CONTRACTION
HAS HARMFUL NATURAL EFFECTS

Narcotics, excessive use of alcohol and smoking can cause serious problems for those who indulge in them, and we are justified in warning about the dangers of these practices. Contraception can be as damaging to the user as the worst of these, and there is good reason to sound the alarm about the ways it can be harmful, ways that relate to natural effects, and above all, reasons why religion tells us that contraception is a moral evil.

Medically, contraception does not block the many types of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS. This is a real problem for anyone with multiple sex partners, or for the person with only one partner if that person has relations with others.

There are environmental effects relating to reproduction and other medical issues with implications for humans. Hormones in the urine of women using the pill find their way into sewers and streams and threaten the reproduction of fish.
---EPA-funded scientists found this result downstream from a sewage plant (which removed other impurities from the water) at Boulder, Colorado in 1995. Of the 123 fish they netted, “101 were female, 12 were male, and 10 had male and female features.” (See the National Catholic Register, July 15-21, 2007)
---A wetlands and habitat specialist at Puget Sound told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer that “In frogs, otters and fish, scientists are ‘finding the presence of female hormones making the male species less male.’” (Ibid.)
---Scientific American (April 17, 2007) reported that, when scientists at the Univ of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute placed breast cancer cells in an extract from fish, the breast cancer cells thrived.

And sociologically, contraception has led to more adultery (because there is less fear of an illegitimate child), more divorces and more out-of-wedlock births, leaving single mothers with lowered income and children more exposed to poverty, poorer education, more delinquency and, later, crime.

Contraception has even led to more abortions, since people engage in sex more frequently because of a false sense of security that pregnancy will positively be prevented, and when unwanted pregnancy does occur they resort to abortion.
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