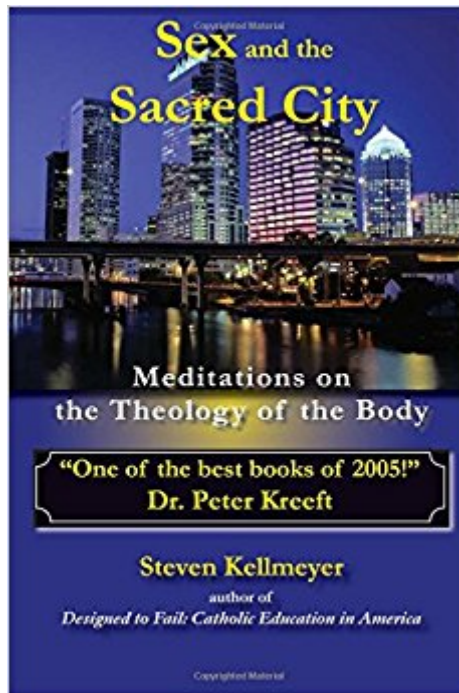




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# Sex And The Sacred City



## Synopsis

Why does human sexuality seem to be so central to so many of today's issues? Worse, why is it so badly understood and badly handled by so many? How are we meant to handle issues like purity before marriage, purity in marriage, family planning and the proper use of our sexuality? This book answers those questions and many more. Chapters are devoted to: How to live a chaste, pure life as a single person, How our bodies help us reflect the life of God, How our created family is meant to image the one God, the divine family of spiritual Persons, How birth control fits into adult life and how it should be approached, What all of this means for us right now. Informative, concise, practical: this is a book you can actually use right now. Whether married or single, the incredible insights into marriage, sex and single life will orient you to face the joyful reality. In less than 100 pages, every adult gets a basic understanding of the amazing synthesis of thought known as the Theology of the Body. As you read, you will make amazing discoveries, discoveries that will help you live a life of joy.

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## Customer Reviews

Steve Kellmeyer's *Sex and the Sacred City* is a marvelous tool! -- Greg Schleppenbach, State Director of the Nebraska Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities

Steve Kellmeyer has graduate degrees in theology and history, and undergraduate degrees in education, medical technology and computer science. He has published dozens of articles in Catholic Press, including magazines like *This Rock*, *Envoy*, *Lay Witness*, *Homiletics* and *Pastoral*

Review and Social Justice Review. His first book, Bible Basics published through Basilica Press in 1999, is still among the most thorough apologetics for Catholic Faith in existence.

If you are interested in understanding the Catholic Church's position on marriage this is a good place to start. Even if you don't agree with the church, you will understand why orthodox Catholics believe as they do. I would not recommend it to people who see anything the church has to say on faith and morals as an attempt to impose its values on others.

One of the best concise explanations of the huge subject of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. It is a must read for anyone who would like a short intro in to the TOB.

I recommend this book to any couple that is thinking about getting married. It is good to start marriage knowing what it is about.

An excellent book of meditations on the Theology of the Body. It is beautiful, understandable and short for those of us who do not have time to read a 1000 page book. Although short enough to be read quickly it is meant to be read slowly, reflectively and savored. This book can change how we see our see and treat ourselves, how we see and treat others, and deepen our relationship with God. We are basing a retreat for Catechists on it in my parish.

Very readable distillation of the Catholic Church's teachings on sexual ethics.

All married couples need to read this book! It will help their marriage go in the right direction. Good book!

Steve is a rape apologist who is blaming the victim in the Stanford rape case because she drank too much (see his Facebook comments). For someone who is Catholic and has written extensively about ToB, one would expect him to have a more sympathetic and accurate depiction of rape. Instead he has chosen to use his platform to blame her and excuse Brock Turner he is throwing both Catholic teaching and, quite frankly, kindness and sympathy out the window. I cannot recommend anyone buy this book, because clearly Steve has no grasp on Catholic sexuality, rape, and mercy as we are called to by the Pope. (Review by a devout Catholic)

As Steve Kellmeyer points out in his introduction, "In every age, God has brought forward the weapons necessary to combat error. In this age, the most pernicious error revolves around a true understanding of human sexuality." The most formidable weapon in this battle for the truth about sex is Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, and Kellmeyer's book is a readable and unimtimidating introduction to this school of thought. Sex and the Sacred City is extremely helpful for anyone who wishes to understand why the Catholic Church teaches what She teaches about human sexuality, as well as why what She teaches is not only true, but also amazingly beautiful. The only weakness I saw was that the presentation of the obligations of the spouses to one another was somewhat one-sided: the husband's obligations to his wife were made abundantly clear, but the wife's toward her husband, less so. However, that is a minor flaw and the book is an excellent contribution to popularizing John Paul II's thought on this challenging subject. I highly recommend it.

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