



Deadly


DANGEROUS VIRTUES



How to Follow Jesus
When *Evil*
Masquerades as Good


J O H N K O E S S L E R

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“He dedicated himself to the sacraments, fasting, and penance. He even performed acts of self-punishment like surpassing sleep, enduring cold winter nights without a blanket, and, in an attempt to atone for his sins, even whipping himself.”

Nathan Busenitz

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“They think you can only have a relationship with dogs, cats and domestic animals, but I have a relationship with the most dangerous animal in Africa.”

Marius Els



“Be killing sin or it will be killing you.”

John Owen

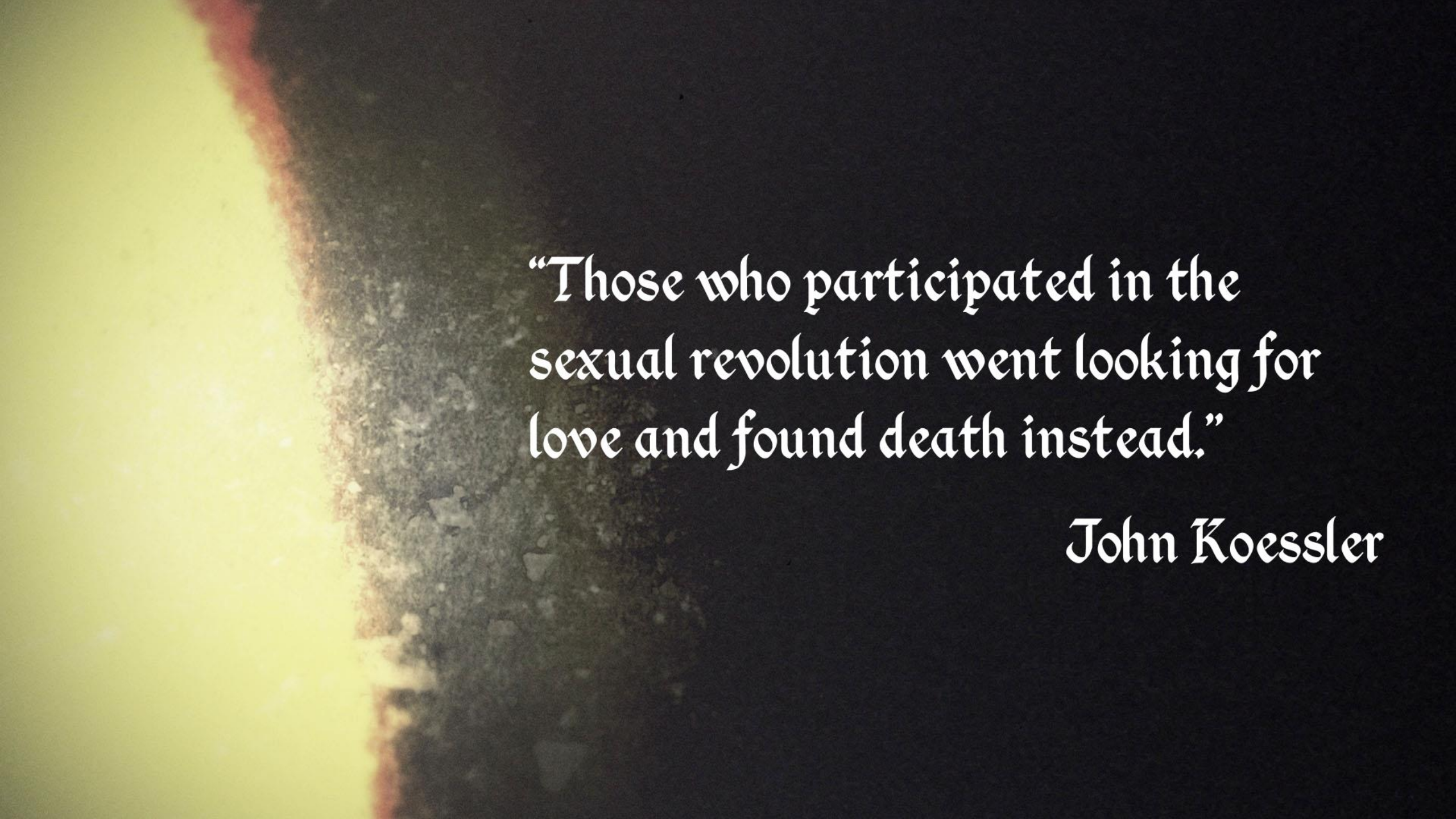
“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”

Ephesians 6:10-11

Lust

“For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:5



“Those who participated in the
sexual revolution went looking for
love and found death instead.”

John Koessler

Desires

“You and I are creatures of desire. We do not live by biological, animal-like instinct. God designed us with the capacity to desire. It is good and right to desire, seek, and want. There would be something wrong with you if you did not. But you must be aware of your desires and how they shape your life. There is nothing you ever choose, do, or say that is not first the product of desire.”

Paul Tripp

“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

James 4:1-3



Desires

“If you look to something that God created to give you what it wasn’t intended to give, either you get discouraged quickly and wisely abandon those hopes, or you go back again and again, and in so doing, begin to travel down the dangerous road toward addiction.”

Paul Tripp



Desires

“Sexual desire is a sacred pleasure, one that can be enjoyed safely only within the clear boundaries that God has established for it.”

John Koessler

“He answered, ‘Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So, they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.’”


Matthew 19:4-6



Desires

“But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”

James 1:14-15



“A man may be greedy and selfish;
spiteful, cruel, jealous, and unjust; violent
and brutal, grasping, unscrupulous, and a
liar; stubborn and arrogant; stupid,
morose, and dead to every noble instinct –
and still we are ready to say of him that
he is not an immoral man.”

Dorothy Sayers

“For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life is not from the Father but is from the world.”

1 John 2:16





Identity

1. I am a servant of Christ.
2. I am an eternal being.
3. I am one with Christ.
4. I am the property of Christ.

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Romans 6:1-4

Lust vs. Love

Lust is prideful

Lust is easily frustrated

Lust is irritated

Lust takes

Lust wants more

Love is humble

Love is patient

Love is understanding

Love gives

Love is satisfied in Christ



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