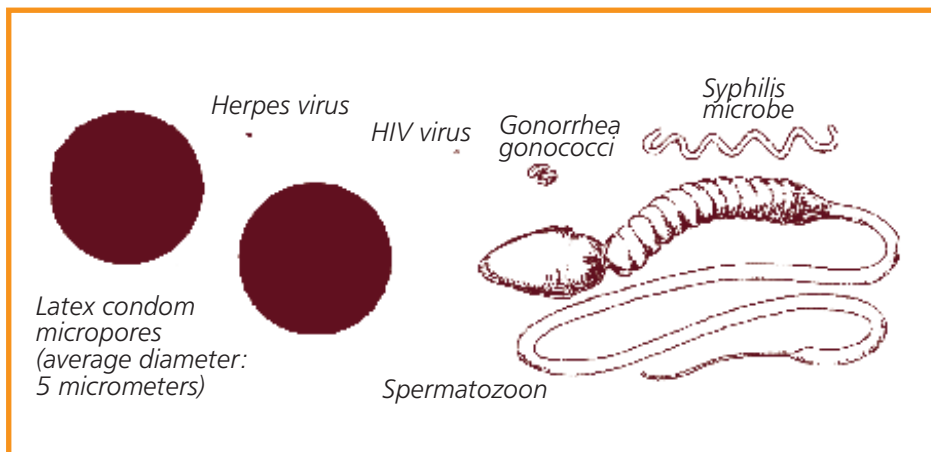


# Use Your Head, Not a Condom!

Condom sales must be down of late since their advertisements are so full of lies. I have in mind the recent one you see plastered up all over the place: "Everybody's doing it. That's good! Only use your head. Protect yourself with a condom! AIDS."



For one thing, not everyone does "do it" as the creator of the ad would like us to believe. Society is made up of children and older people who, for obvious reasons, do not have a sexual life. Nor is it by any means true that every mature adult expresses their masculinity or femininity through sexual behavior. So it is only the ad creator's desire that everybody "do it," and he passes off his desire as though it were a reality.

For another thing, "using your head" does not have to mean using a condom—unless of course you have latex for gray matter. In fact, the very opposite is true. Sexual intercourse involves the union of a man and a woman who wish to share with each other every particle of their being (both physical and affective). What joins as opposed to what separates seems to elude those who claim to "use their heads", since it is precisely the condom that prevents a couple from achieving total union. The ad suggests that something else is important in sex, namely the need to sterilize it; but whoever thinks this way is really not using his head at

all.

Huge amounts of money are being expended in spreading the falsehood that condoms are an effective protection against the HIV virus and other sexually transmitted diseases. Detailed scientific studies conducted on latex—the material from which condoms are made—indicate that contained within the spongy structure of the material are tiny openings called micropores. These are readily seen through a microscope. The average diameter of a pore is 5 micrometers. To date, a totally non-porous condom has not been perfected.

To give a graphic illustration of the "effectiveness" of a condom we have only to compare the average size of a condom micropore with that of a spermatozoon or pathological virus. As can be seen from the drawing, a spermatozoon measures about 3 micrometers across at its widest point, i.e. it is 2 micrometers narrower than the average condom pore. A spermatozoon can pass through such small openings. According to research conducted in the UK there are 6 such

incidents for every 100 instances of "correct" condom use.

AIDS is caused by the HIV virus, which is found mainly in the sperm, blood or vaginal discharge of an infected person. Thus the most common way of contracting the disease is through sexual intercourse. As the above drawing shows, the HIV virus, which is only 0.1 micrometer across, is 50 times smaller than the average condom micropore.

The sheer dishonesty of promoting condoms as an effective measure against AIDS is all too plain to see. Those responsible for promoting these lies are contributing to the spread of this terrible scourge as well as other sexually transmitted diseases. About 40% of those who contracted AIDS in the UK contracted it while using a condom. Against AIDS there is only one sure protection and that is sexual abstinence and marital fidelity as taught by Jesus. Those who place more trust in condoms than in Jesus should remember that they are courting spiritual and physical death.

A great number of marriages remain faithful for a lifetime. Do they need to use a condom against AIDS? So who is the ad for?

It must be for those who are unable to control their urges, who, heedless of the risk of contracting a venereal disease, are ever seeking out a new sexual thrill. They are slaves to their own sexual urges since they are unable to look out for their own safety. The use of a condom (and not one's head!) is intended for precisely such people. It is to create for them an illusion of sensible behavior. The sad thing about it is that the authors of the ad are convinced (or maybe they only want us to believe it) that everybody is like this, and this is the vilest of lies.

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