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## Introduction

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makes one doubt the health or the sanity, the sincerity or the memory, of such an ultra-stoic. On the other hand, the perversion of that in which every normal person more or less sees great possibilities of happiness and uplift brings up sadness akin to that which we experience over misdirected mother's love. What is normally one of the lights of life, a very "candle of the Lord," is flickering, guttering out. "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

Having as biologists given long attention to the problems of sex, discussed by one of us in the "Encyclopædia Britannica" (ninth edition, etc.) articles, "Reproduction" and "Sex"; and by both of us in "The Evolution of Sex" (first published in 1889, new edition 1901), and in the "Moral Evolution of Sex" (Evergreen, Edinburgh, 1896), we have not felt ourselves at liberty to refuse, amid many pressing claims of work, the request of the editor of this series that we should state in simple language our position in regard to some of those more general