

The riddle of sin and conception by lcl

God told men to multiply and fill the earth.

Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters of the seas and let the fowl multiply in the earth.

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth.

But, Conception is done in sin.

Psa 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Does this mean that God told men and women to sin by having sexual relations? No. The vows of marriage, ordained by God, blesses the union of the two and they become as one. Because their union is blessed, so are their intimate relations given a covering by God and they do not sin.

Heb 13:4 Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

However, sexual relations out of marriage are not blessed and are as sin to God during judgement.

Sex more than anything else represents the carnal nature of the world. It causes us to dwell on the creation more than the creator. It leads to lust that can lead to infidelity beyond the marriage vows. It focuses on self awareness, the cause of pride, which God hates, to increase. It leads away from God and thus violates the first commandment to love God more than anything else. This is why God considers sex as sinful. However, sex within marriage is condoned and necessary to comply with the command to multiply, fill the earth and subdue it.