

Games Are Fun... If You Know The Rules

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"Why all the games?" asked a recent poster, who seemed irritated at the idea that interactions between the sexes weren't some sort of "color-by-the-numbers" recipe.

Why the games? Because games are fun.

Most of the time.

There is a card game I used to play during study hall called *Mao*. For those who know the rules, it is an incredibly fun game. To those that don't, it is incredibly frustrating. A core rule of *Mao* is that you cannot explain the rules to new players; they must observe and intuit the rules on their own.

In *Mao*, breaking a rule results in being given a penalty. This penalty is applied regardless of whether or not the player is aware of the rule that was broken. Only by learning from these mistakes and by carefully observing the actions of more experienced players can a rookie begin to make sense of the game. Only after losing many hands can a new player begin to figure out the game. Much trial and error is required before a new player can actually win. Their reward for sticking out the steep learning curve and winning? The victor gets to play with the fabric of the game and invent a new rule. The best part? They don't have to tell anyone else what the new rule is and now **they** have to try and learn it. At this point the game becomes incredibly fun for the new player.

This should sound familiar.

Like *Mao*, the dynamics between the sexes is a game that has specific rules. These rules of the game are not immediately obvious; at least to men. Women are like the veteran players of *Mao*: they know the rules and issue penalties to anyone who breaks the rules. Men are the new player: they weren't taught the rules and must learn for themselves (by making countless mistakes) how the game is played. As they figure out the rules and learn how to avoid penalties, both their confidence and fun grows. Mastering the game and achieving victory yields immense satisfaction. Men, understanding the game clearly, can now begin to play around with the rules and tease the other players.

I played this game at a bible study camping trip. One friend did not know the rules. She became immensely frustrated. So much so that she tore up the cards and stormed off, vowing never to play again.

If you find yourself annoyed with the "game" of sexual dynamics, you are like that friend. Had she stuck with it a few more hands, she would have made enough mistakes to learn the rules and begin to enjoy the game. Stick with it. God designed this, not as a fault, but as amusement. Don't find it amusing? Learn the rules and you will.

Occasionally I find myself in a social setting playing card games. Once in awhile I will encounter another person who knows how to play *Mao*. Instantly, a connection and bond is formed between us. We both "get it" and know the rules. Women love it when they meet a guy who "gets it" and knows the rules of *the game*.

Undoubtedly some of you have never heard of *Mao* and did a quick search online for it. While the rules of *Mao* are "secret" they are published across the internet for anyone wanting to seek them out. Just as the rules of *Mao* are listed online, the rules of *the game* of inter-gender dynamics are found on this sub and many others. Learn them. Try them. Make mistakes and learn from them. Eventually you will learn the game and, better yet, learn to have fun with it.

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helaughsinhidden • 2 points • 20 February, 2019 04:50 PM

Agreed! I could go on and on about how playing live poker is like this too. So easy to learn the rules, but the rules have nothing really to do with who wins a hand, a session, or a tournament.

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SteelSharpensSteel • 2 points • 20 February, 2019 08:41 PM

I've faked tells and had people fold hundreds of dollars in the pot.

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lol.

This is so funny. You realize this is just because you are in a feminized western world.

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Yeah, I get it, you have sex with your wives - as if this is some like great achievement.

OsmiumZulu[S] • 1 point • 21 February, 2019 06:19 PM

"I'm not MGTOW but...."

Haha, okay bud.

Nice circle jerk of a reply:

"The ancients didn't have to 'learn the rules' of hunting, they just knew how!"

"Lol you guys who live in a society that intentionally impairs your knowledge of hunting are so silly trying to learn how to hunt from the ancients."

High quality stuff there. Right from the top shelf.

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Nice circle jerk of a reply

Spoken like a true follower of Christ. Top shelf. Holy.

This whole site cracks me up. Don't worry - I'll be gone soon, I'm writing one of my final posts. There are a few among you I hope to help before I go.

If you are saying I am criticizing you playing into the feminized west - you're correct. You seem to think that all men who have achieved the amazing goal of having sex with their wife kowtow to women.

OsmiumZulu[S] • 1 point • 21 February, 2019 06:59 PM

Don't let the door hit you on the way out.

[deleted] • 1 point • 21 February, 2019 07:09 PM

I won't buddy! Thanks for all the tips on how to get my wife to sleep with me. What a concept.

Thanks for the masturbation references too.

Deep_Strength • 1 point • 21 February, 2019 07:14 PM

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No, but for the most part traditionally masculine societies have fathers that teach their sons about becoming a man, which includes teaching them about women. Family and friends and community (such as the Church) had some lesser roles on that now.

Now, we get little of that. Fathers are ejected from homes (deadbeat or frivorced). Children are had out of wedlock or God forbid adopted by single parents. And family, friends, and the Church don't know, lie or don't care about it. That's why most of us are here in the first place. "Just be yourself" and "godliness is sexy" are either ignorance or outright lies.

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I agree to an extent.

No in the sense that I think the fact most of the questions gravitate toward sexuality gives the impression of doing this.

Yes in the sense that the vast majority of new(er) men ARE so focused on intersexual dynamics and becoming 'alpha' that they are inadvertently trading the pedestal of women through chivalry and feminism concepts for the pedestal of obsessing over women.

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Hint: you can't have it both ways... game cannot be a "praxeology" and then you claim that learning it is playing by the feminist imperative.

The reason why you're having so much cognitive dissonance over it is that you're trying to say that it's two different contradictory things. Either you have to choose that it's a praxeology in that it's amoral OR you have to choose that it's a specific subset of behaviors designed to be anti-chivalry and anti-feminist and that you don't need it to be a Christian.

This post gives a broad overview of the issues concerning Christianity, chivalry, feminism, game, complementarianism, and egalitarianism and how they relate.

<https://deepstrength.wordpress.com/2019/02/13/christianity-chivalry-feminism-game-complementarianism-and-egalitarianism/>

I've seen many Christians in the 'sphere get stuck on how they need to be more 'alpha' to their wives with nothing much about how they're focusing on evangelizing and discipling and using their gifts of the Spirit in Church. This is a problem that I think that probably few are aware of having been around so long.

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Oh, I have learned a lot from this website and your posts. I have never claimed that the red pill is useless or not helpful. You are right that men who are being blue pillled are confused and lied to - and they live a dangerous life because they put their trust in women.

You've said it well before, if we don't have actual examples then we are talking in circles. I have learned enough about the red pill to no longer be blue pill. That is the most important part - I'm happy you wrote this, I'm writing my final post and will include this idea.

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Absolutely you can. If the world has been feminized and what works (praxeology) is based upon a feminized reality, then it is playing towards the feminist imperative.

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Also, I am still of the opinion that 'game' is unneeded and that focus on the Bible marital roles and responsibilities with good fathering and mentoring/discipling are all that are needed. Everything is an offshoot of Christianity as God made everything.

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Yes and no. There's human nature and then there's the specific set of circumstances were in. Human nature is permanent- both women and men are the way God created them. The specific set of circumstances plays into how the human nature manifests in a particular environment.

The permanent hard wiring type of things are things like that women are hypergamous and men are primarily attracted to physical beauty (Song of Songs, etc.). Those things exist no matter what cultural circumstances are around.

On the other hand, what works with promiscuous women may not work with Christian women. For instance, if you're going to insist on 'never paying for your date' which many secular RP people do, then you're probably going to be at odds with the Christian population who tend to expect men to pay for the woman. Neither is right or wrong and you should do what you want to do, but it's wise to understand that if you want to "go dutch" you're probably going to be sabotaging yourself with most of Christian women.

The Bible tends to present fundamental truths such as women are hypergamous (e.g. David and Bathsheeba and Uriah) and men are attracted to physical beauty. Wives and husbands tend to be selfish and deny each other sex or are unloving and disrespectful.

The main issue, I think, personally is the application of how things from the Scripture should play out within the secular culture. That's what tends to draw Christians toward RP since the Church is not addressing it (and often going along with instead). Figuring out the feminist system is useful in that respect to figure out how to accurately divide the Word of God (seeing where Christianity and the Church have fallen to cultural influences). However, ultimately we should be 'in the world, but not of the world'

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Yeah, and the mods agree, but you have an odd way of going about it which I think is rubbing people the wrong way. It should not be a surprise that most of this sub is going to talk about the veracity of sexual attraction.

fitdude08 • 1 point • 13 March, 2019 01:24 AM

I love Mao. It's a fun game that I picked up on *really* quick when we played with a group of friends the other night (ironically enough).

I'm also the guy who asked "why all the games?"

And I still stand by that question, because this is a terrible analogy.

"Women.. know all the rules and issue penalties..."

Yeah, that sounds SUPER Alpha.

If marriage / sex is a "game," then God wrote the rules, and it's the man's job to lead the woman through the "rules"—just like with everything else in life. Mindlessly letting *her*, and her emotional hangups / sinful nature, dictate the rules is *not* masculine, and it's *not* leadership.

That's not to say that you shouldn't have fun. Marriage (and especially sex) should be LOADS of fun (pun intended). And part of that fun should involve playful teasing, flirting, etc..

BUT *not* if she is going to **require** that you play exactly by her rules (whether implicitly or explicitly) in order to even play the game with you. If that's her attitude / "nature," then the only manly thing to do is say, "Game Over.... until you change your attitude."