



# Eclipse of the Body

How we lost the meaning of sex, gender, marriage and family – and how to reclaim it

Introduction and Part 1:  
They look, but do not see

## Read: Pages 5 – 16

- ❖ How familiar are you with the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima?
- ❖ How familiar are you with Pope Paul VI's papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae*?
- ❖ According to Pope Paul VI, contraception would lead to:
  - ✚ Rampant infidelity
  - ✚ Degradation of women and children
  - ✚ Government trampling the rights and needs of families
  - ✚ The belief that we can manipulate our bodies at will
  - ✚ Loss of respect for the dignity of the human person
- ❖ Consider our culture today. Have Pope Paul VI prophecies come to pass?
- ❖ Secular leaders, too, recognize the decoupling of sex from marriage and family life as disordered:
  - ✚ Sigmund Freud: "Sexual activity is perverse if it has given up the aim of reproduction and pursues the attainment of pleasure."
  - ✚ Theodore Roosevelt: Contraception is "the one sin for which the penalty is national death, race death."
  - ✚ Gandhi: "Moral results can only be produced by moral restraints...if contraception becomes the order of the day, nothing but moral degradation can be the result."
  - ✚ The *Washington Post* on Anglican acceptance of contraception: "Carried to its logical conclusions...would sound the death knell of marriage as a holy institution by establishing degrading practices."