
Were You Asking About Yale?

Dr. Edward Sapir, Sterling professor of anthropology at Yale and former University of Chicago anthropologist is quoted as having nullified the Sixth Commandment in an address at the Old South Meeting House forum in Boston last Sunday. Here are a few of his thoughts:

1. "The scientist must consider the notion of sin as wholly irrelevant to the present problem" of what we used to call temptations against purity.
2. "I am rather tolerant toward young men and women who live in what used to be called a 'state of sin' if their relationship is based on love."
3. "I believe that people in the future will look askance on marriages held together without love and will consider them indecent."
4. "The divorce evil may be a divorce blessing. Marriage is no great shakes in the modern world. It hasn't the importance it used to have. Woman has declared her **independence**. Marriage must work out an arrangement **which** leaves men and women **independent of each other** in the egotistical sense."

Before we leave this nauseating subject (for the introduction of which we apologize), we would like to ask Dr. Sapir what should be done in case love dies in one heart and not in the other? Should the man shoot it out with the woman? (That would at least be the sporting thing to do.) Or should he brain her with a hammer? (That's what the Ohio State professor did a couple of years ago when he couldn't induce her to shoot herself.) We hope the dear Sterling professor doesn't suggest that the man shoot himself. That would leave two silly women with broken hearts.

It sounds like the University of Wisconsin, but the paper says it's Yale. If the point is not quite clear to the young men who put Yale ahead of Notre Dame in the development of will power, we will go back to first principles. You will recall that we laid down three points in character development:

1. Correct principles derived by the intellect, the judging faculty;
2. Correct action by the will, according to these principles;
3. The grace of God, to enlighten the intellect and strengthen the will.

What Dr. Sapir calls "love" is an animal impulse; what the Catholic Church calls love is an act of the free will by which one does good to the object of his love. God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son; the Son so loved us that He gave Himself for our salvation. "He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me," was Our Lord's definition of love. Dr. Sapir calls that definition indecent; Dr. Sapir makes love an egotistical thing, not an unselfish surrender of the things that would make incompatible the mutual life of a man and a woman. And Dr. Sapir is Sterling professor of anthropology at Yale.

Brownson pointed out many years ago that the thing called "free love" is not free at all, since it postulates a necessity of following the wandering impulses of an uncurbed animal. But Brownson was only a thinker, albeit one of the greatest thinkers America has produced; he was never Sterling professor of anthropology at Yale.

PRAYERS: Mass at 6:25 tomorrow in the Sorin chapel for the repose of the souls of the fathers of Professors Rohrback and McClellan (A.S.M.E.). Bob Golden left yesterday for the Mayo Clinic. Jack Werner's mother is ill. Bob Dewey's grandmother is very ill. Ed. J. Duffy, Jr., ex-'26, asks prayers for his father who is soon to undergo a serious operation. The grandmother of Ed Kerns died last week. A sick friend of a student.
Five special intentions.

NOTE: The overcoat taken by mistake from the gymnasium last Sunday may be returned through the Prefect of Religion.