

Interrelation between Sex and Death

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Dear S.B.E. Readers:

This is a rather prosaic question but I'm hoping a reader(s) can point me to some possible sources relating to the interrelationship between sex and death, in the species general and humans in particular. I'm looking for sources from:

Evolutionary Biology
Biology
Trans-Cultural Phenomenon
Psychology

I'm specifically looking for sources which are able to take Darwin and shed light on the interrelationship between sex and death. Obviously, evolutionary biology can be said to be all about life and death. However, in the common mind, sex is seen as the opposite of death, the antithesis of it. I don't think the two are the same but I think they are interrelated. If that is the case as I think most evolutionary biologists know, that raises serious questions about "morality" and individual autonomy. I think it is preferable to acknowledge the creatures we are as a species if it comes to descending into hell than keep our illusions about goodness, freedom, equality, liberty, etc. My Jewish doctor calls me a Righteous Gentile.

Because Darwin's Theory of Evolution and biology deals with science it has remained moot on issues of morality. However, it can be argued Darwin's Theory of Evolution and his successors dealt the concept of morality a profound blow, presenting evidence we evolved from earlier species and evolution was random.

Now, I'm all for keeping science and "morality" separate but I do wish some evolutionary biologists would present scientific examples of how sex and death are interrelated with each other. I recently asked a doctor what the biological relationship was. He said when a person was dying there was sometimes a feeling of "losing control" similar to sex. I think, however, it goes deeper than that.

For example, what is the relationship between sex and death in such cases as genocide, infanticide, etc.? Certainly, aggression plays an

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important role in both sex and death yet how is the expression different or in some ways the same?

This is an important area to explore. If any readers have come across a work which touches upon many of these topics please cite it.

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