

## SEXUAL TABOOS AS A SOURCE OF VIOLENCE

It is common knowledge that sexually dissatisfied people are irritable and prone to violence, whereas sexually happy people tend to be peaceful. This holds not only for people but also for other mammals, as has been established experimentally. "Laboratory experiments with animals show that pleasure and violence have a reciprocal relationship; that is, the presence of one inhibits the other. A raging, violent animal will abruptly calm down when electrodes stimulate the pleasure centers of its brain. Likewise, stimulating the violence centers in the brain can terminate the animal's sensual pleasure and peaceful behavior." (Prescott 1987).

Prescott, J. W. (1987?)

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