



Eclipse of the Body

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

Part 2:

Come and become one who sees

Read: Pages 23 – 29

- ❖ Pope St. John Paul's *Theology of the Body* drew its inspiration from *Humanae Vitae* 7. Do you agree with Pope Paul VI's insight?
- ❖ What is man's "vocation"?
- ❖ Consider the questions Pope St. John Paul II postulates:
 - ✚ What does it mean to be human?
 - ✚ What is a person?
 - ✚ What does it mean to love?
 - ✚ Why did God make us, male *and* female?
 - ✚ Why did God create sexual reproduction?
- ❖ What does the author mean when he states that "God speaks to us in sign language"?
- ❖ Consider *Theology Of the Body 19:4*
 - ✚ "The body, in fact, and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible the spiritual and Divine. It has been created to transfer into the visible reality of the world the mystery hidden from eternity in God, and thus to be a sign of it."
 - ✚ Do you agree that "the body, and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible"?
 - ✚ You're not a body – you are somebody. You're not a soul – you are a unity of body and soul. What you do in the body affects your soul; what you do in your soul affects your body.

- ❖ Consider *Theology of the Body* 23:4 and CCC 477: “Through the fact that the Word of God became flesh, the body entered theology.” And “In the Body of Jesus, we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.”
- ❖ Discuss *Humanae Vitae* 11-13: The Natural Law, Union and Procreation, and Faithfulness to God’s Design and how these sections correlate with the *Theology of the Body* and Church teaching in the Catechism.