

What's wrong with using a condom?

I am often asked what one can say to a person who insists that condom use is a good thing.

Even if the person asking the question doesn't want to admit that condoms offend God because they are used to intentionally deny Him the ability to bless a couple with His gift of a child, it is critical that you pass along the truth that condoms can cause all sorts of havoc for the people who use them.

You could tell such a person, "If you really like yourself, and want to live a healthy, happy life, then a condom should not be on your shopping list." You could add that if this person wishes to remain free of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, then he should be aware that condoms have a high failure rate. In fact, the odds of failure are about the same as the odds in Russian roulette.

Deadly risk

Condoms do not guarantee protection against gonorrhea, chlamydia, genital herpes, AIDS and numerous other strains of sexually transmitted disease.

Perhaps a person would think twice if you point out that the person who acquires a sexually transmitted disease can be stuck for life with a condition that can lead to more serious consequences later on—including death in the case

of the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

As for using condoms for birth control—morality notwithstanding, of course—of every 100 couples using a condom, 14 will conceive a baby. So if one wishes to avoid bearing a child, the condom cannot be trusted. Clearly, if a couple is set against having a baby, the healthiest thing they can do is abstain from sexual relations until they have reached the point in their marriage where they can look beyond themselves and toward God's will for them and their future.

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What about my 'needs'?

"Oh," a person might say, "this is totally unrealistic. I am not going to take the birth control pill, which could hurt me, so the condom is the right choice for me."

My advice is to think again. Contrary to what Planned Parenthood says when it mocks common sense by sloganeering

that "condoms are cheaper than diapers," condoms will not grant peace of mind. It is a fact that condoms fail, and this failure may well bring a whole lot of problems you would much prefer to live without.

Think about it. What can you tell a person to encourage him to reject condoms? Do so because you like yourself—and you love someone else even more than you love yourself.

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