

ETHICS AS AN INHIBITOR OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Christian ethics, with its contempt for sex, has been a major obstacle to research in problems of sex. An unusual and vigorous denunciation

of this effect is contained in the well known paper "Hormones and sexual behavior" by W. C. Young, R. W. Goy, and C. H. Phoenix, Science (1964) 143: 212-218. The authors record: "In our experience, restraint has been requested in the use of the word sex in institutional records and in the title of research proposals. We vividly recollect that the propriety of presenting certain data at scientific meetings and seminars was questioned."

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