

The Battle of the SEXES

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The battle of the sexes again!

Revived by Mr. Augusto Sta. Ana and Miss Cynthia Martelino, the ball started rolling.

The age-old "Man versus Woman" imbroglio, is an excellent version of the "Story Without An End." A malady without remedy but to skip it. What can't be cured, must be endured.

I don't mean to stifle beautiful thoughts aching for the sunshine. But freedom in its broadest sense is not immune to limitations. The freedom that unites is better than the freedom that sows misunderstanding.

What's this seemingly, endless rumpus all about? As if one sex is "all-angel" and the other "all-devil?"

Let the philosophy of the candle teach us. The wax and the wick are one. When lit, one seems to outlast the other. In the end, both are consumed...

I sincerely appreciate the reasons dished out by the protagonists. Individual "IQ's" soared to meteoric heights with atomic speed. But in the wholeness of reason, let's find the heart of reason itself.

Scripturally, man and woman are one. "Male and female created he them, and called their name "ADAM", in the day they were created." (Genesis 5:2) Both received life by the same Spirit. Man was created out of the dust—not from a prism. Woman was taken from the ribs of a man — not from Mt. Olympus. Created, they were to love and protect each other: to multiply and inhabit the earth. To each his station—prescribed by God — not by mere individual idiosyncracies alone.

Exposing the defects of



one, does not provide a white-wash for the other. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Time is short. A full lifetime, is hardly enough to rectify our own capital weaknesses. We worship before the august altar of the Intellect. But, the white-robed al-

tar of the Heart has reasons of its own above the Intellect.

True chivalry gives credit where credit is due. True chastity remains immaculate and unblemished. It asserts itself even in the chronic storm of trivial annoyances.

True. Mudslinging is amus-

ing. It's also disconcerting. We have much to lose. What of chivalry and chastity? Imagine the consequences! The minds of the young are deadly absorptive. What they hear and see from their elders are deep-seatedly accumulated, affecting the very course of their lives tomorrow.

"Are these our children?..." Who wants to ask this question for himself in repentance?

Police and court records bear witness to the shocking number of cases committed by both sexes. A result of insufficient understanding to command mutual respect for each other. Sex crimes, etc; we call it.

However convincing arguments are, we can't escape the naked consequences. We are bequeathing a legacy of Hate to the generations before us. The very odious force that plucks the pristine eyes of moral and spiritual justice from its unresisting sockets.

Superiority-complex! It's the cause, or one of the causes of misunderstanding. It breeds hate. Hate stirs strife, "but love covereth all sins."

God, is a God of peace; not the author of confusion. He created man and woman not for bread alone. Neither, for mudslinging. As Longfellow put it: "Useless each without the other."

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