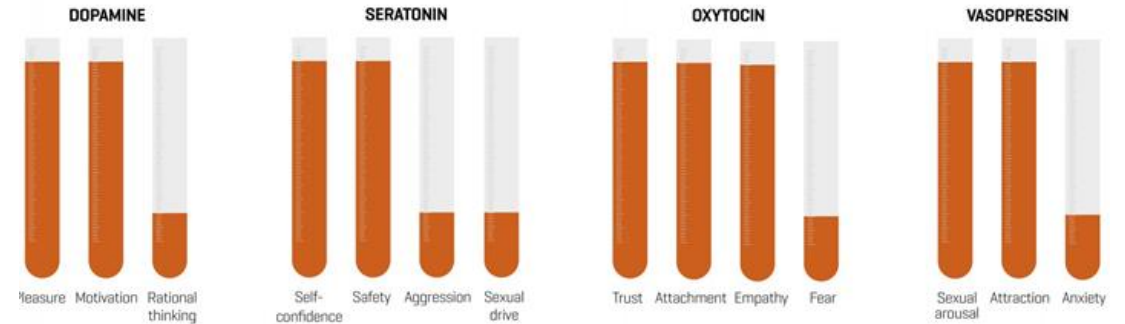
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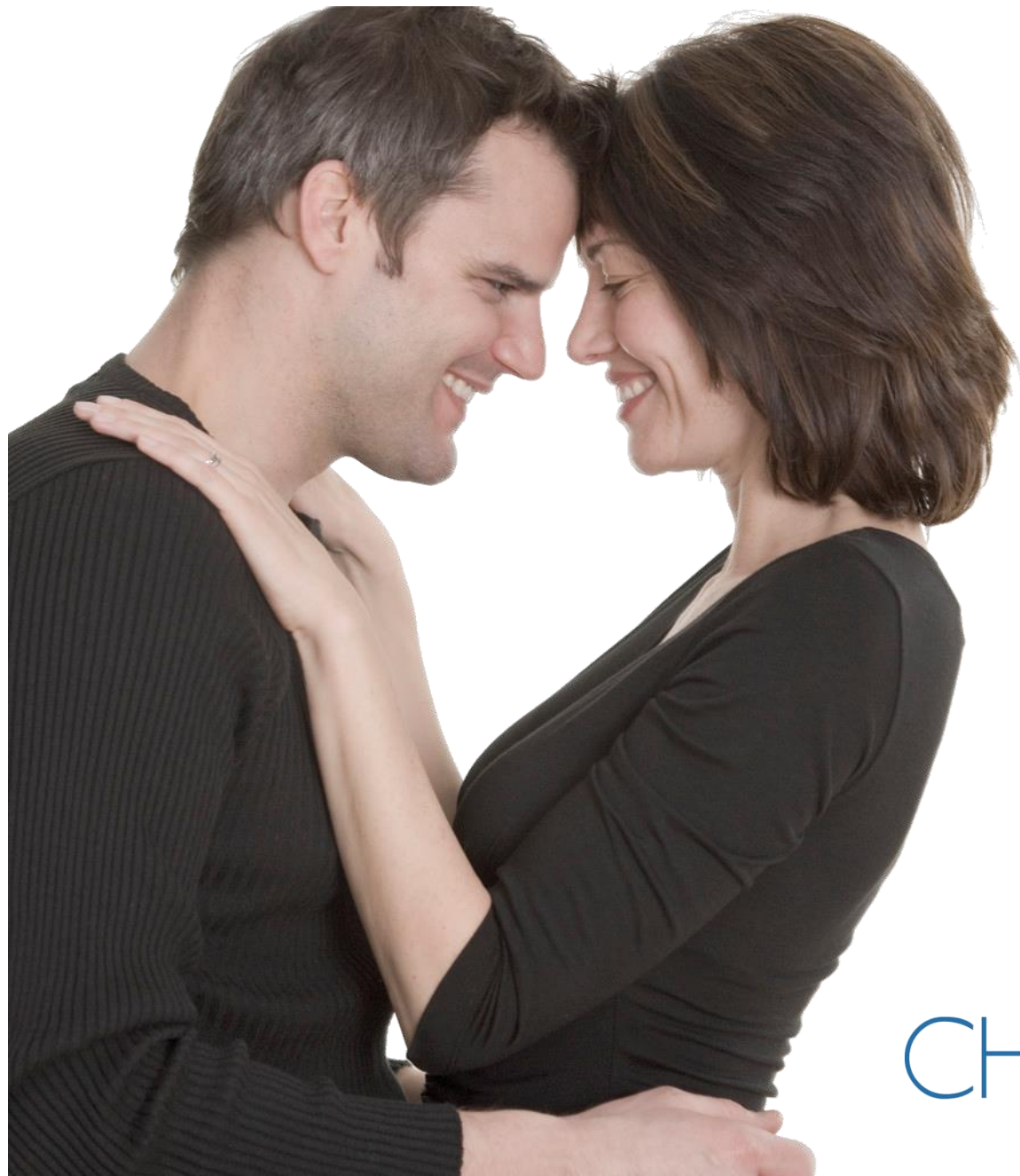
Oxytocin
Vasopressin

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AROUSAL
The posterior hypothalamus is the storehouse of the reward system of the brain. Dopamine, a chief neurotransmitter in this system, is stored primarily in the substantia nigra, a midbrain area, and under certain circumstances, is released into the nucleus accumbens and prefrontal cortex as a result of rewarding experiences such as food or sex.





Intimacy: “into-me-see.”

- Total transparency
- No withholds
- Honesty and openness
- No judgment



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And the flesh in which he took the rib, which I had taken from man, made the woman.
22 And she was called Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.
24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh.
25 And the man and the woman were naked, and they were not ashamed.