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BOOK REVIEW

Beauty, Order, and Mystery: A Christian vision of human sexuality edited by Gerald L. Heistand and Todd Wilson, 2017. How can Christians handle the growing questions surrounding human sexuality in our world which has now made its way greatly into the church. Understanding and addressing human sexuality from a Biblical point of view. Having an understanding of Human sexuality from a Biblical point of view is important because it's a growing issue in our world and church and we can no longer ignore it, or give a simple because the Bible says it is so answer. We must give a proper break down and explanation from a Biblical point of view to tackle the issue. Individuals have questions and we can no longer sweep it under the rug in our churches this generation demands answers.

This book as it states in the title is about a Christian vision and understanding of human sexuality. To help us understand our sexuality and show us that it's not something that's horrible or immoral, but beautiful once we study it the way God intended for it to be. Once understand how and why God created us with sexuality we will be able to understand the function and beauty of human sexuality. To help us understand how sin and the fall of humanity explained in Genesis disrupted the natural order of how God created us as sexual beings. Sin corrupted human sexuality and now we must learn, understand, and find our way back to God's design and plan for human sexuality which was and is considered good. The book has multiple authors, and each chapter is written by a different author. I love that when you read, you're getting a view from different individuals not just one point of view which in my opinion helps you get a greater

understanding of human sexuality. Human Sexuality is a broad scale and would be too much for just one or two individuals to explain especially because of the different topics. If you are interested as a Christian in understanding human sexuality and gain a greater understanding of how to share and explain to a lost generation then I believe this book is for you. You don't have to be a Christian to read it, if you want to understand from a Christian Biblical point of view then it's a book for you as well. This is not a book to help you attack those who may disagree with you, but to help one come to a place of understanding of God's plan for us as humans when He created us male and female.

I love how the chapters are organized. Chapter one "Mere sexuality" by Todd Wilson gives us a break down of how the Christian view of homosexuality has changed through the years. He raises questions in his writing that we should ask ourselves. Todd gave explanations on how known evangelicals who once stood against homosexuality are now standing for it and rallying for same sex marriages. The section about "How can a God boy think gay is ok" on page 9, he asks a question. "What has happened? Why has there been such a dramatic change in the way evangelicals view same-sex practice and gay marriage? How could something that was once a huge problem for believers about a decade ago become so widely embraced? These questions cause us to not only read but really think, to actively be apart of gaining an understanding as we read the different points presented to us. At first this book might feel like a difficult or boring read but the line of questioning and statements will draw you in. The break down of each topic within the chapter makes it easier to read and understand. My only concern is though the authors made reference to the bible they didn't use scripture reference to show their points in the bible which would have been a strong argument when coming from a Biblical point of view however, with logical understanding their points was proven in my opinion. The

authors were very convincing because as I thought about the questions raised in the reading they cause me to want to know more; and see if my answers and thoughts connect with what the author writes as their answers to the questions. This book really challenges your thinking on human sexuality on a whole. What do we really know about our bodies and how God created us?

In my conclusion the Christian vision on human sexuality is more than just being created male and female in the natural sense but understanding the mind of God in why the purpose and beauty behind how we're made. To understand the sexuality is not immoral and lustful as sin made it to be but its beautiful. God doesn't regret how He made us or want to change how He made us but to redeem us back to His original plan for our lives. Once we can understand the beauty in how God created us as male and female see sex as something beautiful then we can begin addressing sexuality as a church we can't be afraid of discussing it. I believe this book is a great tool in teaching us how to introduce the topic about human sexuality into our church and teach from a Biblical point of view. To address the homosexual issue with love and understanding, not aggression and condemnation. The bible tells us in Romans 12 to be transform by the renewing of our minds. Wisdom, Knowledge, understanding, and conversation is what's going to help us face the issue of homosexuality in the church and in the world one soul at a time. For some who is looking for information on how to win an argument on human sexuality this is not the book for you, this is not about bashing a particular group of people but to help redeem humanity back to its natural state in God through Christ Jesus.