

This Woman's Point of View

An enforcement tool, *Fifty Shades of Grey* "An old story, repackaged"

Fifty Shades of Grey, the selling of male violence, domination, powerful and wealthy, is a very old story, repeated throughout the generations. In my day it was the *Story of O*. Yes, most women are turned on by many of these images of sexual bondage, degradation and humiliation. I used to be myself. From the time I first experienced sexual fantasies it was usually an image of me kneeling at the altar in the catholic church with a priest coming up from behind me, inserting his penis and telling me to pray. It went on from there. I imagine a number of Catholic girls had the same kind of fantasies from a tender age and perhaps boys.

How can it be any different in this society, that we are all turned on by abusive sexual images? As in all of planetary society, it is the way we are brought up and continue to bring up children. It is a big part of the grooming of girls, women and boys to accept violence and degradation as 'normal' by the larger community. It is a huge part of the slavery industry.

I remember the one and only time I asked my partner to spank me in the middle of our 'love' making. It surprised me I even thought it might turn me on. It triggered thinking about what did turn me on in my fantasies and why these images were a turn on. But then I had been spanked and beaten, with a belt, a wooden paddle and an open hand by my father a lot growing up, with my pants off on some occasions, because it would hurt more. It was brutal. Again, I am sure many women of my age had the same experience as 'spanking' was very much approved of and encouraged as a parenting skill. No surprise the current catholic leader is trying to bring approval of parental violence back to the front burner again.

And as we all were and still are, I was brought up with images of naked or sexually exposed women being beaten, restrained and violently penetrated in magazines, movies, video games, advertisements, on TV, in plays and Youtube and porn, depicted as a turn on for men (and women) with clear societal approval. Halloween costumes of pimps and whores are common and accepted as appropriate party wear, displayed in the windows and floor displays in shops where parents take their children. The list goes on.

So it is no wonder that a large population of women are turned on by all this. How could it be otherwise? It would be fascinating to know how many actually 'enjoy' this type of sexual violence once they are put in these submissive positions repeatedly, as a matter of routine sexual activity. As for enjoying beating up men and demanding they do what ensures the sexual pleasure of the women, to me there is nothing surprising about that. It is simply imitation and probably a physical and mental expression of the anger women experience at the hands and minds of men. You know, I'm in charge and you WILL do what I demand. And this is what some try to sell as equality of the sexes.

As for the fact that this story is written and the movie is produced by women, this again, is not surprising. Many women 'get it' that one way to make money and become 'known' is to follow the male party line, just another way to grant sexual favors for pay. Good, submissive girls are always favored. As to saying they are feminist? just another way of making money on the backs of women. It may be the most ironic piece of this is that it is being sold as a "love story" by these women.

What would be truly sexually pleasurable to women without violence and degradation?

How about images of healthy sexual fantasies implanted in our minds by society? Now that would be a fresh story that needs to be written, shared and absorbed by all, instead of the same old story.

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