

permit the most blatant type of advertising, and the sale of devices in coin-vending machines to everyone, with no control whatever, with all the resulting social evils.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Our objections to the proposed amendments are not based on the premise that the present Criminal Code is sacred or infallible and therefore beyond alteration. We believe that it was written in another age and reflects the thinking that was prevalent in most circles in that day, that sexual relations were in the biblical ideal limited to that of pro-creation. This we believe is out of harmony with both the over-all teachings of Holy Scripture and human experience in a wholesome unitive family relationship which has as its heart the "one flesh" relationship of man and wife, which at its best is relatively constant, making allowances for the variations of the demands at different ages.

SUMMARY

Much of this brief might appear to be negative and critical. Therefore we wish to summarize what we believe is the positive side of the Judeo-Christian ideal of marriage and that all legislation should be framed to accomplish these positive ends.

The whole Judeo-Christian view of life implies sexual continence before marriage as well as outside of it. Intercourse before marriage militates against true oneness in marriage, degenerates to lust and exploitation, frequently robs women of their opportunity for marriage and involves the strong possibility of children out of wedlock. While society in general, and the Christian Church in particular, should deal sympathetically and constructively with those who err, spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and we believe, legally, intercourse demands the permanent and responsible relationship of holy matrimony.

Moral order and the maintenance of morality as much as is humanly possible is the duty of the state. Lawmakers, law enforcement officers and social scientists are all involved in the concerns of human behaviour. Each makes its contribution to the whole. The Bible-believing clergyman and Christian teacher has a unique contribution to make which none other has, the Gospel of Christ, which alone possesses life-changing power.

There are occasions when the leadership of the church needs to join forces with social and law-enforcement agencies when the moral welfare of the society as a whole is endangered. Although the Church is called to be a "transforming" agency rather than a "reform" agency, it is also called to be a witness for righteousness like the prophets of the Old Testament. No less must the spokesman for the Christian Church speak out and recognize its God-given task in sharing their insights with statesmen, teachers, and communication media people that we and our children after us "may lead a quiet and peaceable life." (1 Timothy 2:2)

We believe that the enlightened Christian views sex as being part of his total personality and a part of the total context of life. Nor does a Bible-believing Christian accept the purely naturalistic and humanistic concept which divorces sex from God's moral law and rejects man's accountability to God his Creator for his use of sex. This view is practically atheistic in its orientation. Nor does the convinced believer in divine revelation view sex merely as a facet of