findings:

"More children are now being born outside of marriage, according to a new study by the National Marriage Project and the Institute for American Values. The report focuses on what it calls 'middle-America,' the nearly 60 percent of Americans who complete high school but not college."

"Among that group, 44 percent of children are now born outside of marriage. That's up from 13 percent in the 1980s. 'America is at a tipping point, with unwed childbearing threatening to become a new norm,' study co-author Brad Wilcox said. Research shows children born or raised outside of marriage are more likely to suffer from a range of social and emotional problems" (CBN News, Dec. 18, 2012).

Contrary to this so-called "sexual revolution", we are to honor marriage and live sexually pure lives (Hebrews 13:4).

These are some of the "rotten apples" influencing in our society. They are everywhere - in schools, in the media, in our government policy, etc. Let us all beware and guard against these man-made corruptions. - Chris Reeves

Sentence Sermons

- It is far more important to make a good life than a good living.
- If you expect to draw true interest, you should first have true principle.
- It's what we learn after we know it all that really counts.
- When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.
- Two people cannot hate each other if they both love God.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Rotten Apples Corrupting Our Society - Part I

In this article, I would like to review five different "rotten apples" that are presently corrupting our society. If we are not careful and we do not defend ourselves against these things, we fill find ourselves being corrupted as well. What are the five "rotten apples" that are so dangerous to us today?

I. Darwinian Evolution

Charles Darwin, the English naturalist, published his theory of evolution in 1859, titled *On the Origin of Species*. From that time, Darwinian evolution has led many to believe that life has no real value; we are just advanced animals. Humans came about by blind, purposeless chance and are free to act as they want; as animals.

Author Aldous Huxley, the great supporter of Darwin's theory, made this remarkable admission: "For myself, as, no doubt, for most of my contemporaries, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation. The liberation we desired was simultaneously liberation from a certain political and economic system and liberation from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom" (Ends and Means, 1941, p. 273).

Molecular biologist Michael Denton, wrote: "One might have expected that a theory of such cardinal importance, a theory that literally changed the world, would have been something more than metaphysics, something more than a myth. Ultimately the Darwinian theory of evolution is no more nor less than the great cosmogenic myth of the twentieth century" (Evolution: A Theory in Crisis , 1985, p. 358).

Contrary to the theory of Darwinian evolution, we are created by God, in his image, and we must act according to his will (Genesis 1-3; Hebrews 11:1-3).

2. Freudian Psychology

Sigmund Freud, the well-known Australian neurologist and "father" of psychoanalysis, developed his views of psychology in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Freudian psychology has led many to believe that humans are liberated to act as they want without guilt. Accordingly, sexual cravings and physical pleasures should be freed.

Phillip Johnson, in critique of Freud, wrote the following: "Every history of the twentieth century lists three thinkers as preeminent in influence: Darwin, Marx and Freud. All three were regarded as 'scientific' (and hence far more reliable than anything 'religious') in their heyday.

Yet Marx and Freud have fallen, and even their dwindling bands of followers no longer claim that their insights were based on any methodology remotely comparable to that of experimental science. I am convinced that Darwin is next on the block. His fall will be by far the mightiest of the three" (Defeating Darwinism by Opening Minds, 1997, p. 113).

Contrary to the theory of Freudian psychology, we must all control and limit the God-given fleshly cravings we have (Galatians 5:16-24; Ephesians 2:1-4; I Thessalonians 4:3-8).

3. The Sexual Revolution

The invention of the birth control pill in the 1950's coupled with Freudian psychology led many to a "sexual revolution" in the 1960's. This "revolution" (in reality it was more of a devolution or a Devil-ution) led many to openly promote: I) cohabitation without marriage, 2) the pornography industry, and 3) homosexuality and pedophilia (see Philippians 3:19; 2 Peter 2:13; Jude 13).

Consider the article titled "Out-of-Wedlock Births Society's 'New Normal", which pointed out some startling