

## WOMEN'S DRESS

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This essay is controversial and I hope it is balanced but, of course, you must make up your own mind on each of the issues raised here. I have no intention to dictate to anyone. My concern is the safety of people, sexual health and the reduction of crime. I apologise that the essay rambles and is somewhat repetitive.

The law in the UK about sexual offences and indecent assault is sometimes vague. And, in recent days, following the Jimmy Seville scandal and his many offences against women and girls have been brought to light. This and the increasing amount of people, said to be celebrities, who are facing charges, this is all very worrying.

If you watch some of the old Top of the Pops programmes you can see girls in miniskirts up on a balcony and Saville looking up, in both senses, and enjoying the views.

There are many problems. Bill Roache, an actor in Coronation Street, who is 81, has one of the five charges against him being an alleged offence that happened over 40 years ago. Why would the alleged victim go into the men's toilet with Roache? He is also accused of raping a schoolgirl of 15 on his own bed. She is now 62. The five alleged indecent assaults were against women of 16 or under. Roache was cleared.

A disc jockey called Dave Lee Travis has, among the charges against him, one that he was behind a woman when she was making a broadcast and he had his hands around her and holding her breasts. Why has it taken her so long to report this incident? He was charged with 11 sexual assaults against women and young girls aged 15 to 20. He walked free from Court

Rolf Harris was 83 and was accused of assaulting four girls between 1968 and 1986. He was found guilty.

The publicist, Max Clifford, was found guilty of indecent assaults and jailed for eight years.

The late Peter Adamson, who played Len Fairclough in Coronation Street, was accused of molesting two eight year old girls at a swimming pool and Jimmy Saville spoke up for him at his trial and Adamson walked away free.

Some of the girls who were sexually involved in these cases was at a time when they were young teenagers with raging hormones and who enjoyed the attention of celebrities.

During the time of the 1960s, girls went hysterical over a pop group called The Beatles and this hysteria and irrational behaviour was called Beatlemania which was, in effect, sexual fantasy. To watch footage of this madness is very embarrassing and many of the girls were dressed very sexily and mini skirts were all the rage. This was intense fan frenzy and it was madness. All of the girls who were interviewed said or implied that they wanted to have sex with members of the group.

One of my students actually told me she was going to a Beatles concert and had a seat in the front row. She was going to wear a mini skirt and no underwear and have her legs wide open and hope this would lead to vigorous sex with one of the group after the concert. How could any girl think like this of do such a thing?

The offences allegedly committed by celebrities mainly belong to the days of short skirts and low tops and hormone activity. Some girls were looking for their first sexual encounter and what a feather it would be in their cap if they had sex with someone famous.

It has always been said that a girl or woman should be able to wear whatever she likes. Others say that provocative clothes do excite normal red-blooded men, and lesbians, although that is no excuse for any sexual attack.

Each person has their own view on this and all are probably valid. When the mini skirt appeared and became very popular it resulted in an epidemic of unwanted teenage pregnancies and so the mini skirt was ill-advised and disastrous. About 38% of all pregnancies in the UK were unwanted teenage pregnancies. This is fact.

The police were asked if it was an offence for a man to lift a girl or a woman's skirt. The reply was, "If the girl was upset it is an offence, otherwise it is not!"

There is so much sex exploitation of women everywhere. We have sex and nudity on television, at the cinema, in newspapers and magazines and there are even pornographic programmes on television. I understand that some of these programmes show explicit female nudity where nothing is hidden. Some men react to this and some apparently masturbate and such exploitation of women certainly encourages unlawful attacks on women, some of who will never recover. This is, however, not put forward here as a defence for the offending men. Not at all.

The pornographic television channels show actual sexual intercourse between men and women and also homosexual sex. It is interesting to note that the producers of such programmes and magazines are often women.

While many people will object to the morality of the Bible, it does warn against these problems and shows the case of protecting women from sexual predators.

The New Testament advises women to dress modestly at all times. For example, Paul writes in 1 Timothy 2. 9, "Women (are to) adorn themselves in modest apparel with shamefacedness and sobriety".

To adorn means to dress. Modest means self-effacing, not ostentatious, that which is not showy or showing off, not pretentious, that is not displaying or giving the appearance of display, bashful, demure, restrained, shy, chaste, decent, inconspicuous, and incapable of drawing attention to self. Shamefacedness means modest, bashful, shy and demure. Sobriety means restrained, dignified, serious and not exciting, plain, chaste, self-disciplined and respectable, decent, genteel, honourable, proper, refined, seemly and unimpeachable.

Clearly all this indicates that a woman must not display herself in how she dresses at any time. She must be inconspicuous, which means not noticed for how she is dressed. Her dress sense must also be shy, dignified and restrained. She must never appear to be glamorous or sexy. The apostle Peter endorses this in 1 Peter 3.3. This not only refers to clothes but how she arranges her hair or the jewellery she wears. A woman showing her cleavage or accentuating it is not modestly dressed. Nor is it modesty if a woman shows her bare legs or bare thighs as Isaiah 47 declares.

The passage in Isaiah is an allegory. It refers to the humiliation of Babylon, and yet it has a moral representation. Babylon was a powerful nation which God allowed to punish the Jews for their disobedience to Him. In this passage, there are references to locks, namely hair, bare legs, uncovered thighs which if shown is described by God as nakedness. Bare legs and bare thighs is nakedness says

God through Isaiah the prophet. You may disagree and vehemently so, and yet, in our times, bare thighs in mini skirts does cause attraction and lewdness which can lead to something worse.

Women should not appear in any way that advertises or displays their sexuality or that could sexually excite another because it could result in an offence and immorality.

Of course, many people will object to this strongly, advocating that a woman should wear whatever clothes she likes, arrange her hair as she wants it and to wear any jewellery of her choice. And all this Biblical teaching is said to be old-fashioned and nonsense and an insult to womankind.

The Bible is not being sexist. It is concerned with the sexual safety and health of women and girls and a warning to reduce men or lesbians attacking women. It is outlawing sexual crimes and its consequences.

It is only natural that men are attracted and tempted by how women dress, and the Bible is also concerned with health issues which, today, would include the danger of skin cancer often caused by too much of the body being exposed to the sun. There is also the serious problem of sexually transmitted diseases and subsequent mental troubles caused by such events from sexual assaults from which some victims do not recover and, thereafter, live a ruined life in undefinable circumstances. Some commit suicide.

When I was in the legal profession, I came across cases of women and girls being sexually assaulted and raped and, believe me, there were some appalling cases and the main point of this article indicates concern, including Biblical concern, for women and girls and how stronger punishments should be handed out to men who are proved to have violated women.

The Lord Jesus said that if a man looks upon a woman with lustful desire he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. That seems unfair on men when you realise that it is natural for normal men to look at beauty. But this has to be understood in the context that it is a two-way directive. Women are not to appear sexually exciting so that men do not look lustfully.

It is a sin to cause, tempt or tease another to sin or go astray which could lead to other serious problems. A clear example is Baasha, king of Israel in 1 Kings 16. 2, who caused the nation to sin and, as a result, was severely punished by God. If a woman dresses immodestly, that could be very unwise and could tempt another to sin, then the woman and the one she has caused to sin are both guilty, to some extent.

Modern thought disputes what God says and assert that many men see women in immodest clothes but do not subsequently commit a crime, and, therefore, it is acceptable for women to wear whatever they like. If this argument is valid, is it right to leave a children unattended with a box of matches since not every child would play with matches or cause a fire!!

Many people will say that the Bible is a load of senseless rubbish and it has no right to tell women how to dress or how people are to behave. Others say that that the Biblical advice is common sense, wise and sensible.

There are many that assert that in Biblical times women had no rights, that it was a man's world and women were kept in submission and treated unfairly.

But that is not true since most women wanted to be honourable to their husbands and so live as to promote his good name and, in the process, their own. They wanted to keep house and to have children that were a credit to both of them. The woman took a pride in these things and knew that, among other things, her husband was pleased with her and maintain his love for her.

In turn, the husband would defend his wife in all circumstances, love and protect her and make her feel safe as she was to him the most wonderful woman in the world. A man would not disgrace his wife and a wife would not shame her husband in her behaviour and conduct or in the way she dressed.

She had rights, the right to be loved and protected, to have the respect of her neighbours and the community which respect she did receive because she was both an honourable wife and devoted mother.

Even today, a decent wife or girl friend would not shame her husband or boyfriend in how she dresses and the husband or boyfriend would adore his wife or girlfriend with true love and full support.

In those olden days, a woman was happy with these circumstances. Nothing was too much trouble for her. She was devoted to her husband, children and family and she would also do manual work if necessary and think nothing of it.

Today, women go out to work and their children are often latch key children and come home to an empty house. In the recent snow storms when schools were closed, mothers complained because they could not go to work, although they could get there safely, but they had to stay home and look after their children. When it comes to school holidays, some working women make frantic arrangements for other people to have their children but some are left alone. They may watch immoral material on the internet. Some experiment with sex and some get pregnant. Others watch pornography on the internet.

The problem of how women dress creates problems in modern day society. Women swim and wear swimsuits or bikinis. They play tennis in short skirts. According to the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, they bare their legs and uncover their thighs and God says that this is nakedness and it is sin (Isaiah 47. 2 and 3). And the Bible makes it clear from Genesis 3 onwards that nakedness is sin. Even in their fig leaf underwear, Adam and Eve were still naked. Naked not only means nude but inadequately dressed. More people will regard this as utter nonsense, Puritan and old fashioned and completely ridiculous and an unnecessary attack on their freedom.

And, as anticipated, most people will violently object to this and become annoyed and I can understand this to a point. You cannot go swimming or play tennis in ordinary clothes.

After the giving of the ten commandments in Exodus 20, the people are instructed not to go up steps to the altar to worship so that their nakedness is not seen. This is exactly for the same reason that today women in short skirts going up steps may reveal their underwear and that constitutes nakedness and results in lewdness. This is yet another clear indication that women should dress modestly at all times.

To show one's underwear, or what is positionally the same as underwear, is forbidden by God. It is nakedness and it is sin and can cause sin or, if you prefer the word, wrong doing.

To intentionally see up a girl's skirt or for a girl to wear a short skirt and risk showing her underwear is sin. God calls it nakedness and sin. Secular society states that such a girl may be actually inviting men to look, and, probably, some do not care if they seen in this way.

As we have said, these comments about females in some sports such as tennis and swimming will be severely criticised and people will say that you cannot go swimming in an overcoat or play tennis in restrictive clothing and swimming is certainly a healthy exercise and especially with arthritic sufferers. And we are told that whatever a woman wears will still cause men and lesbians to stare. It is natural for men to look at women and, I suppose, women to look at men.

With the introduction of the mini skirt in the 1960s, there followed an epidemic of unwanted teenage pregnancies. The girls were displaying themselves and advertising their sex. The little skirts and bare thighs encouraged sex and unplanned babies. The mini skirt was undoubtedly the root cause of the massive increase in promiscuity. Some girls wore them deliberately to tempt and tease, but some said it was only because it was the fashion and that to wear a mini skirt was a sign of personal confidence. With the mini skirt went the white boots and daring underwear and many girls were not worried about showing their knickers. At least 38% of all pregnancies in the UK were unwanted teenage pregnancies.

I am a normal, red-blooded male. If a girl in a mini skirt bends over in front of me I will look. So will everybody else including other women.

I, and many others who agree with the issues presented here, will be called prudes regarding sex. We will be vilified and told that we must live in the 21st century. We will be called priggish, smugly self-righteous and narrow-minded. In our defence, we are upholding the desire to keep women and girls safe. Is it wrong for us to want women to be safe?

At pop concerts, mini skirted girls would take down their knickers and throw them on to the stage in front of the men in the pop group whom they admired and showed their femininity.

Many pop and rock groups encouraged promiscuity. The Rolling Stones could get no satisfaction sexually because the girl refused sex as she was menstruating. The Beatles sang, "Boy, your naughty girl has got her knickers down!".

At the time of these groups there was a dramatic increase in fornication, adultery, unwanted pregnancies and venereal disease and so hospitals had to open new clinics to cope with this. The Labour Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, made abortion legal in the mid 1960s.

In the Old Testament, a man and a woman both found guilty of adultery were both stoned to death. If that sounds both severe and unfair but it must be remembered that they knew the law and the consequences of breaking the law. If you drive on the wrong side of the road you are most likely to have an accident.

Today, in the summer you can walk along a beach and see young women sitting there in a swimsuit or bikini with their knees up and legs open. Yet if you saw that woman in another situation or environment sitting in the same way so that unintentionally you could see up her skirt, she may be angry and shout at you and may even call you a pervert. Yet it is alright for this to happen on the beach. This is double standards where something is deemed right in some circumstances but not in other circumstances. It is not only double standards but is it hypocrisy?

A large percentage of sexual crime is stimulated by alcohol and drugs. And there are men who spike girls drinks to facilitate their having sex with them. A lot of men are devious and lecherous and should be punished severely.

In today's society, men and women work together and not just in offices. In some offices, you get banter, flirting, sauciness and rudeness and some men will slap a girl's bottom or grab or grope them. I have known women do the same to men. Some couples go into a storeroom or some other secluded place and have sex.

There will be those who will still say that this article is both biased and offensive and also slanted against women and blames them for all sexual indiscretions. It is not. It is concerned with the safety of women, the desire of a reduction in rape and sexual offences and other health issues such as unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and skin cancer.

This essay is certainly not an attack on women for the same principles apply to men. In Amos 2. 16, we read of courageous soldiers who removed their heavy top garments and armour and fled from the disastrous battle, naked. They were not nude but minus their heavy and restrictive apparel. They were not properly dressed. And God calls it nakedness and sin. Inadequate dress is nakedness. Scanty dress is nakedness. Someone has crudely put it as 'wearing just the bare essentials' is nakedness'. If a woman wears a mini skirt is that not the bare essential?

A difficult passage of Scripture is Isaiah 20 where the prophet is instructed to walk barefoot and naked which he does for three years. It was a symbol of the coming humiliation of the people of Judah. Isaiah had been in mourning for his people whom he knew were to face God's judgment. He was told to remove his sackcloth and walk naked. But was he completely nude or just wearing underwear or a loincloth?

As David F Payne points out, Isaiah came from an aristocratic, noble family. He was a married man with at least two sons and, as such, he would know the law. He would have been covered but attired with the minimum of material and he was typifying the sin of nakedness, although his manhood was covered. This nakedness spoke of the sin of the people of God and their coming humiliation.

King David danced before the Lord only attired with an ephod inappropriately tied around his waist. His wife, Michal, was rightly disgusted with him as he was naked under that ephod and showing himself before everyone including young girls and the Bible describes David as 'a vulgar man who uncovers himself.' He was naked and therefore in sin. This was indecent exposure and David admitted that he was being vile.

In Mark 14, we read about a young man, it may have been Mark himself, who fled from the captors of Jesus, naked. But as Professor Short points out he was probably not nude, just without his outer garment and in his underwear.

In John 21, we read of the disciples out fishing and the Risen Lord calls out to them. Peter grabbed his coat to himself and plunged into the sea because he was naked. Does that mean that he was completely nude in the boat with the other disciples, or that he was stripped to the waist? The latter is clearly meant and, Peter, still ashamed of his denial of the Lord, hides himself in the water.

Men are to love their wives and protect them, to be faithful to them and to love and protect their daughters from any harm. These are the Biblical principles. He guards and guides and is honourable is so doing upholding the law of God. But we live in days when girls regard their parents as old fashioned and as an embarrassment, and wives do not want to be protected. Many women want to rule and be a modern, independent woman.

It seems to be a woman's world. In a Court of law, where there is a sexual crime usually the woman is believed because it is asserted that women do not make up stories about sexual attacks and rape.

Some do.

Prostitutes are allowed by law, but men who are kerb crawlers can be arrested. A man can now be accused of raping his own wife, but if a man refuses intercourse with his wife he may be accused by her of not loving her any more. It is asserted that all paedophiles are male, because women would not do such things because of their maternal instincts. It is further said that all sex crimes are originated by men, that they are the predators and women are the hunted.

It is a woman's world. If a King marries, his wife becomes Queen. If a Queen marries, her husband does not become a King.

Sadly, it is true that many wives are beaten by their husbands. Men can be beasts, cruel and violent. Domestic violence is always unacceptable but it is a matter that the police and the law sometimes have little they can do to help. The increase of violence on husbands is also alarming.

In some British cities one in fourteen men are abused by their wife or partner while the ration for women is one in nine. And one will never forget the case of the Scottish woman who killed her husband and did not go to prison; her defence was that, at that time, she was suffering from severe PMT.

But to return to the church. There are some charismatic churches who have young women dancing in their services often in immodest clothes like mini skirts or see-through dresses. Sometimes they wear trousers where the waistband is lower than the waistband of their underwear. Some of these services were televised. Some men go to these churches just for this sexual content.

A young woman used to go to church regularly in a very short skirts. It was, to say the least, a distraction. Some young men congregated around her. The younger women did not object. The older women gently advised her.

At a Brethren assembly in Scotland, where people sit in a circle, concern was expressed about some girls and women in the front row wearing short skirts. The older ladies spoke to them from the New Testament scripture and politely but to no avail. Eventually, the assembly went to the expense of building modesty panels to go right across the circular front row.

Women are advised to dress modestly at all times. That is New Testament teaching and, among other considerations, it is to prevent possible attacks on women and so this injunction is common sense. It is not that they should be frumpy, but to eliminate any risk of attack.

It has been said that all tarts wear mini skirts but not all women who wear mini skirts are tarts. A mini skirt could be as short as three inches below the buttocks or crotch length

As we have said, and perhaps it is worth emphasising, girls and women playing tennis in short skirts or any other sport showing bare thighs which is nakedness. We may not agree or have the answer to this. Dancers dressed in skimpy costumes are naked. People will object to these statements as far too extreme and ridiculous. Women who pose in glamorous poses or topless or partially covered or completely nude are naked and in sin. People who appear in pornography are in sin and God denounces this. Should not all decent people do likewise and object to this?

There are cases of young girls as young as ten going out in low tops and minis skirts showing bare midriffs and legs. Should their parents allow this?

Lesley was the daughter of the local milkman and a very prim and proper schoolgirl. One day, she had a row with her mother and, in a temper, took a pair of scissors and cut one of her skirts up to make it a mini skirt and loosened the buttons of her blouse and did not wear a bra. She went out and stunned everyone by her beauty and tartiness. She was followed by admiring boys and eventually raped. It certainly does not excuse or condone the boys for their violence, but this did not happen when she was prim and proper.

Some men are unexpectedly tempted and teased; for example, while on a train when, later, some girls in mini skirts sit opposite a normal red-blooded male in a crowded carriage. Without obvious care, the girls showed their knickers and men cannot look at the ceiling all the time. There are cases of some girls in mini skirts who do not wear underwear and, understandably, that can interpreted in a certain way.

I was walking home late one very warm summers evening. This road was a quiet road with only one pavement and coming towards me were two girls about thirteen years old. As they drew near one lifted her skirt high and said, Do you want me now, mister? The law being what it is would probably mean that if a policeman saw this I would be under suspicion.

It was a woman that was the first sinner, Eve and her sin resulted in sexual shame.

It was women who were the first 'models' in nude photography, sex and porn videos some of which have become extremely explicit. That such material was purchased by men encouraged some men to be lustful and pursue, attack and rape women.

Therefore, it is true to say that, to some extent, such women are responsible for the increase in sex attacks. And the women who so pose, do it because they want to and enjoy it Perhaps some do it for the money to support a drug addiction problem.

Now men are in sex and porn videos which show intercourse and perversions. Even old people are now being filmed in such degradations. They are also explicit lesbian and homosexual porn films.

I am told that the amount of young women in the pornography and sex business is increasing and I cannot understand why so many beautiful young women do this. Have they no dignity or self respect?

I remember one teenage girl in my class having seen some of this porn, but I do not know the circumstances, and she was distressed and said to me, "People who see this will now know what I look like. And if my boy friend has seen anything like this he will know what I look like."

Nudity, inadequate dress, adultery, fornication and homosexuality are all sin in God's sight and there is the commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery".

And I hear people say, "Live in the real world. Don't be so old fashioned. People have affairs all the time. After all, it is their bodies; they can do what they like with them!"

One summer on a beach in England, some Scandinavian students shocked people by taking off their tops and sunbathing topless. And, as in a previous example, if someone walked into their hotel room by accident and saw them changing and topless the students would have been incensed and covered up and may even report this to the police. And yet you could see them like this on the beach.

This is another example of double standards.

A colleague of mine was a young woman teacher who was always prim and proper. She was always dressed modestly with long black skirts. Some of the children thought she was a witch.

One Saturday, a friend and I went hiking in an area that we did not know and walked along a cliff path. As we looked down on to the beach we saw many people nude. It was a nudist beach but we did not know that and were dreadfully embarrassed. One of the nudists was this school teacher and I was shocked to the core. How was I to face her on Monday morning? What if one of her pupils had seen her like this?

This is another example of double standards. Seeing Janet like that, I felt guilty of visual rape.

On Friday and Saturday nights young women go out clubbing. Many drink before they set out since alcohol is more expensive in clubs than in supermarkets. Even in cold weather, many girls go out in short skirts and revealing tops and many dress deliberately to attract men and to have sex. Some get so drunk or high on drugs that they do not care who they have sex with and have unprotected sex as

well. Interviews with 100 girls resulted in 95 saying that there were going out to pull, to get laid, terms to describe sexual intercourse. And most men were happy to oblige.

How women dress is associated with sex and promiscuity. They tempt and men cannot resist the temptation. As we have seen, 95% of young women who go out to nightclubs to have sex.

It has been said that good girls go to heaven and bad girls go clubbing or go to London.

But what about men and their modest dress? The Bible says little because it assumes that men are more responsible and are to set an example to women. If women are to be modest in their apparel at all times, so must men be.

This principle must be emphasised. For those who think that the Bible and this article are biased against women, it must be remembered that in God's sight the man is considered more responsible. Eve was the first sinner and caused Adam to sin but while God punishes Eve, He holds Adam responsible for his lack of authority and his abject weakness in giving in to Eve.

How weak and irresponsible was Samson in giving in to Delilah. Queen Jezebel was evil, but her husband Ahab was deemed responsible for many of her actions because he did not correct her and was weak.

In the Apocrypha, there is the story of Susanna and the elders. Susanna was a very beautiful woman and was taking a bath ostensibly in the open, perhaps in what she thought was the seclusion of her garden. Obviously, she was not careful enough, because elders saw her and remained looking at her. This was voyeurism. The elders were found guilty.

Therefore if a woman tempts a man to commit a sexual sin, both are guilty but God will hold the man to be more accountable.

The law in many countries even today regards the husband as responsible for his wife and her actions.

Girls and women go to the swimming pool and the beach to see boys and men in swimming trunks and look at them which excite them. Should men wear such a revealing item of clothing? Should not the principles that apply to women apply also to men? There are women who love ballet particularly when the men are in tight attire.

There are problems with gay men. I know a man, now in his late sixties, who has had sex in some public conveniences with a young man and once was seen sitting in a tree with his trousers and pants down masturbating and making many vocal noises. That was indecent exposure, a public order offence and children could have seen him, and yet people say it is nothing to do with anybody else. It is his business and his right.

It is irrefutable that HIV/AIDS is at epidemic proportions mainly among gay men and others who engage in anal sex. And this disease can infect children, babies and other innocent people. These are established facts and yet people ignore them and anal sex still is being widely practised. Gay sex is therefore presented as a greater priority than health and safety.

There still rages the argument as to whether people are born gay or whether it is due to a rogue gene or whether being gay is something chosen. Most experts point out that twins, whether identical or non identical, have the same genetic material and one turns out to be heterosexual and the other becomes, or is, homosexual. For my part, I cannot see that God and the Bible would condemn homosexuality if it were not man's fault. But, as in all matters in this essay, people must consider such issues for themselves.

However, at the time of writing the majority of medical science considers homosexuality to be the choice of the individual.

We have to accept that sexual curiosity is a natural part of growing up. When I was at school, the girls would take down the boys' trunks in the swimming pool.

Men and women are equal. Both Adam and Eve in their fig leaf underwear, their bare essentials, were still naked.

There is a subsidiary matter to discuss briefly.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 7. 1 ff. that it is not good for a man to touch a woman but to have his own wife. This must, therefore, refer to intimate touches, which might include a brief kiss, the touches reserved for a married couple. As Paul W Marsh points out, this is because it can lead to immorality.

Consider a ballet in which the male dancer has to hold the ballerina in the air with his hand in her crotch. Consider ballroom or Latin dancing where the girls often have bare thighs and the male dancers rubs his hands over her breasts and bare thighs and, sometimes, while her husband may be watching in the audience.

I understand that in the BBC show Strictly Come Dancing, the judges sometimes insist that some dances have to be more sexy, raunchy and one lady judge said, "You must get down and dirty!". The head judge told one female competitor to take off her knickers and twirl them in the air!

Of course, in the days in which we live, the attitude is that women should wear whatever they like. It is up to them, and if a man is sexually attracted to a woman and commits an offence, it is his fault entirely. It has also been argued that if a woman wore a suit of armour it would not prevent some men raping a woman. It is asserted that the desire to rape is inherent in many men and, in any event, whatever a woman wears, you will not stop men looking.

If a woman wants to play tennis and wears a little skirt that is her choice. It is nobody else's business. If a woman wants to go swimming and wear a swimsuit or bikini, even a skimpy one, that is her choice. It is nobody else's business. It must be stressed that many women deliberately wear such clothes because they like being looked at and sexually desired. It is sometimes designed to be a temptation and a tease, and men do not always know whether it is intended to attract their attention or not.

A bikini is the same as bra and knickers. It is positionally the same and serves the same purpose. A swimsuit is also the same as underwear. Girls and women wear such garments on the beach and at the pool and people look at them. They wear short skirts and mini skirts and do show their knickers and yet when their house is burgled the thing that upsets, embarrasses and distresses them the most is that the burglar, obviously a man, has been through their knickers drawer.

And yet some of these women who very distressed that a burglar has gone through her knickers drawer, may wear a short skirt and show her knickers in public albeit, perhaps, unintentionally.

If you cause someone to sin, whether intentionally or not, you are guilty of sin as well. The Bible deals with unwitting sin, sin that is unintentional.

It must be remembered that the first offender was a woman, Eve, the mother of all living. She was disobedient and then tempted Adam to go astray. She caused Adam to sin. As a result both were punished but it could be said that Eve's punishment was the most severe but Adam was held the most

accountable. However, Eve lauded it over Adam and some women have been doing this ever since. There have been duels and even wars initiated by women.

It does not follow that all women and girls are temptresses. But in 1998 in England alone, 300 male school teachers were falsely accused by schoolgirls of serious sexual assaults. Some of those men will never work again, some have lost their families and homes and some have committed suicide.

I had a case once when I was implored to privately teach a 15 year old girl English. I agreed on my usual terms that an adult was always present at every lesson. For the second lesson, Emma sat opposite me in a tiny skirt and was deliberately flirtatious. I asked where her mother was only to be told that she had gone shopping. I left that house immediately and never returned.

Schoolteachers can cite many cases of girls as young as nine sitting in front of male teachers showing their knickers. Some teenage girls do likewise and get enjoyment out of it. Some wear the tiniest skirts and by choice.

Teaching girls is a dangerous profession for men. We have all probably had some girls who had a crush on us and I know of lady teachers who have had a crush on boy pupils.

But there is another side. I am aware of an art teacher who bribes fourteen year old schoolgirls to pose naked for him and he would pay them on condition that they told no one about it. He is always watching the girls in their short skirts going upstairs and he hides himself as he watches the girls sitting on the grass so he can view their underwear and he keeps a book, a diary of all his sightings. When he was eventually caught he had 339 sightings and calculated that 44.2% of girls wore white underwear. Men like this are beneath contempt and give decent men a bad name.

What is also alarming is that there are shops in many cities in the world who sell revealing and naughty underwear for girls as young as seven. There are magazines for girls which advise on sex. One example must suffice. A ten year old girl regularly meets a barman in public toilets for kissing and intimacy and asks advice as she wants sixth reply was, "Make sure you use a condom."

In a BBC Panorama programme we were told of sexual bullying in schools. Not only was this name calling but inappropriate touching and this was being performed in primary schools as well as junior and high schools. Some such bullying included rape. Many children were stripped naked; boys were having sex with other boys and girls were putting pressure on other girls to dress sexily to have a conquest with a boy.

The programme rightly drew our attention to raunchy pop songs and videos and how pop music positively encourages promiscuity. There is an alleged watershed of 9 pm, but children can record such programmes and watch them at tea time. The internet is full of pornography. Even soap operas are full of who is sleeping with who and child abuse including that of a sexual kind.

If a man has to have a sperm count and produce a sample in hospital they are ushered into a room with a receptacle and given a dirty magazine to stimulate him to produce the specimen. I am aware of prisons where male inmates are regularly given dirty magazines by the prison authorities which are purchased for them.

The medical profession have issued reports and many case studies of men who have lived decent lives and have not been guilty of any indiscretion, sexual or otherwise, but, suddenly, become voyeurs and some even attack women. Previously, the desire to commit such offences never entered their mind and so they were not born with the propensity to become sex offenders. Something triggers it off.

For forty years, the Sun newspaper has been publishing topless women known as the Page Three girls. Cinema, television and the media are increasing their publication of sex, nudity and violence. The internet is full of pornography and its content is becoming more explicit and vile. The amount of people having internet facilities is increasing and it is said that at least 40% of people regularly watch pornography on the internet.

Almost 100% of people interviewed said that the increase of violence at the cinema, on television and video games has resulted in the increase of violence in society. Rape is a violent act.

Why do people make such ugly violent movies and video games? Why do people make revolting pornographic films? We even have the violent James Bond films shown in the daytime under the title Family Movies. The feeble argument is made that there are more violent films than James Bond films.

There are two answers. One is that there is a market for this type of material and therefore it brings in a lot of money. Society wants violence and filth. And when society wants this, morality is not kept and God and His values are trampled underfoot.

As nudity and sex are seen on the television, it does encourage some viewers to commit sexual crimes and there are many cases which prove this. The Labour government want children as young as six and seven to have sex education, but that will result, and has resulted in some children experimenting with sex. The government also states that underage sex is illegal and yet puts out advertisements aimed at children telling them to always use a condom. More double standards.

It has been shown in official reports from Canada and Australia that 72% of men who attack women or become paedophiles were sexually abused as children by women including relations and babysitters. Babysitters and workers in playgroups and kindergartens are exclusively female and they get to dress, undress and bath boys. Teenage girls prefer to baby-sit boys for obvious reasons. Even when the boy is ready for bed and in his pyjamas, some teenage girls, now alone with the boy, give him a bath when it is not necessary. Is that abuse? It does not excuse those boys, when they become men, to react and attack women as a punishment for women who violated them.

You rarely get a man who will baby-sit and bath a girl or who would work in a playgroup and take little girls to the toilet. It is acceptable for women to see male child nudity but not for men to see female child nudity.

In recent months, we have had cases of women sexually abusing small children and taking intimate photographs of them.

To go on to another issue. It may be asked what has violence to do with the subject of how women dress?

Violence breeds violence and we must stop violent attacks and sexual assaults against women. Rape is violence.

Very many cases of sexual attacks on women are due to their dressing sexily and a man being unable to resist temptation. Surely the issue here is not to tempt, even accidentally, since many girls and women never get over a sexual assault. The important issue is to prevent attacks on women.

For many years, I worked in a legal office and dealt with cases of rape and learned the horrors of it, how teenage girls were ruined for life and had resultant mental problems. Many went into counselling which did not help at all, and some were confined to hospital. Sometimes the rapist was never caught which added to the anguish that was being suffered.

I regret to add, however, that some of the victims were inadequately dressed when they were attacked. Again, I say that that is no excuse. I remember vividly the case of Jasmine which I will mention later.

Before women complain that men must overcome temptation, it must be remembered that there are areas in which women are tempted and give in. For example, many women know that cakes, particularly cream cakes are not good for them, and, yet, when they pass a cake shop and see such an item on display they will often give in, buy the cake and devour it.

It is how something is both displayed and seen that causes temptation.

As we have said, we would not leave a child with a box of matches simply because we would fear the possibility of a fire or death. We do what is required to prevent the problem, and so it should be with the matter of how girls and women dress.

If modesty of dress is followed and we save one girl being raped and ruined for life is it not worth it?

Jasmine came from a very fine family. She was attractive and smart and never wore any clothes that were provocative. In fact she used to complain about some of her school friends wearing short skirts and said how disgusting this was. But one day she wore a very revealing skirt to upset her parents with whom she had just had a row. She was raped on the way to school and yet when she was properly dressed no attack was made on her. It is the same scenario as the case of Lesley.

How would you feel if Jasmine was your precious daughter?

There are many cases like that of Sally Bishop. She and a friend went to the pub one night and sat opposite some lads and had a lot to drink. The girls were wearing very short skirts and displaying their underwear to the lads. They met several more times and one night Sally was raped by one of the lads who had spent several evenings looking at her displaying herself.

Sally asked for it, not in words, but in her actions and in how she was dressed. Of course, it does not excuse the lad, but the Bible teaching is that the one who tempts another to sin is guilty of sin themselves.

It has been proved in many cases that a man seeing a woman in a short skirt or bikini has been so stimulated that he attacks her or some other woman whom he has not seen so dressed. Is it therefore that the women who dress sexily are putting modest girls at risk?

The answer is yes but it does not excuse the attacker and he must be caught and punished. There needs to be greater deterrents. Girls and women must be kept safe and do all they can to this end, and men who violate them must be punished severely.

There is also another matter to consider. Skin cancer is on the increase and largely due to people sunbathing in the minimum of clothes or exposing much of their bodies to the sun including sport which require few clothes. It would be a different matter if they were always covered up.

There are men who work on building sites with bare tops looking brown but they may contract skin cancer. If they lust after women, whether the women are inadequately dressed or not, and have intercourse they too can contract disease and pass it on.

In 2007 there were diagnosed 8,000 new cases of skin cancer in the UK and the majority of them were among girls and young women. Of course, they say that they apply skin creams and sun barriers help but they have an oil basis and the application of such creams is, to quote some medical experts,

like frying an egg in a saucepan of oil. However, there are those who believe that skin protection creams do work.

A third of all 16 to 24 year olds said that they were certain that to get a tan they would get burnt first. In Britain of the 8,000 new cases of skin cancer each year, 33% of those who contract the disease die. Medical experts say that this figure will treble over the next thirty years.

And some of those who have this disease wore some skin protection cream. Other victims only sunbathed for a short time.

The Bible states that we should be fully covered at all times. That makes sense!

But skin cancer can be hereditary. It can affect people who work for long periods in the sun. It seems to affect blonds and redheads more than dark haired people. It is the most common cancer in the USA, 55,000 confirmed cases in 2004, and more women than men are stricken with it. The medical advice given to ward off the possibility of this cancer is the same as the Bible. Keep covered up and that includes covering your hair.

If you go to Middle East and other countries, women are fully covered all the time. The result is that there are very few cases of skin cancer and very few sexual attacks on women. This proves the points we have made.

As always, what the Bible says is right and makes sense and we have proved this. But people will not listen and, indeed, some ridicule the Bible on such issues including many churchgoers.

But as it says in the end of the book of Judges, people do what is right in their eyes. They do not want morals or rules and they will not heed good advice. Taking cannabis can cause serious mental problems, smoking can cause cancer, heart and respiratory disease which can be fatal and having unprotected sex can result in an unwanted pregnancy, AIDS and venereal disease. Being uncovered in the sun can cause fatal skin cancer but, as with the issues in this article, people reject the facts.

In a Court of law a lady judge was presiding over a rape trial. She asked the victim to come to Court the next morning dressed exactly as she was when she was attacked. The girl did so and her skirt was unbelievably short and the judge said, "Dressed like that, you were asking for it!"

Every morning for about five years, as I walked to work, I passed a young woman in her twenties who was a stylist in an exclusive hair dressing salon for women. Every day she wore trousers or jeans even in very hot weather. But if she worked on Christmas Eve, or the last working day before Christmas, she wore a black flared mini skirt and was bare legged and it was cold and she looked cold. Why on this one day of the year did she dress like this?

You will say that it is none of my business and how she dressed was up to her. Indeed, I agree wholeheartedly but the question remains unanswered. Mysteries are best solved.

I accept that this is highly controversial and I may receive very harsh criticism and be dismissed as both a religious nut and old fashioned and of not living in the real world but I believe that the Bible and, indeed, common sense is both valid and vital. Even if you think the Bible and other religious teaching is tosh consider the major health and safety issues. Don't criticise or judge me for highlighting this problem and my desire, as with all decent people is that crimes against women be reduced and that they be kept safe from all peril.

The wearing of short skirts means that the display of knickers is very likely and that is sexual provocation. Short skirts risk rape is believed to be the consideration of many. Tory MP Richard

Graham caused an outrage in January 2103 when he said this and also suggested that high heels were also a possible factor since if a woman lost her balance because of her footwear she could fall over and display her underwear.

The actress, Joanna Lumley is one in a long line of people who advise woman against wearing short skirts and provocative sexy clothes. It makes them look like trash, she says and advises them not to be sick in the gutter at midnight in a silly little dress with no money to get a taxi home. Such comments shift the onus of blame from the perpetrator to the victim.

Short skirts and knickers-showing engenders rape and other sexual assaults.

Fifty per cent of students in Northern Ireland believe that a woman is partially or totally responsible for her rape if she is wearing sexy or revealing clothes.

It is said that 90% of rape cases are carried out by someone the victim knows and, more so, if she wears sexy or provocative clothes.

In 2011, there were 440 cases of rape reported and only 78 were brought to court and this has discouraged victims to report other cases. It is difficult to prove rape since many of the victims have a one night stand by mutual agreement and then are horrified at what has happened and accuse the man of rape to nullify their own guilt. The result is that the innocent man suffers.

In some parts of the Western World women, many young women, go on marches with banners with slogans that rape is caused by:

flirting and women being very friendly

the outfit they are wearing or have worn

drinking too much and

rapists

Some of these marches are called Slutwalks but not all women who dress sexily are sluts.

Mini skirts are rape provoking as are crop tops and low slung jeans and are banned by the king of Swaziland although he does not ban topless tribal dances. But what he has ordained is to outlaw rape and sexual crime.

A survey in Canada stated that 19% of the population stated that women are responsible for rape and sexual attacks as follows:

9% walking home alone dressed sexily

11% wearing short skirts elsewhere

15% flirting or being too friendly

16% inviting a man home

19% being drunk

25% visiting a man alone and being friendly

It is further said that 40% watch pornography and this encourages sexual attacks and, quite frankly, the women are responsible since they chose to take part in such activities.

While we certainly do not condone men for sexual attacks the actions of such women are encouraging it.

A friend of mine had a girl friend who sometimes said that if she got into financial difficulty she would pose nude or take part in a porn film just for the money. Another girl said that if her financial difficulties got any worse she would go on the game and this would include giving men a massage which is a sexual act!

So, is the Bible wrong when we have such secular evidence as well? Ignore the Bible teaching and its morality if you wish, but the secular evidence is compelling.

Would you like your daughter or granddaughter to go in revealing clothes and possibly be raped?

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