

Despite ABC's Immorality Press, Truth About Polygamy Comes Out

The distasteful gay sex scenes on ABC's hit series *Scandal* apparently didn't push the immorality envelope far enough. ABC forced polyamory and polygamy in our faces with an episode of *Mistresses* titled *Threesomes* during prime time last week.

Based on the hit UK television series of the same name, ABC bills *Mistresses* as a "provocative and thrilling drama about the scandalous lives of a sexy and sassy group of four girlfriends, each on her own path to self-discovery." This trash is apparently appealing to ABC's audience, given it's made it into its third season.

It would have been offensive enough if *Threesomes* portrayed sexual immorality for the sake of building out its "Top 10 Steamiest Moments" video mashup, but the producers seemed compelled to push a wicked agenda at 9 p.m., early enough for young viewers to be exposed and possibly infected by this depravity.

"If I could somehow combine the two of them, it would be the perfect person for me. The lover, the partner, the friend I've always been looking for," Josslyn tells Karen, a therapist. Joss admits she could fall in love with them.

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Later in the show—in a church counseling session—Alec, the man in the threesome, asks a pointed question: "I'd like to know what happens when a marriage is broken. Say your partner gets sick, so sick that both of you are separately preparing for

the worst. But then a miracle happens. The worst doesn't come. The life is saved. But the marriage ... the marriage has suffered irreparable damage. **And then something new comes along, something strange and taboo and unimaginable. And suddenly, it feels like the marriage could change form. It will never be the same. But maybe, just maybe, it could find a new way to exist.** Would you risk it?"

Not surprisingly, Alec was encouraged to pursue a polygamous relationship. Mistress' producers painted a picture of polygamy as redemptive instead of destructive. Of course, this is not the first media effort to push polyamory and polygamy into the mainstream, but we can expect the prince of the power of the air to kick it up a notch now that we're sliding down the slippery slope at warp speed.

The Boca Raton Tribute on July 6 published an article titled "Polyamory: Is It Right For You?" Fusion wonders if engineers are really more likely to be polyamorous. Simon Copland, a gay man, says he has two boyfriends and it's time for polyamory to become successful. And you've probably already heard about the polyamorous rights advocate that's certain this group will soon gain equal rights.

I was glad to at least see the other side portrayed in the media. This week, a new show titled *Escaping Polygamy* started airing on LMN—and it's a true story. The original documentary series follows the work of three sisters who left the Kingston clan, a secretive polygamist group based in Salt Lake City known as the Order. The girls are now helping their loved ones and strangers break free from the abusive polygamous lifestyle into which they were born and raised, and manage their new lives on the outside.

"*Escaping Polygamy* gives viewers unprecedented access into the realities of this frightening and mysterious American subculture," says Laura Fleury, head of programming and development at LMN. "Through the eyes of Andrea, Jessica and

Shanell and the range of people they help, we experience the dramatic, spiritual rollercoaster that they must go through to break free of polygamy.”

In each one-hour episode, LMN explains, the sisters work with people who are in various stages of leaving polygamy—from those who are just at the point of recognizing they have to get out, to those who are actively seeking to escape, to others who are struggling to adjust to the realities of the real world and the very powerful temptation of returning to the only lifestyle they know.

Folks, *Mistresses* is drama. *Escaping Polygamy* is real life. Guard your hearts and minds from the new norms the mainstream media is molding right before your eyes. I’ve said this repeatedly, yet it bears repeating: The shadow of Sodom and Gomorrah hangs over America. The question is: Will some churches bow to polyamorous immorality like they did to the gay rights movement? When is enough finally enough?

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