

**I**llicit sex. What is the by-product? Teen-age pregnancy, AIDS, abortion, divorce. In short, physical, emotional and social disaster. Alcohol. What is the by-product? Murder, abuse, alcoholism, the illicit sex mentioned above, and other destructive effects.

The obvious solution is to **STOP** engaging in the behavior that causes such suffering and misery. But this solution is met with a scoffing, "People are going to do it anyway. All we can do is try to protect them from the consequences." This is the crowbar which has pried open the doors of public schools so that birth control items can be freely distributed.

This mentality is a by-product of evolutionary thinking which expects no better behavior out of man than the animals to which he is supposedly related. Sex is a "biologically programmed activity"; it is natural. Evolution says we can't control ourselves. (Several months ago *Time* magazine ran a cover article suggesting that humans are biologically programmed to adulterous behavior.)

But this "they're going to do it anyway" mentality has also been conditioned by our sacrifice of moral responsibility to the god of individual rights. The result: "I shouldn't have to control myself. I have the right to do what I want."

This trashing of moral standard, self-control and social responsibility has robbed us of the power to say "No, you can't do that. That behavior is unacceptable." Instead of true solutions to society's problems, what is offered is conflicting advice or a wimpy slap on the wrist that has no moral force. For example, a Coors commercial tells young adults not to drink before age 21: "We can wait for your business," we are told with mock seriousness. This is the same company that spends millions of dollars glorifying the life enhanced by alcohol and enticing young people to drink. How hypocritical can you get?!

Or what is a high school student to think when she learns about the risks of unprotected sex only to be told, "But if you are going to have sex, come see the school nurse and pick up some condoms." At a time when a young person is wavering between moral upbringing, hormonal urges and peer pressure, he or she needs a steady hand, not a shove downhill.

We must stop this moronic, degrading view of humanity that expects nothing noble out of people. If you expect nothing, that is likely what you will get.