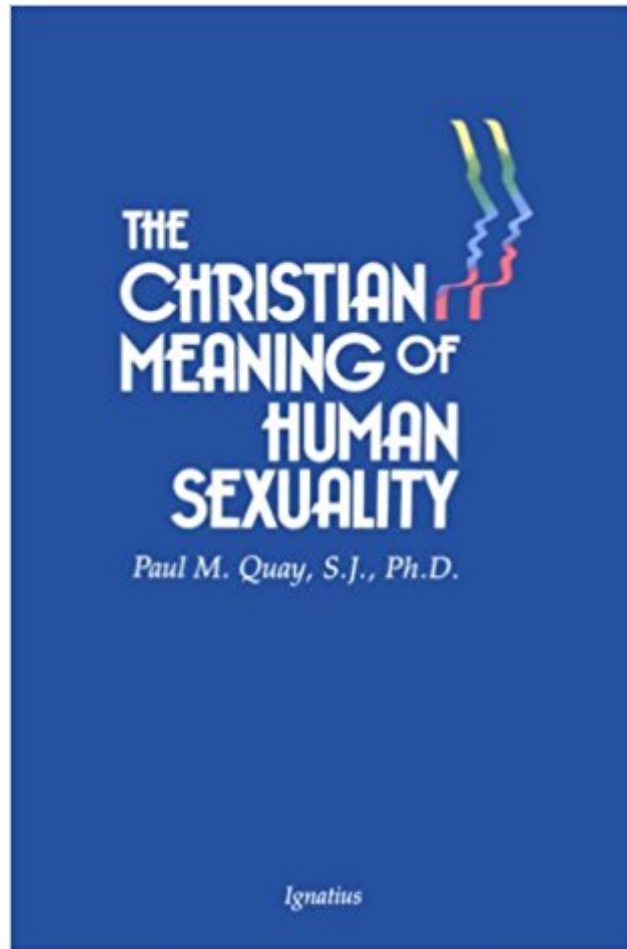




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This book gives so many clear reasons for respecting our spirituality and sexuality. I want to pass it on to my little brother and sister, and keep it for my children so that they may understand the beauty of how God created us. Fr. Quay also makes no apologies for the strong stands that he takes regarding today's society.

Here's a quiz to determine whether you should read this book: 1. Are you a Christian? 2. Are you not a Christian? 3. Are you a human? 4. Would you opine that you have sexuality? If you answered yes to two or more, you should read this book. If you answered yes to one or less of these questions, well... I am not sure what to say to that, but read it anyway, it should help you answer correctly next time you take this quiz.

A bit dated, but Jesuit Father Paul Quay gives a very straightforward interpretation of Catholic teachings on human sexuality here, attempting to offer positive reasons for following church doctrine. It's only partly successful, but a noble effort, and worth reading if you can find a copy. It seems to be out of print.

Wonderful book, as a 23 year old, I would highly recommend this book to anyone my age or older. Very short yet rich and impactful.

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