

## sEX aND sPIRIT

What a vast topic to explore conversationally and enjoyably!  
I know very little about what most of you like

Did some of you catch the rather drearily titled How To Have Sex after Marriage?  
Usually it clashed with something else... gripping  
so I'd catch the tail end where most of the very unhappily married couples  
tried being fresh, and experimental, and generally they fell in love with each other  
again as the most romantic couple in the whole of God's earth  
I was thrilled to find Michael Arditti is a gay man  
He's written a couple of fine novels  
and in Series 2 they started to mention this,  
He'd "proved" he's an okay bloke to be around the man in trouble  
They hugged each other affirmingly, endearingly at the end

Not always  
Those tremendously brave couples let themselves be videod in their house  
their bedroom  
to nail the not connecting trouble spots  
There were a couple of men who refused to do this because they  
couldn't cope with  
the suggestion that their wife might be acting for his enjoyment  
I'd guess they're the types who fill in talk time with their best mates with irrelevant shit

The lovely thing about people listing things they'd really really like to do for a change  
was the way they echo Paul saying  
Every one of you should love your  
mate as much as Jesus loved the church  
and had a renewing go at freshness, and spontaneity  
I often thought  
I'd like to do this too!  
I always adore playful foreplay in the waves with Petrus up the coast  
warm water, sand, a bit of sunburn are all hot  
arousing  
Love it that sometimes theres another friendly buddy too  
Smashing!  
Its easier, and faster, than when we connect at the end of a long day  
I'm usually pretty drained because when I listen to people talking  
I constantly have to mesh the two tracks of what I hear, and lipread  
so I have all this tension I'm trying to lose to get on with us  
He works ten hour straight through lone overnight shifts  
and somehow slots into "normal" daytime

Sometimes the kick had simply gone  
This mirrors us queer people  
that in growing, often we have to  
we risk no longer growing together  
Some duos seem to solve most problems with sex  
expect sex to always work  
Thats real sweet!  
I found it re-assuring to find watching Sex after Marriage

looking at the blocks, that stuff it all up  
that this echoes the unresolvedness I've sometimes noticed  
terrific sex isn't enough to keep me wanting to cruise above our implacable rocks...  
I'm thinking of my 94 man Mark  
I loved the smell of his sweat when he was hot  
All said, that was a lesson to never ignore a gut sense of dread

Overall us Christians, most people in our society have a monogamous model  
thats our one and only basis for correct behaviour  
I don't think the New Testament teaches this  
Paul says  
Leaders in the church should be the husband of one wife  
but if you're got more than one  
Stay with that  
This suits me fine  
I like a bit of variety  
that gut feel you get when an attractive guy catches your eye at Breaker Bay  
and says  
Hello my name is  
and its all okay  
Some of us are blessed with partners who are accepting, rather than possessive  
threatened  
Until late in his life McGregor was threatened  
Without us talking about it  
we both knew life after him had to go on  
Most importantly, I'd always be there for him  
For others its got to be a more  
Lets do it, and try and keep in touch if thats okay with you  
decision  
I love the way Nest's most favourite boy friend Mark is my mate too  
Nest came in with him from over the back fence,  
just as I was about to jump into PS and unwind at Te Rakaihau Point  
I said  
I'm going, but hey, would you like some coffee?  
Mark adores back rubs too  
They turn me on better than fucking

I don't think any of us can ever be everything to each other in a relationship  
Particularly when we are lonely together, I'm sure this is God's spontaneity  
keeping us growing, changing, moving, risking, loving

God's spontaneity -  
Both the Old and New Testament are filled with it  
One of the big regrets I have are about zooming past men where there was that moment  
when you connect  
because I was on my way somewhere else  
or theres all these things I have to do  
or I'm tired  
When I got there, or home, I usually realise I've done it all wrong

I love having a snappy business card I can give them to follow up if they want to