

"What Happened To Thy Neighbor's Wife?"

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Mr. Gay Talese, the author of a book entitled, "Thy Neighbor's Wife," Published in 1980 by Doubleday and Co., Inc., stated in the frontis piece that "THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS BOOK ARE REAL, AND THE SCENES AND EVENTS DESCRIBED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ACTUALLY HAPPENED."

It was this revelation which first attracted me to the book, and after scanning it I detected a connecting line running throughout its pages, and determined that the book deserved a more thorough reading, and in fact, studying; for between its covers are some five hundred fifty pages of X-rated copy that blatantly, meticulously, and in laudatory phrases, records not only "What Happened to Thy Neighbor's Wife;" but **who did it to her!** This should be required reading for every Christian Church in the U.S. of A., and their Pastors! And further still, IT SHOULD BECOME A REQUISITE COURSE IN ALL SEMINARIES WHICH TRAIN OUR PASTORS.

Perhaps it could be styled: "Sin 101" in the course catalogues! Please remember at all times when reading this "book report" that every person and every event recorded herein is real. Real people participating in real events in which they obviously are not ashamed; but rather **are taking credit for them!**

From the late 1800's, we can trace the attacks upon our Christian lifestyle, which, of course, is a product of Christian morals, and mores. We might point out here, that when a civilization perishes, it does so from Cancer, and not from a heart attack! In other words, it does not appear healthy one evening, and the next day drops dead. Rather, it rots away slowly but surely from the inside, while giving the appearance of health and exuberance. Perhaps you have wondered why Clark Gable shocked the nation in the motion picture, "Gone With The Wind"(1939), when he uttered these memorable words, "FRANKLY, MY DEAR, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN," when in one generation you have lived to see on prime time TV in your living rooms, naked men and women in bed together, and watch them move their lips up and down their partner's bodies, hear them emit sucking sounds while lip biting, etc. and hear vile and filthy language fly from the heroes and heroines mouths. On cable you can find sexual intercourse, and filthier films, if possible! This drastic change in our moral codes and lifestyle did not happen overnight! It happened little.. by little... a gradual chipping away at our laws and regulatory boards our City Ordinances...our School Board policies...etc., by **a religious-race of people, who, according to Jesus Christ is Anti-Christ, and for this reason want every governing principle of Christianity done away with!** You will see, perhaps for the first time, that this Anti-Christ link runs from the proliferation of Massage Parlors through the night clubs, book and magazine publishers, through the book and magazine distributorships, through the X-Rated movies, wife swapping, and finally through our system of Jurisprudence until finally we arrived at where we are today.

"WHERE, AND WHEN WILL IT STOP?" you ask? OF A CERTAINTY, **IT WILL NEVER STOP UNTIL THERE ARE ENOUGH CHRISTIANS WHO ARE NOT ASHAMED OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND HIS TEACHINGS REGARDING SEX, HOMOSEXUALS, LESBIANS, FAMILY RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT**

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HAPPENED TO THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, CHILDREN, HUSBAND, ETC. TO FIND OUT WHO THEN IS DOING IT TO THEM...AND/IN RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION. . .PUT A STOP TO IT!

According to the book which we are reviewing for you, the lid literally blew off the "restraint barrel" in the 50's. Playboy magazine was selling one million copies per month, the birth control pill was becoming available to women, Bikini bathing suits were seen on the beaches, there were newspaper stories about mate-swapping, the pelvic-thrusting of Elvis Presley was seen by millions across the land-audiences in nightclubs all over the country were shocked by a Jewish comedian name Lenny Bruce. He described certain private acts and attitudes that people recognized as their own, and had always kept to themselves. Whereas both Hugh Hefner and Bruce were able to increase the limits of sexual expression, they would never have been able to do this had not the laws governing such, become liberalized by constant attack through the years. There was one person only, who was responsible for the change in these laws, and he was practically unknown to the American people. HIS NAME IS SAMUEL ROTH, AND HE WAS BORN IN AUSTRIA OF JEWISH PARENTS.

While the sexual revolution of the 60's was going on, SAMUEL ROTH, was in jail and was looked upon by the authorities as America's most incorrigible literary outlaw! You will learn more about MR. ROTH, and his attack upon our Christian culture; but first it is important that you be taken back another generation or two, so that you may become knowledgeable with some of the earlier attacks upon our society and witness the beginnings of the Anti-Christ Thread, and follow it through the "Gay Nineties," down through the "Roaring Twenties," and on into the "Fifties," the "Sensual Seventies," the "Aids Eighties," and the "WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE, NINETIES?" Now please don't take offense at my seven blank letters above, because the blanks are filled in every day on your TV Screen, and the movie houses where both you and your children go! Have you complained to your preacher or congressman about these attacks upon our Christian principles, or have you learned to accept them? I shall never forget how incensed I was over two decades ago when a movie entitled "The Lion of Winter," opened at a theatre close to me, and being into English history, I eagerly attended the movie. I was disappointed, however, because of the use of "dirty" language in the picture. One of the offensive words, I remember, was "tird." I thought about picketing the theatre with some of the "dirty" words printed on placards with a message exclaiming: "NO USE GOING IN FOLKS... SAVE YOUR MONEY... HERE IS WHAT YOU SEE AND HEAR... FOR FREE!" But I did not do it... I only thought about doing it, and there is a difference! If I had, perhaps others would have followed my example, and we could have stopped it then. .but I did nothing!

Whereas it is certainly true that the "meek shall inherit the earth," they will do so when it becomes "Heaven on Earth." In the meantime, we Christians have a wonderful example of our leader, Jesus Christ, of what we are supposed to be doing in the interim, when "Jesus plaited a Cat-of-ninetails, and lashed out at the "Money Changers in the Temple" turning over their tables, and putting a stop to their commerce.

The great English patriot and statesman, Edmond Burke, put it very succinctly:
"ALL THAT NEED FOR EVIL TO PREVAIL, IS FOR ENOUGH GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING."

"THE SCARLET THREAD"

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I shall never forget a Health Education Professor in college who told us how to detect an allergy. He stated that one should purchase a pack of 3x5 cards, place them on a shelf in the kitchen, and when you break out with the rash—simply take a card, and write down everything you ingested during the day in which the rash appeared. Do this for about a year, and then take the filled-in cards and scratch out every item which did not appear on all of the other cards. Finally, you will see that only one name remains on each of the cards, and this is the cause of the rash. After visiting two Allergists some years ago, because of a rash which appeared occasionally, doing and taking all that they recommended, I still broke out with the rash. Then I remembered the old Professor, and his remedy. I did it, and found that only one name appeared on all of the cards! ASPRIN! I went in—took two from the medicine cabinet—downed them, and about three hours later broke out with the most beautiful rash that I had had to date! Beautiful, of course, because now I knew what caused it. I quit using aspirin and have never broken out with a rash again!

THE LESSON HERE IS SIMPLE! FIND THE COMMON DENOMINATOR IN EVERY ATTACK UPON OUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFESTYLE AND VALUES, AND LIKE THE EXAMPLE GIVEN ABOVE... WE WILL DISCOVER THE ALLERGY... IN THIS CASE, THE "LEAVEN." (Webster's... "2. "any influence spreading through something and working on it to bring about a gradual change.") IN SO DOING, WE WILL FIND THE SCARLET THREAD WHICH IS RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE "GRADUAL CHANGE" IN OUR CHRISTIAN MORAL AND FAMILY VALUES "WORKING ON" (THEM) "TO BRING ABOUT A GRADUAL CHANGE."

In the Apostle **Matthew's gospel, 16th chapter, verses 6 a 12**, our Leader, Jesus Christ, speaks to us about this LEAVEN... Listen:

"Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." they understood that He did not tell them about the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

WE WILL SOON SEE, THAT THE "LEAVEN" IN OUR CHRISTIAN SOCIETY TODAY, IS THE SAME "LEAVEN" WHICH PROMULGATED THE DOCTRINE OF WHICH OUR LORD WARNED THE FIRST CENTURY CHRISTIANS.

A CENTURY OF GRADUAL CHANGE

In the mid 1800's there were no Federal laws regarding Obscene publications. However, there were some state laws regarding them, most of which dealt with words, and not pictures. After the Civil War, Anthony Comstock, who had served with a Connecticut regiment, was appalled at the prevalence of vendors selling obscene magazines up and down the sidewalks, and prostitutes openly hawking their profession. Comstock was an avid member of the YMCA (It was really Christian back in those days) and through it, he used it to get the laws which were already on the books, both strengthened and enforced. By 1873 Comstock was able to get a bill through Congress, which prohibited the use of the mails for the distribution of "every obscene, lewd, lascivious or filthy book, pamphlet, picture, paper, letter, writing, print or other publication of an indecent character." The bill was signed by President Ulysses S. Grant. The bill contained an amendment, which appointed Anthony Comstock as an "Anti-obscenity Agent for the U.S. Government. He was given the right to carry a gun! Comstock founded the

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organization, "The New York Society for the Suppression of Vice," and with it, he brought "holy terror" to these purveyors of filth. Publishers and bookstore owners were arrested, fined, and sent to prison. Photography shops and houses of prostitution felt his wrath. Both the newspapers and the politicians, if not supportive, did not oppose Comstock or his tactics.

Anthony Comstock died in 1915; but only after he had sent many men to jail for peddling "smut." He was most proud of an 1896 Supreme Court decision which upheld a lower court's guilty verdict of:

LEW ROSEN

Lew Rosen, was a New York City publisher whose periodical, "Broadway," contained photographs of women defined as lewd. To sneak by this Federal postal ban of obscene literature, Lewd Rosen covered the photographs with lampblack which could be easily wiped off upon receipt, and behold a nude woman appeared. Clever, but not enough fortunately, as he was convicted and spent thirteen months in prison for his eroding efforts! (This story is found on PP #51)

SAMUEL ROTH

Samuel Roth was born of orthodox Jewish parents in Austria in 1895. In 1900, he came with his parents to New York City, and while in his teen-age years there, became a follower of EMMA GOLDMAN and ALEXANDER BERKMAN, Anarchists (Communists) who had a rather large following among the Jewish emigrants who were, by then, coming across the Atlantic by the boatload. In 1918 Roth opened a bookshop on W. 8th Street and realized instant success when it was learned that he had an illegal distillery in the back of the shop. In 1925 he founded, with his wife whom he had met in the Lower East Side, a mail order literary and book business, which dealt in lewd and obscene 19th century fiction. Roth excerpted parts of a French author, James Joyce's book Ulysses, and was not only attacked by Joyce for using his works without his permission, he was also ordered by the court to discontinue publication of this work of Joyce's because of its explicit sexual language. He not only did not stop, he later distributed the entire book in 1930, and was given a sixty-day term in jail for so doing!

Samuel Roth became even more bold in printing and distributing underworld publications, and after renting a mailbox under a fictitious name, he obtained a book depicting 237 positions for men and women to engage in intercourse. However before he could take full advantage of this "treasure" Roth was infiltrated with spies from (you guessed it) Comstock's New York Society for the Suppression of Vice. He had been under their scrutiny for some time. This time he was sentenced and served, three months of hard labor.

Samuel Roth still unrehabilitated and unrepentant, resumed where he had left off, immediately after his release from prison. He reprinted and sold "Lady Chatterley's Lover," and an ancient Hindu sex manual as well as other pieces. Again Roth was tried and convicted, and given a three year stint in a Federal prison, in 1936. After having served the entire term, and having compiled an impressive record of jail-time, a friend remarked that he must actually like it in jail. Roth replied to this by stating that he was at war with the police, the postmasters, the clergymen, the anti-vice societies, and everyone who wanted to restrict what could either be read or written!

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Samuel Roth opened a new office on Broadway and had both his Wife. . . #8 daughter and his son, as well as his wife, busily engaged in translating, publishing, and selling new underground material. They all shared a mutual obsession with the "freedom of expression." Through the 40's and 50's, Samuel Roth continually used different names and addresses for his publishing and book selling business. He even used lockers in the bus stations. He used fictitious names. Walter Winchell even called him the "king of smut." In 1950 both he and his wife were arrested, and his place of business raided. Over 50,000 books on pornography were confiscated by the police. During the raid, Roth attempted to get away and was roughed up by the policemen. The threatened to sue the city and a compromise was worked out whereby these charges were dropped and he dropped his charges against the city.

Senator Estes Kefauver was in town investigating pornography, and Samuel Roth was subpoenaed to appear before the committee. Among other things, he stated that his wife and children had been brought up in this business and it had not affected them. The Crome Committee was not impressed and returned a twenty-six count obscenity indictment against Roth. The jury found him guilty on four counts, and he was sentenced in 1956 to five years in the penitentiary and fined \$5,000. While Roth was serving out his term in the Federal Pen his lawyers were busy appealing the case to the higher courts, and each one confirmed the ruling and in April of 1957, ROTH VS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was finally heard in the Supreme Court. The court voted 5 to 3 to uphold the verdict of the lower courts, and Roth continued to serve out his term in prison, which extended into the sixties.

Even though Roth lost the case, in effect he won; because defense attorneys all over the country were now able to pour over...?? This case is "styled" in Truth; as it was Roth against Christian America, and our family values and morals. the majority opinion handed down by Justice William J. Brennan, and in it they found the "crack in the dam" which they had been looking for. Until now, obscenity had never been defined in the United States. We had been content to go by English Law which had stated in one item in a case known as "Hicklin", that ...?? if even a book was not appropriate for juveniles, the entire book could be prevented from being published, whereas in the SAMUEL ROTH V. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Justice Brennan stated that a work had to "offend the average person." With this opening, a flood of obscenity cases began to jam the courts, and one of them reached the Supreme Court in 1957. The case involved a French film entitled "The Game of Love." The court, using the Roth decision, determined that the film was not obscene. The Supreme Court proceeded to overturn subsequent obscenity cases by quoting ROTH. Included in these was a homosexual magazine entitled "One", and a nudist magazine entitled "Sunshine a Health." They ruled that pubic hair and genitals could be shown because they were necessary to convey the "idea" of the nudist colony! Soon erotic art films, and banned books were unleashed upon our Christian community as a result of the ROTH VS OUR CHRISTIAN MORALS DECISION!

STANLEY FLEISHMAN, ATTORNEY

Stanley Fleishman was born in the Lower East Side of New York City, in 1920, to immigrant Russian-Jewish parents. He graduated from Columbia Law School in 1944, and in 1946 left New York for Los Angeles, California. A year later he passed the California Bar and began practicing law. It did not take him long, however, to become known, as he represented some of the alleged Communists who worked in the film industry. After the threat of Communism died, pornographers needed representation, and

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Fleishman took any and every case involving sex and censorship.

A landmark case for Stanley Fleishman was a favorable Supreme Court decision in the SMITE V. CALIFORNIA, in which a bookstore owner was found not guilty, because, as Fleishman successfully argued that since the defendant did not know what was in the book, he could not be held libel. In another case styled "A QUANTITY OF COPIES OF BOOKS VS KANSAS, Fleishman was successful in arguing that rigid restrictions should be placed on vice squad officers while in the process of raiding bookstores and warehouses.

At the age of 54, Stanley Fleishman was recognized within his profession as a brilliant and shamelessly committed advocate of the rights of American eroticists, and libertines, and after more than twenty years of arguing obscenity cases in countless court rooms-among his clientele were the exhibitors of "DEEP THROAT," the publishers of HENRY MILLER NOVELS, the distributor of DIANNE WEBBER PHOTOGRAPHS, and the owners of **Sanstone Retreat. (where couples and singles went nude, and engaged in sodomy, masturbating each other, group sex, and anything else erotic which came to mind)**

In 1965, Stanley Fleishman represented a client by the name of MILTON LUROS, a Los Angeles publisher, was charged with selling magazines in Sioux City, Iowa, which contained "lewd and obscene" pictures in them. A guilty verdict was handed down; but Fleishman appealed to the Eight Circuit Court, and had it reversed.

Fleishman, again appeared before the Supreme Court, in a case styled "**WILLIAM HAMBLING V. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**" Hambling was charged with having mailed out a sales brochure for a porn magazine featuring color photographs of nude people masturbating, fellating, and participating in group sex.