

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

PART 4



**Looking for Love
in the Wrong Places**

Mother of Sorrows Church – Lent 2015

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Excessive Love

Excessive “love” of the object that destroys the capacity to truly love more deserving objects.

“Hot sins”

Greed

Gluttony

Lust



**"Their kitchen is their shrine,
the cook their priest, the table their altar,
and their belly their God."**

Charles Buck



The Deadly Sin of Gluttony is:

1. Derived from the Latin gluttire, meaning to gulp down or swallow, gluttony (Latin, gula) is the over-indulgence and over-consumption of anything to the point of waste

The Deadly Sin of Gluttony is:

2. Eating and drinking to excess.

**It is being consumed by the
appetite/need for gratification rather
than in the object of food or drink
itself.**

Gluttony in Scripture

Sirach 32:12-31

“Remember that gluttony is evil.

**No creature is greedier
than the eye;**

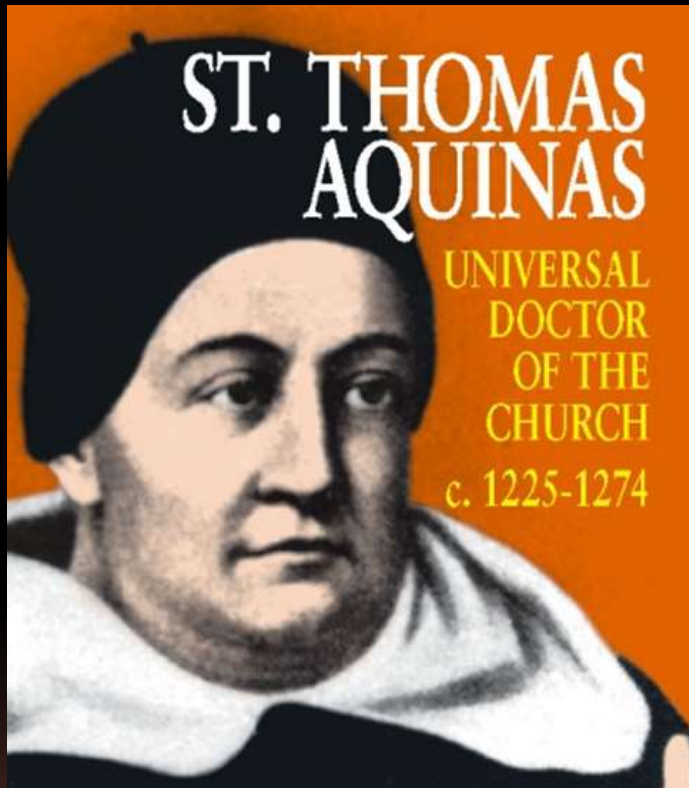
therefore it weeps for any cause.”

Gluttony in Scripture

Philippians 3:19

“ . . . many go about in a way, which shows them to be enemies of the cross of Christ. . . their God is their belly and their glory is their shame.”

GLUTTONY in Tradition



“Gluttony is an immoderate appetite in eating and drinking”

GLUTTONY in Tradition



St. John of the Cross

“Spiritual Gluttony” is the disposition of those who in spiritual practices are always in search of ‘sensible sweetness’ i.e. physically feeling the presence of God. . . a very great imperfection.”

The Deadly Sin of Gluttony

Beyond food, gluttony is also about an excess of anything:

Wanting more pleasure from something than it was made for

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The Deadly Sin of Gluttony

Beyond food, gluttony is also about wanting something our exact way (delicacy).

The Deadly Sin of Gluttony

Beyond food, gluttony is also about demanding too much from people (excessive desire for other people's time or presence).



Reasons to Eat

Natural – to live

Personal – care of self

Spiritual – transformation

**Communal – intimacy or
fellowship**

**Gluttony is the emphasis
on one dimension
of consuming to the
exclusion of all others.**

**The opposite of gluttony is the
virtue of temperance: the balance
between too much and too little.**

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The Deadly Sin of Lust is:

**The unrestrained and unethetical
expression of the sexual impulse.
It is reflected in sexual passion
that leads to
irrational,
immoral,
and
destructive behavior.**

Lust in Scripture

2 Samuel 11 – 13

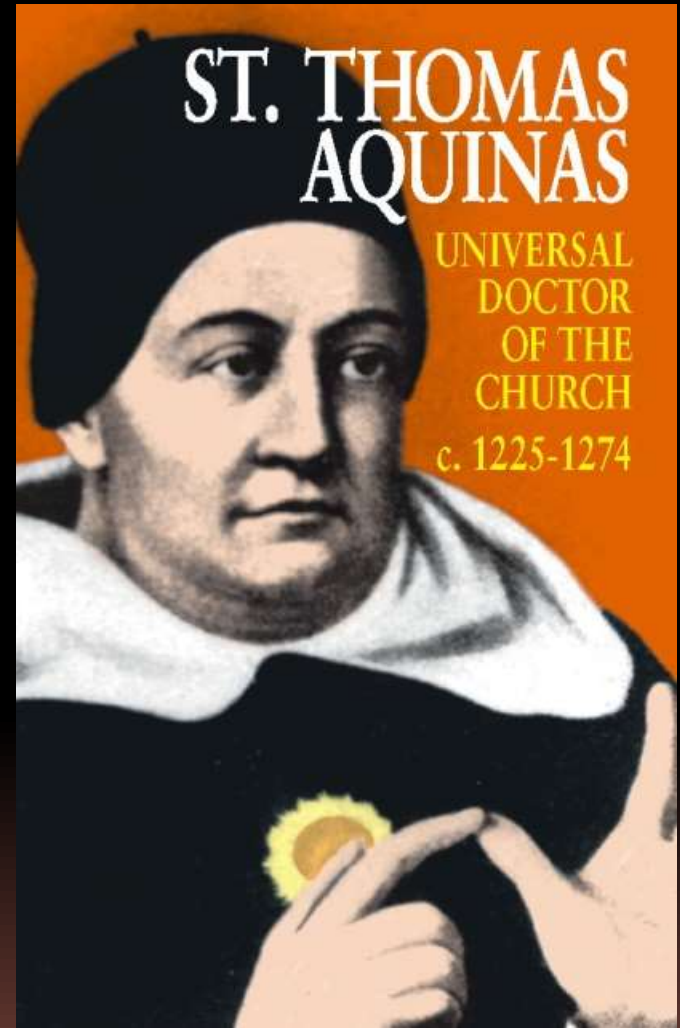
**David and
Bathsheba**

**Amnon's
rape of his
half sister
Tamar**



Lust in Tradition

Morally good sexual behavior follows the “order of reason”. It serves the functions of procreation, proper child rearing and loving companionship between spouses. Chastity disciplines sexuality in these directions.



Characteristics & Messages of Lust:

Interest in the other as object, rather than person; used for sexual gratification.

Egocentric, transient, fickle (vs. altruistic, permanent).

Use of the other's body to satisfy its appetite for pleasure) vs love which is the offering of the self for the good/happiness of the other.

Characteristics & Messages of Lust

Coerced - insensitive to the "victim" or object.

Exaggerates the importance of sex in life.

Fantasy/fascination with physical beauty as the source of happiness.

Love in the absence of sex is impossible and that sex satisfies in the absence of love

Characteristics & Messages of Lust:

Divorces sex from ethics, morality and charity -- is destructive.

More powerful than shame fear, guilt, prudence, gratitude; can induce actions that are irrational, immoral and self-destructive.

Fascination with the "forbidden"

Lust in contemporary society:

Sex Sells

Lust in contemporary society:

Sexual abuse of children



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Lust in contemporary society:

Human Trafficking

Trafficking
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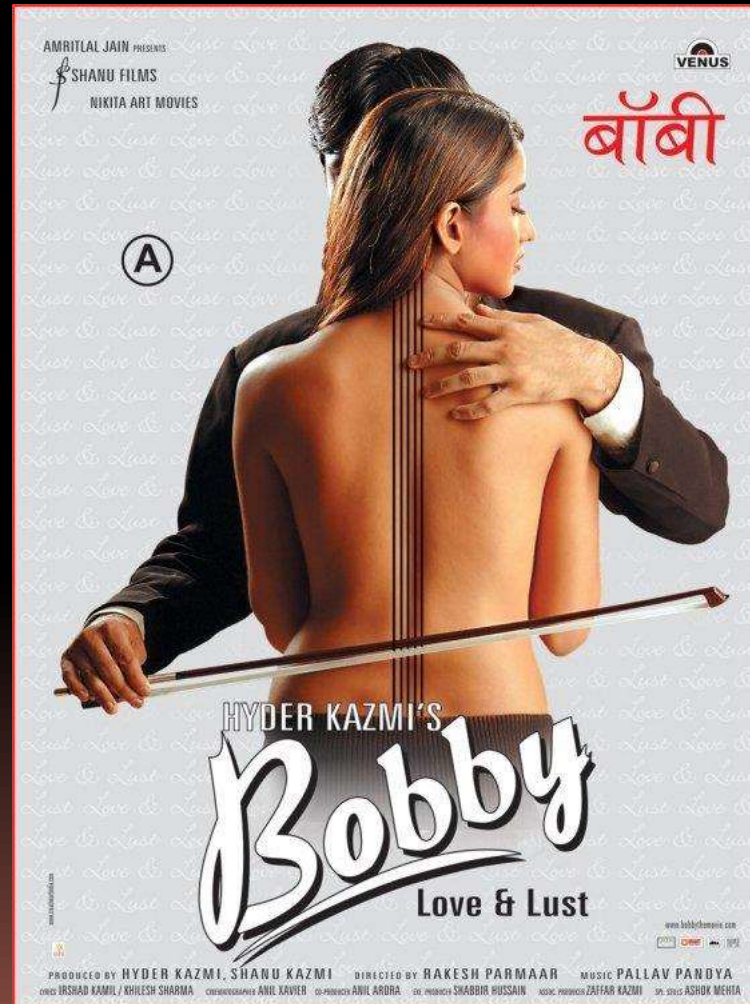


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Lust in contemporary society: Pornography



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