

Lasciviousness, Licentiousness, and Sensuality

Holy Living and Three Words

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- ❖ These words all translate the same Greek term — ἀσέλγεια (aselgeia)
- ❖ “unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, insolence” (Thayer)
- ❖ “filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness” (Strong)

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All definitions taken from the New Oxford American Dictionary

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Relates to sexual feelings and/or activities

Feelings and/or behaviors which violate a standard

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What is the Standard?

- ❖ There is nothing inherently wrong with sexual feelings or sexual behavior.
- ❖ God created humanity with these feelings.
- ❖ Sexual feelings and behavior praised in Song.
- ❖ Sexual behavior commanded at various points in Scripture (Genesis 1.28; 9.1,7; 35.10).

What is the Standard?

- ❖ God has placed sexual thought and action within the realm of marriage.
- ❖ Sexual thought permitted in marriage (implication of Matthew 5.27-28).
- ❖ Sexual activity is allowed within the marriage relationship (Hebrews 13.4).

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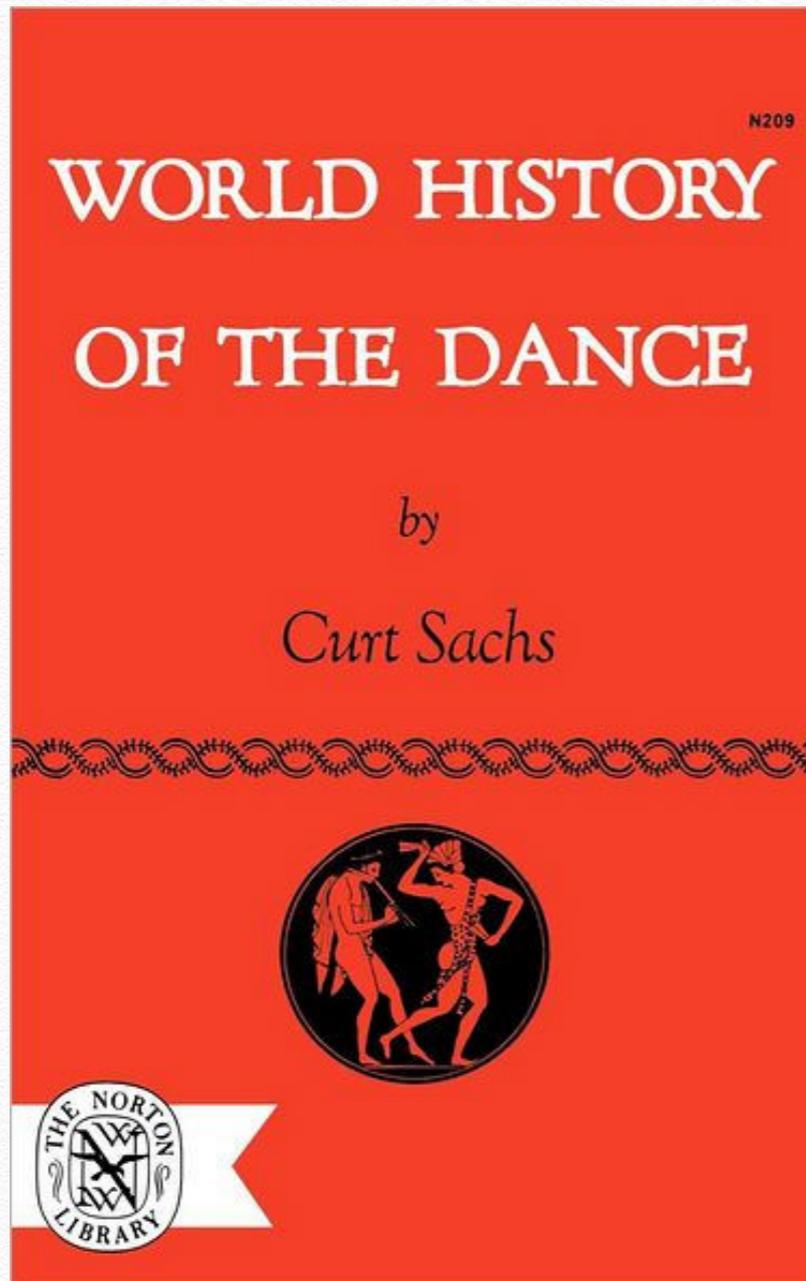
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**Clothing which
reveals (modern
swimwear, shorts)**

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Mary Quant
Designer, Mini-skirt

"Mini-clothes
are symbolic of
those girls who
want to seduce
a man . . ."

**"Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart."
(2 Timothy 2:22)**

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:8-9)