MARRIAGE OR COHABITATION?
World In Which We Live.

“No Objective, Universal Truth. All Is Relative.”

(Post-Modernism)

Define:
Cohabitation Defined

“live together and have a sexual relationship without being married.”

Origin of term: “mid 16th cent.: from Latin cohabitare, from co- ‘together’ + habitare ‘dwell.’”

Oxford English Dictionary

“Living Together”
Statistics and Realities.

- The ultimate reality is that God exists and He is the governor of the world. This includes the Family and Marriage no matter what men do or declare.

  **His WILL stands in the end.**

- Much of the world is going the way of Romans 1:18-32.

- There is a better way!

THE NEW MORALITY ISN’T NEW IT IS ACTUALLY THE OLD MORALITY REVISITED.
FIGURE 7. NUMBER OF COHABITING, UNMARRIED, ADULT COUPLES OF THE OPPOSITE SEX, BY YEAR, UNITED STATES

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census
1. A disappearing institution?
The attractiveness of marriage may be waning. The percentages of U.S. households that are home to a married couple:

- 1930: 84%
- 1990: 56%
- 2000: 52%
- 2005: 49.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

2. Divorce: High but dropping
After a sharp rise beginning in 1960, divorces in the U.S. have begun to decline moderately over the last 25 years. Number of U.S. divorces per 1,000 married women age 15 and up:

- 1960: 9.2
- 1965: 10.6
- 1970: 14.9
- 1975: 20.3
- 1980: 22.6
- 1985: 21.7
- 1990: 20.9
- 1995: 19.8
- 2000: 18.8
- 2004: 17.7

Source: The National Marriage Project, 2005
3. Marriage plunging
In the U.S. the trend is clearly away from marriage. The number of marriages per 1,000 unmarried women who are 15 years old and older:

4. Cohabitation skyrocketing
One of the most challenging trends of the last four decades has been the startling increase in cohabitation as a prelude to or substitute for marriage. Number of U.S. cohabiting couples who are (1) unmarried, (2) adult and (3) opposite sex (in millions):

Source: The National Marriage Project, 2005
Some Things The Bible States.

- Genesis 2:18-25  Creation Order
  - Matt. 19:3-6  From creation – for this...
  - Eph. 5:31 (22-33) For THIS cause

- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Immorality
  - (Note verse 9-11) Not inherit...

- Deut. 22:13-30  If any man takes a wife. (proof of virginity the night of marriage)


Hebrews 13:4
Fruit of...

1. Cohabitation
2. Divorce
3. Dysfunctional Homes
Impact Upon Home & Children.

• Malachi 2:15
• Proverbs 22:6
• Ephesians 6:4

The family is the nucleus of civilization. Will Durant

People are being selfish, thinking of themselves not the family or society’s good.

“A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself from within.”

“Civilization begins with order, grows with liberty, and dies with chaos.” also by W.D.
Passions And Relationships Are Strong.

- Consider the Proverbs
  - (9:13-19) Woman of folly invites
  - (7:22) “As an ox goes to slaughter”
- King David
  - 2 Samuel 11-12 Bathsheba & Uriah
- King Solomon
  - 1 Kings 11:1-8; Neh. 13:23-27
    “caused even him to sin”
Another abuse of God’s creation-
Pornography.
“Sexual Immorality, impurity, sensuality”
Galatians. 5:19
“Looking on a woman...”
Matthew 5:27-30

Pornography
THE NATURE OF SIN
Strangler Fig Early On
Strangler Fig Early On
Strangler Fig Mature
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IS THE WAY OF GOD, DESIGNED AS A
BLESSING AND VIOLATION OF THAT
IS AN AFFRONT TO GOD.

THERE IS GREAT BEAUTY IN
MARRIAGE AS GOD WOULD HAVE IT.