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When two people are under the influence of the most violent, most insane, most delusive, and most transient of passions, they are required to swear that they will remain in that excited, abnormal, and exhausting condition continuously until death do them part. G.B. Shaw

Woman's degradation is in man's idea of sexual rights. Our religion, laws, customs, are all founded on the belief that woman was made for man. Come what will, my whole soul rejoices in the truth that I have uttered. Elizabeth Cady Stanton

There is nothing wrong in the rule that to the victor belong the spoils of the enemy. William Learned Marcy

Marriage is popular because it combines the maximum of temptation with the maximum of opportunity. G.B. Shaw

You cannot qualify war in harsher terms than I will. War is cruelty and you cannot refine it. William Tecumseh Sherman

Passion is a sort of fever of the mind, which ever leaves us weaker than it found us. William Penn

Aryn, Bolu and Xylon had spent a great deal of time mulling over what they considered to be the paradox of planet Earth. The experiment by which they removed 'laughter' as part of the Human psyche had turned out to be a complete failure. Humans remained as greedy and violent as ever. So they returned the capacity for laughter to Humanity. It is doubtful whether any Humans ever noticed that they had been bereft of this facet of their existence. For the next number of years the three spent a great deal of time contemplating the problem, particularly since they were convinced that Earth's populace was going to become a threat and might have to be obliterated. This they found abhorrent and could not see how it could be accomplished, at least, by them.

Xylon then remembered an old adage. "When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth. (Sir Arthur Conan Doyle) The one thing we have neglected is the drive for survival. This compulsion is shared by the life forms we have encountered in all the planets that we have explored. However, for the most part, violence is not the norm. We felt that this impulse was not the cause of aberrant behaviour. We were mistaken unfortunately..

On planet Earth, there are six essentials for survival. They are breathable air, water, food, shelter and clothes to provide protection from environmental extremes and the means to procreate (sexual intercourse). The first five require the coordination and cooperation of many even though they may be acquired by individuals without any social interaction.

However procreation requires that two Humans of the opposite sex, namely a male and a female, engage in a mutual act. The male injects the female with his sperm to fertilize an ovum which then develops into a Human after about nine months, Earth Time. The actual biological process is more complicated than what has just been described. Typically, the female is physically the weaker of the two and is often subjugated by the male who frequently claims that she belongs to him. Thus the female in many Human societies is nothing more than a possession. This has led males, to violently compete often for her affections or the use of her body as a sexual plaything. However, sex has also been at the core of much love, which in turn has led to benevolent results in the Arts, Humanities and Politics. Despite this, it also has been the primary cause of a great deal of turmoil amongst Humans, leading to all sorts of objectionable behaviour. Perhaps the blame lies not only with the male gender. Historically, there have been women who have used their desirability somewhat provocatively. Helen of Troy, Cleopatra, the Queen of Sheba, Delilah, Lucretia Borgia, Charlotte Corday, Mata Hari, and Eva Peron are a few examples. Can we modify this drive and how?"

The three of them spent some time silently considering this problem. Again, Xylon, the leader of this group, provided the following facts about Humans for further deliberation.

"Humans are a contrary species. It seems that many, if not most, do not wish to perceive themselves as animals. This view is often maintained and sustained by their various religions. It might be possible to convince these personages that sexual intercourse is uncivilized animal like behaviour and therefore depraved. Following this idiotic tenet, Humans may avoid engaging in this conduct. I am sure that eating, drinking, breathing, urinating and defecating will be overlooked as animal-like behaviour because the former three are commonly carried out socially while the latter two privately, as is sexual intercourse. Is there an alternative means to procreation? It seems that sophisticated technology allows Humans to distance themselves from their natural roots, so that it should not be too difficult to convince them that artificial insemination is the way to go for the purposes of reproduction. I think that we should go to Earth and launch a propaganda campaign promoting this daring non-sexual technology."

Aryn and Bolu quickly agreed. There did not seem to be any choice. The three of them accomplished their aim a lot faster than even they had contemplated. Violence was diminished by many orders of magnitude. Yet there was a minority who insisted that the only way to procreate was the natural way. These persons were mostly intellectuals, scholars, novelists, poets, artists, scientists and academics. They became social pariahs. In some instances they had to go underground because they faced criminal charges and were usually found guilty and sentenced severely. As a result the Arts, Sciences, and Humanities just about disappeared. There were other unanticipated results. Junk food became popularized. Obesity, alcoholism, and addiction to drugs became rampant. Political discourse became inane and political parties won election results because they pandered to the worst cravings of the Human populace.

Worse still, Humans became the most boring but peaceful species in the known universe.

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