

From Behind Our White Picket Fence Week 159  
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### **Giving Thanks to Married Sex**

With today being Thanksgiving, I (Ian, the male half of this duo) have decided to write half this week's installment solo, focusing on a point or two regarding my 20 year relationship to my beautiful wife. This past year has been particularly challenging for us; my mother in law's continuing descent into dementia and physical breakdown via Parkinson's disease and our business slowdown due to the economic woes of the country overall, in particular, have contributed to a general slowdown in our bedroom passion. As I always preach to visitors to our shop, it's not sex itself that is usually at issue. In my philosophical view, the act of sexual intercourse is merely the end product of a whole host of factors; indeed, the average duration of most sexual encounters is around 3-5 minutes, meaning that we have 23 hours, 55 minutes to extend and deepen the encounter to something beyond the mere pursuit of climax/orgasm.

For 20 years, and especially the last 8 as an adult business owner, I've attempted to combine every facet of my behavior toward the ultimate goal of perfecting our marriage. Along the way, it's been my hope that, as a byproduct, this devotion to our commitment would result in a heightened intimacy – both mental and physical – that would manifest itself in that profound moment of sexual crescendo. Hence, it's been my number one priority, once I decided to devote myself to Alicia back in 1988, to put her first – period. This means she comes before all others, including work, family, friends, and even our own son. When I make a decision – *any* decision – it's after considering how it will affect *both* of us; indeed, our relationship is what grounds me, nourishes my life, and ultimately gives me purpose.

Why am I taking this space to descend into such hokiness? I want to acknowledge, while I have this forum to do so, how grateful I am to be a husband. Alicia's husband. It's been an amazing, scary, fun, sexy, beautiful, and ultimately fulfilling 20 years and I hope the next 20, 30, or 40 continue to allow me to do what I believe my calling to be. It's no small comfort to know I've found a companion to whom I can devote myself and I hope just a few of you other lucky husbands can say the same.

We'd like to end this week with a reader comment:

*Thanks! For promoting youporn, pornotube, and redtube in your most recent article. I'm sure all the adult industry manufacturers, distributors, sales people, directors, video stores, paysites, replication houses and others that depend on people to pay for their product really appreciate that. ~ Bill*

The above e-mail came in response to our column praising our iPhones' ability to surf porn via the free tube services. We're not certain if Bill works within the adult industry – in particular the pornography segment – but his frustrated tone indicates some sort of involvement and we exchanged further messages, calling it quits before the rhetoric got

out of hand. Our initial answer that we've devoted thousands of words over the life of this column to promote adult video and the porn industry itself didn't seem to register with Bill, who followed up our defense by leading off with the subtle "Bullshit!" missive before going on to quote Larry Flynt and ticking off a hodgepodge of statistics showing the massive drop off in revenue collectively devastating the entire porn industry.

However, we're certainly not going to accept that our mentioning of the various free adult tube sites is in any way responsible for the downfall of the adult industry any more than CNN mentioning YouTube will bring about the death of network television. Free porn on the internet is not some new phenomenon suddenly burst upon the scene without warning to take the entire porn business down along with the recording industry, Hollywood, and print media. In fact, the producers of porn have seen this coming for years and much of the decline in sales is due to over production, high DVD prices (in a slow economy), and hyper competition on the web via thousands of pay sites (in a dizzying array of niches) with horrendously bad quality content and little regard for customer service.

Aside from Digital Playground, who to their credit have turned to bigger budget productions with some semblance of attention to story and detail, the vast majority of small adult production houses will not survive the economic slowdown, nor find alternative revenue streams to stay afloat. That's not to sound the death knell for porn; we're confident that the industry will not only find ways to utilize the tube sites to its advantage, but will adapt to meet the challenges of the new business climate with new products, services, and options a sexually ravenous market will want to consume (and pay for).

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