

**Review: Act I, SOS 1:3-6: Edification Complex of the Soul, Christian Integrity, Physical Compatibility, Libertine, Antinomianism, Vetting Your Right Person**

1. The Daughters continue their efforts to excite approbation lust in the soul of the Shulammitte in:

**SOS 1:3 –**

**DJ** “Because of the savor of your good ointments the virtues of your integrity, humility, and honor are as choice ointments poured forth, therefore, we the virgins love your character.” (An appeal to approbation lust.)

- (1) The trend today is for young people to readily engage in sexual behaviors that satisfy each others passions and desires. In effect they have become libertines. The development of this word needs to be defined.

**Morris, William and Mary Morris. *Morris Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins.* (New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1977), 344-45:**

**Libertine**, now defined as “a dissolute, licentious and immoral man,” once had a more honorable meaning. In the days of the Romans, *libertus* (from which the word is derived) meant “a freeman, a man who had been freed from actual slavery.” In the sixteenth century there flourished in France, the Netherlands and elsewhere a freethinking sect known as the *Libertines*, who asserted that God was the only being, that the whole universe is God and that, ergo, man cannot sin. Theory was followed by practice, no distinction was made between good and evil by the *Libertines*—and eventually the word became a generic term for one who considered himself free from all control, including moral codes.

- (2) In other words, a Progressive. The evolving definition of the word is best developed by:

***The Oxford English Dictionary, s.v.:***

**Libertine. A. 1. Roman antiquities.** A freedman; one manumitted from slavery. **2. a.** The name given to certain antinomian sects of the early sixteenth century, which arose in France and elsewhere on the continent. **b.** Later, in wider sense: One who holds free or loose opinions about religion; a free thinker. **c. Transferred sense.** One who follows his own inclinations or goes his own way; one who is not restricted or confined. **3.** A man who is not restrained by moral law, especially in his relationships with the female sex; one who leads a dissolute, licentious life.

**B. 2.** Acknowledging no law in religion or morals; free-thinking; antinomian. **3.** Free or unrestrained in constitution, habit, conduct or language. **4.** Characterized by habitual disregard of moral law, especially with regard to the relation of the sexes; licentious, dissolute; characteristic of or resembling a libertine.

- (3) The downward trend of this word’s definition coincides with the downward trend of those who engage in a libertine habit of mind as is demonstrated by Paul in Romans 1:18-32.

**SOS 1:4 –**

**SW** “Rescue me!”

**DJ** “We will quickly run after you.”

**SW** “The king has brought me into the secret chamber of his tent.”

**DJ** “We will rejoice in you and be glad, we will remember your love more than wine. The upright love you.”

**SOS 1:5-**

**SW** “My skin is burned black by working in the sun.”

**DJ** “But beautiful!”

**SW** “O Daughters of Jerusalem, black like the goat-hair tents of Kedar [the son of Ishmael and alleged patriarch of Mohammad].”

**DJ** “No, like the white draperies of Solomon’s tent.”

**1:6 –**

**SW** “Do not stare at me because I am dark, for the sun has burned my skin. My brothers were burning with anger toward me; they made me keeper of the vineyards, but I have not taken care of my own vineyard (my personal hygiene).”