



## jesus in dialogue with beautiful minds

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### INTRODUCTION – Axiomatic Knowledge & The Intuition Of Faith

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### Freud & Jesus In Dialogue

#### ON GOD...

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#### ON CONSCIENCE...

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The superego & the Spirit...

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Orgasm is a momentary fulfillment of our \_\_\_\_\_ impulse.

**Ezekiel 16**

#### ON RELIGION...

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**Matthew 11:28-30**

### CONCLUSION – Transference, Community, & Salvation

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

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#### WARMING UP...

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4. Let's talk about sex... Although Freud is assumed to be a sexual liberator, he was very conservative in his morals (e.g., believing in the importance of marriage as the appropriate arena for sexual expression and teaching against masturbation). Jesus also talks about sex as appropriate only in the context of marriage (e.g., **Matthew 19:1-12**) and offers practical teaching in light of this. Read **Matthew 5:27-30**. a) What is your initial response to this teaching? b) What is the significance of Jesus' phraseology "**You have hard it said... but I tell you...**"? c) What is the point of Jesus' teaching in **v. 28**? (Should we take from this that, since we've already committed the sin by lusting that we might as well go ahead and commit the "real" deed?) What point is Jesus trying to drive home? d) What is the main point of **vv. 29-39**? List some practical examples of how you might obey this principle in your life. d) What could be the potential benefits of leading a sexually pure life, according to the teachings of Jesus? (List as many as you can.)

#### SO WHAT?...

5. As a *spiritual* being who is also a *sexual* being (a psycho-somatic unity), how do you find your behaviour in one area of your life affects the other? Pray for each other's continued personal, spiritual, and ethical maturation.

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