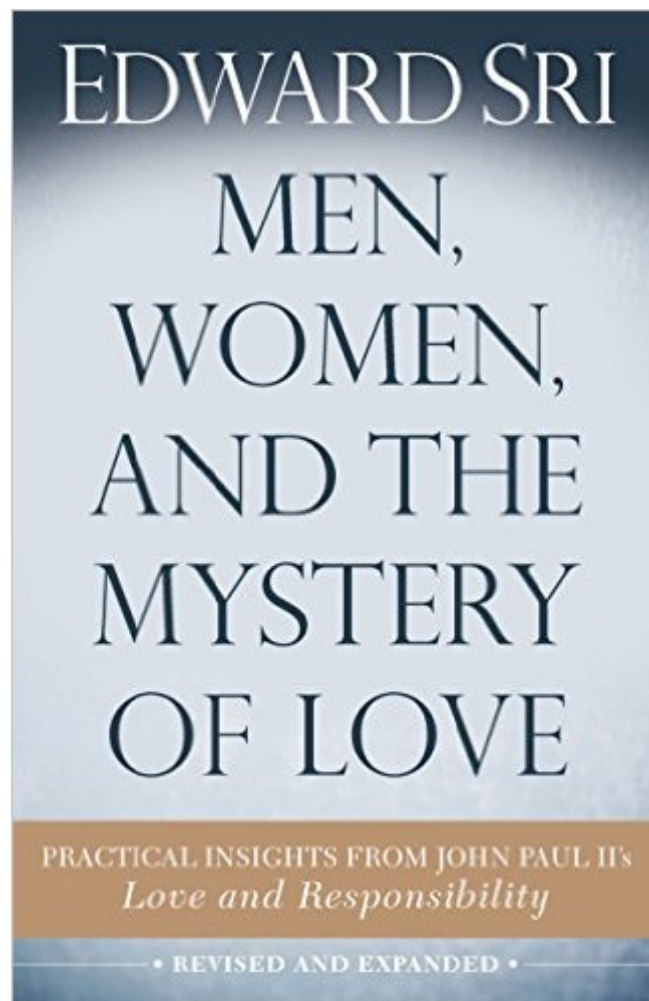


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Men, Women, And The Mystery Of Love: Practical Insights From John Paul II's Love And Responsibility



Synopsis

Edward Sri is a gifted teacher and an equally talented writer. This book shows why. He breaks open Karol Wojtyla's great text, *Love and Responsibility*, in a way that's clear, engaging and very practical for the challenges of daily life.

Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Archbishop of Philadelphia. This updated and expanded edition of Edward Sri's classic meditation on Pope John Paul II's *Love and Responsibility* includes a new introduction, new chapters for single people and engaged couples, and the stories of people whose lives have been transformed by Pope John Paul II's foundational teaching on relationships. Fr. Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II) published *Love and Responsibility* in 1960, revealing a fully formed philosophy of marriage "in which full union can only be achieved when each partner prioritizes the well-being and self-realization of the other. His analysis of the true meaning of human love is life changing and practical, shedding light on real issues between men and women. In *Men, Women and the Mystery of Love*, Edward Sri unpacks the contents of this great work, making it accessible to every reader. He emphasizes the down-to-earth nature of *Love and Responsibility*, giving readers actionable advice on issues such as:

- How to determine if a relationship is one of authentic love or is doomed to failure
- The problem of pornography
- The meaning of friendship
- How to achieve greater intimacy in marriage

Study questions with each chapter make this a valuable resource not only for individual personal reading, but also for small group study.

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We think as a society we cannot define love. But I would say to you Saint John Paul the II did just

that with his writings in Love and Responsibility and later in his Theology of the Body. The author, Edward Sri, does a wonderful job of unpacking a complicated topic for us the readers. Real love he explains is not just the "butterflies in your stomach" when you first date the love of your life but what you feel after 60 years of marriage. But this book not only delves into marital love but love in all aspects like friendships and family. "Love is a virtue that involves sacrifice, responsibility and total commitment to the other person. Hollywood love is an emotion" says Edward Sri. My favorite example that brings it all together is the reference to the movie Titanic. In the movie many people glorify the emotional romance between the two main characters. "Two people whose romance develops over just a few days, which don't really know each other and have no true commitment to each other." says Edward Sri. Is this our ideal kind of love? John Paul the II explains that when we are carried away by our emotions, sentimentality may hinder our ability to know that person as she or he really is. Mr. Sri asks "Is this the kind of person who will make sacrifices for me and put what's best for me or our family before them?" The Catechism defines love as willing the good of the other. Original sin is explained as when "Shame" entered the world. "Shame involves fear of another person, the sense that we're not sure we can trust that person. We fear being used or being hurt, so we are afraid of being vulnerable in letting others see us as we really are." Matthew Kelly wrote: "We can't be loved for who we are if we won't reveal ourselves. Unrevealed we never experience intimacy."

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