

Neo-Prostitution

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ABSTRACT

Prostitution has been practiced over a long period of time. This long practice allowed an evolution of its nature. This evolution is observed in the meeting process, the persons involved, and how it is done. In its classic practice, prostitution happens in actual real situations. Persons involved meet face to face and conduct their sexual activities. This paper claims an addition to those real actual situations, that is, prostitution can happen in three other ways: First, prostitution is not limited to meeting in actual real situations because prostitution can happen virtually, and or over the internet. Second, in the classic notion, prostitutes are those who provide sexual services, however, in this presentation, the one who asked for sexual services is likewise a prostitute. Third, prostitution happens even without a consummated sexual activity, both in actual and virtual conditions, provided they are in a sexual atmosphere. These three add-ons to the concept of prostitution, gave birth to a new term, Neo-prostitution.

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INTRODUCTION

History has a rich account on prostitution from the oldest times up to the present. Prostitution existed long before the time of Jesus Christ, and flourished even during His time. Some verses in the books of the Old Testament Bible proved the existence of prostitution: *“For a prostitute is a deep pit and a wayward wife is a narrow well. Like a bandit she lies and wait, and multiplies the unfaithful among men”* (Proverbs 23:27-28). Likewise, in the New Testament, Luke narrated of a sinful woman¹ who sat beside Jesus while in the house of a Pharisee:

“ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at the table in the Pharisee’s house brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of a woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.” (Luke 7:37-40).

The old and the new Biblical accounts rightly proved the flourish of prostitution in those eras. This long history of prostitution dubbed it as one of the oldest professions. Custom and or religious practices, the demands, and its lucrative character made prostitution go along with the times. Its epistemological nature is an open book that almost everybody in his or her right age understands what it is. Despite the legal and moral issues, prostitution continues to exist. In fact, there are countries that made prostitution legal². Prostitution became part of every society,

¹ Sinful woman in this text is regarded as prostitute. Cf. “The Woman Who Lived A Sinful Life”, www.susanmcgeown.com, accessed 20 January 2016

² According to Matt Meltzer, there are at least 69 countries where prostitution is legal: Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bonaire, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile,

numerous in urban areas but not zero in the countryside. Thus, whenever there are goods and services to be bought, sex trade becomes part of it.

Most people today are informed on issues confronting prostitution. The familiarity on the existence of prostitution made a lot of people to be timid about it. The situations suggest that people accepted prostitution³ and the presence of prostitutes to whenever they are is no longer disturbing. Their saturation in almost all areas made a high toleration of their existence. These realities motivated a lot of writers and researchers to conduct studies on certain issues about prostitution and prostitutes. Nevertheless, studies conducted usually focus on the demographic profile, classifications, reasons for becoming prostitutes, actions of the government, places where prostitution is banned or made legal, and so on. Among these studies, there is no claim of the modification or evolution of prostitution's nature. This paper is designed not only to present some historical events, but to illustrate how the nature of prostitution has evolved. Since this paper claims for an evolution of the nature of prostitution, the evolved nature will be called Neo-Prostitution. This new concept retains the original notion of what prostitution is. The difference lies in the presentation of the conditions on how prostitution occurs or happens. These conditions serve as the main tenets of this paper.

METHODOLOGY

This study briefly exposes the background of prostitution from ancient times up to the contemporary period. Each particular era was scrutinized and analyzed along with its impact to the society, and how it reflected changes. The changes of prostitution practices along different conditions and time lines suggest an evolution. It is with this paradigm that a new concept of prostitution is developed. Exposition, analysis, and reconstruction methods were employed so as to attain the goals of this paper.

Parameters and directions were set to focus on the prostitution issues highlighted on this paper. The presentations of texts reflect the social artifactual life of a particular philosophy. The text is an outcome of social organization, that is, it contains knowledge having a function that is linked to social and cultural reproduction, making the text an ideological instrument of communication. It is referred to as critical theory which directs the readers to analyze the conceptual meaning of the theory found in the text. Moreover, the readers also analyze the social

Costa Rica, Curacao, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Luxemburg, Macau, Madagascar, Mali, Mexico, Monaco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, St. Martin, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela. Nonetheless, there are places where prostitution is allowed with some restrictions/conditions like Burkina Faso, Columbia, Iceland, Ivory Coast, Japan, Liechtenstein, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the United States of America. Matt Meltzer. Accessed from "A World Map of Countries that have Legal Prostitution" in *Thrillist/Travel.*, <http://www.thrillist.com/travel/nation/legal-prostitution-world-map-of-every-country-that-has-legal-prostitution>, Accessed 24 October 2014

³ In the Philippines there are laws on modesty and lewdness but there is no law that prohibits prostitution itself. What is prohibited is the involvement of minors in the sex trade.

meaning of the text in terms of the class interest⁴. It is in this framework that this study is directed.

As for the theoretical considerations, this study considers simulation argument, virtual reality, and virtual intention. The simulation concept used in this paper is that of Nick Bostrom's who presented arguments that led to the conclusion that we almost certainly living in a computer simulation.⁵ If human life is a simulation, whatever a human person encounters is considered are to be a reality. Moreover, Barry Dainton further emphasized the concept by stating that simulated experiences are real experiences in their own right.⁶ With this, prostitution in the internet, or anywhere, though a simulation, is a reality.

Similarly, virtual reality is an artificial environment created with software and presented to the user in such a way that the user suspends belief and accepts it as a real environment. On a computer, virtual reality is primarily experienced through two of the five senses: sight and sound.⁷ Virtual reality can be simple or sophisticated. The first one can be a 3-D image which can be manipulated by simple movements, and or zooming in and out. The latter utilizes some devices, such as haptics⁸, that let one feel the display images. The Virtual Reality Modelling Language (VRML) allows the creator to specify images and the rules for their display and interaction using textual language statements.⁹ As such, explicit images, messages, and other manifestations done virtually are real.

Last among the theories used in this paper is the virtual intention. This concept is commonly talked about in ethics, especially in the discussions on the modifiers of human acts which include the Act itself, the Motive, and the Circumstances. Virtual intention falls under the discussion of Motive. Virtual intention, then, is a kind of intention that was once made and continues to influence the act now being done, but it is not present in the person's consciousness at the moment of performing the act. This kind of intention is sufficient for a human act to be voluntary and therefore morally responsible.¹⁰ Hence, virtual intention in the sexual context makes the agent fully responsible for his intended actions.

Review of the Prostitution Practices

The Near East

⁴ Emmanuel Batoon. *A guide to thesis writing in philosophy: for students, professors, and researchers* (Manila: REJN Publications, 2005).

⁵Nick Bostrom, "Are you living in a computer simulation?" in *Philosophical Quarterly* 57(211): 243-255 (2003), <http://www.simulation-argument.com>, accessed 2 February 2016

⁶Barry Dainton. "Innocence Lost Simulation Scenarios: Prospects and Consequences". The University of Liverpool, 2002, <http://www.simulation-argument.com/dainton.pdf>, accessed 1 February 2016

⁷ "Virtual reality" in *whatis.com*. <http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/virtual-reality> Retrieved 26 January 2016

⁸Haptics is the science of applying touch (tactile) sensation and control to interaction with computer applications. (The word derives from the Greek *haptain* meaning "to fasten.") By using special input/output devices (joysticks, data gloves, or other devices), users can receive feedback from computer applications in the form of felt sensations in the hand or other parts of the body.

⁹ "Virtual reality", *whatis.com*, <http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/virtual-reality>, accessed 26 January 2016

¹⁰Virtual intention in "Catholic dictionary", <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/dictionary/index.cfm?id=37121>, accessed 26 January 2016

Prostitution in the ancient era is sacred in nature. Prostitutes perform their services in what is called Sacred Temples, Shrines, and Houses of Heaven. Sexual intercourse is offered to various deities, setting it in the context of religious worship to make it sacred. In this context, the Sumerians called prostitutes as *kar.kid*¹¹ or temple prostitutes.

Early Babylonian custom compels a woman to sit in the Temple of Aphrodite¹² and wait for somebody to indulge in sexual intercourse. Once a woman has taken a place in the temple, she must stay until a stranger put some money in her lap and say, "*I invite you in the name of Mylitta*"¹³. The amount of money is not the objective of the act but on the fulfilment of the custom. The woman can never refuse to anyone with any amount otherwise it would be a sin. The money becomes sacred once the prostitution act culminates. After this sacred duty, the woman goes away to her home and may never be bribed of any amount of money for the same cause. This custom has to be experienced by every woman once in her life. Some are able to discharge this duty easily, while others wait for some years, depending on the woman's height and complexion.

Biblical Descriptions

Prostitution in the Near East, which is sacred in nature were also illustrated in the Bible. The Old Testament has an enormous account on prostitution. Some of the words that refer to prostitution are *zonah* and *kedesha* which means prostitute and consecrated respectively¹⁴. In the book of Genesis, the very first book of the Old Testament, this verse can be found: "Where is the shrine prostitute who was beside the road at Enaim?" "There hasn't been any shrine prostitute here," they said. So he went back to Judah and said, I didn't find her. Besides, the men who lived there said, "There hasn't been a prostitute here" (Genesis 38:21-22).

The Book of Ezekiel speaks about Oholah and Oholiba who were both prostitutes at a young age. They represent Samaria and Jerusalem, blameworthy for idolatry, adultery, and for religious and political alliance with pagans. Ezekiel narrates: "There she lusted after her lovers, whose genitals were like those of donkeys and whose emission was like that of horses. So you longed for the lewdness of your youth, when in Egypt your bosom was caressed and your young breasts fondled" (Ezekiel 23: 20-21). Hosea 4:14 narrates, "I will not punish your daughters when they turn to prostitution, nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery, because the men themselves consort with harlots and sacrifice with shrine prostitutes- a people without understanding will come to ruin!"

Second book of Maccabees states about the imposition of pagan cults, identifying the Jerusalem Temple as a temple of Olympian Zeus, thus desecrates it:

"Shortly afterwards, the king sent an old man from Athens to compel the Jews to abandon their ancestral customs and love no longer the laws of God; and to profane the temple in Jerusalem and dedicate it to Olympian Zeus, and that on Mount Gerizim and Zeus, patron of strangers, as the inhabitants had requested. The imposition of this evil was oppressive and altogether intolerable. The temple was filled with revelling and debauchery by the pagans, who took their pleasures with prostitutes and had intercourse with women in the

¹¹ Cf. "Prostitution is not the Oldest Profession" in *SAMIZDAT.*, <http://therealsamizdat.com/tag/kar-kid/> , Accessed 22 January 2016

¹² In Greek Mythology, the Goddess of love, desire, and beauty. cf. "Map of the Agora of Athens", *Socrates and Plato's time*, <http://plato-dialogues.org/tools/agora.htm>, accessed 15 January 2016

¹³ Babylonian mother-goddess and goddess of fertility, <http://www.mythologydictionary.com/mylitta-mythology.html>, accessed 14 January 2016

¹⁴ Sarah Forth. "Prostitution in the Bible", *Eve's Bible: A woman's guide to the Old Testament*, (New York: Saint Martin Press, 2008)

sacred precincts, introducing other indecencies besides. The altar of sacrifice was loaded with victims proscribed by the laws as unclean." (2 Maccabees 6:1-5)¹⁵

Prostitution in this era was not a monopoly for women as male likewise practice prostitution. In 1 Kings 15:12 a verse on male prostitution goes, "He expelled the male shrine prostitutes from the land and got rid of all the idols his ancestors had made." Another verse on similar account goes: "There were even male shrine prostitutes in the land; the people engaged in all the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites" (1 Kings 14:24). Moreover, 1 Kings 22:46 narrates, "He rid the land of the rest of the male shrine prostitutes who remained there even after the reign of his father Asa." These verses in the Bible reveal that prostitution was not practice only by women or is not only for women, but involved both sexes. Moreover, the verses in the Book of Deuteronomy say: "There must not be sacred prostitute among the daughters of Israel. You must not bring to the house of Yahweh the wages of a prostitute or the earnings of a dog (kelev)¹⁶, whatever vow that you have made, for both are detestable to Yahweh your God" (Deuteronomy 23:18-19)¹⁷. These biblical accounts provide pieces of evidence of an existing and flourishing prostitution in the Old Testament period.

Ancient Greece

Ancient Greece, in the temple of Aphrodite in Corinth, similarly employed a number of female servants as sacred prostitutes. In the 6th century BCE, three classes of prostitutes were determined: *pornai*, *hetaerae*, and street prostitutes. *Pornai* is a slave prostitute who is either a male or female. Pornais are the common buyable prostitutes. *Hetaerae* are female prostitutes¹⁸ who were educated and enjoy some sort of social influence. Aside from prostituting themselves, heterae also became wives of men who married late. Street prostitutes are freelance, who hook up clients along street corners. Prostitution in ancient Greece was generally legal but prohibited to Athenian citizens.¹⁹

Ancient India

*Maithuna*²⁰ is a term used in Tantric Buddhism to represent sexual union in a ritual context. It refers to male-female couples and their union in the physical and sexual sense. This sexual union is carnal and sinful unless the couple pass through being divine for the time being, by consecration and spiritual transformation.

Devadasi is a practice of hierodulic prostitution characterized by dedicating pre-pubescent and teen girls from the countryside in a ritual marriage to a deity. These teens become temple workers who act as spiritual guides, dancer, and sex providers for male believers in the temple. *Devadasis* are forced to this duty, aside from prostituting

¹⁵ Alexander Jones, ed., *The Jerusalem Bible*. Garden City, New York; London: Darton, Longman and Todd, Ltd. and Doubleday & Co. Inc., 1966

¹⁶ May signify a male dancer or a prostitute. cf. Kelev in *Blue Letter Bible*,
<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?t=KJV&strongs=H3611>,
accessed 16 January 2016

¹⁷ Alexander Jones, ed., *The Jerusalem Bible*. Garden City, New York; London: Darton, Longman and Todd, Ltd. and Doubleday & Co. Inc., 1966

¹⁸ N.S. Gill. "Education" in *About.com*,
<http://ancienthistory.about.com/od/sexualit1/g/011609hetaira.htm>, accessed
14 January 2016

¹⁹ "Classical and Hellenistic Greece" in *Education; About .com*,
http://penelope.uchicago.edu/~grout/encyclopaedia_romana/greece/hetairai/hetairai.html, accessed 26 October 2014

²⁰ Cf. "Maithuna, the Art of Sacred Sex",
<http://www.changes.org/med/sacredsex.html>, accessed 22 January 2016

themselves for the upper-class members.²¹ Similar to the practice of *Devadasi* is called *Deuki*. It is an ancient custom tolerated in some western regions of Nepal. This practice is characterized by offering a young girl to a Hindu temple aimed at gaining religious merit. Both Devadasis and Deukis offer sexual services in the temple.

Religious Prostitution in Central and South America

Central and South America performed the other form of prostitution: Homosexuality. This practice is prominent along the religious practices of the Mayans. Aztec, especially the religious leaders, practiced heterosexual celibacy. This practice is enhanced by putting idols depicting homosexuality. Inca, on the other hand, dedicate young boys as temple prostitutes. These boys were dressed in girls' clothing whom high religious officials and local leaders have sexual intercourse on determined ceremonies and holidays. The conquerors who arrived to these places were horrified by the widespread practice of this kind of temple prostitution, including ephebophilia, pederasty, and pedophilia²². Ephebophilia is the condition where one is sexually attracted to adolescents, while Pedophilia is the sexual attraction to children. Pederasty is the homosexual relations between men and boys²³.

Prostitution in the ancient times was generally religious in nature. The act becomes sacred as it is being offered to deity or deities. The practices were either based on customs and or on particular cultural practices. Some observable changes were the involvement of young women and young boys in prostitution practice. The involvement of young boys in the prostitution practices developed a homosexual practice called pederasty. Aside from the younger involvement of younger men and women, prostitution of men is a major observable change at the coming of the modern era.

Prostitutes in the Modern Era

The modern times welcomed the prostitution practices of the Ancient times, except for temple prostitution as it apparently stopped. Some practices evolved and adjusted to the changes of the times, namely, streetwalkers, bar girls, and call girls. These kind of prostitutes flocked along the streets and bars in search of clients.

Streetwalkers are the most common types of prostitute. They solicit clients in prominent public areas such as street corners, public transport terminals, and areas adjacent to brothels²⁴. They offer affordable sexual services making them the most numerous among the other types of their kind. They succeeded in their career by diligently hooking for clients in their areas.

Bar Girls usually flock over the taverns and wait for their customers. The difference between a streetwalker and a bar girl is that though bar girls solicit clients in public places, they are more discreet from the public eye. The

²¹ "Hidden Apartheid", *Human Rights Watch*, <https://www.hrw.org/report/2007/02/12/hidden-apartheid/caste-discrimination-against-indias-untouchables>, accessed September 2014

²²Flornoy, Bertrand. *The World of the Incas*. Trans. by Winifred Bradford. New York: Vanguard Press, 1956; Scott, George Ryley. *Phallic Worship*. London, Luxor, 1966; Brundage, Burr Cartwright. *Lords of Cuzco: A History and Description*. Norman, Okla.: University of Oklahoma Press, 1967. Murray, Victor. *The Economic Organization of the Inka State*. Greenwich, Conn.: JAI Press, 1980.

²³ "Ephebophilia, Pedophilia, and Pederasty", *Collins English Dictionary*, <http://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english>, accessed 8 September 2014

²⁴Brothel is "a building where prostitutes are available", *Miriam Webster Dictionary*, <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/brothel>, accessed 8 September 2014

number of a bar girl's client is limited by the number of people visiting the tavern²⁵. This limitation becomes more limited on the account of their physical attractiveness. The more attractive they are, the more successful they are in their career.

Call girls are the highest paid and hold the most prestigious pedestal among prostitutes. Their area of services ranges from own home to hotels, or to the residence of their clients. With this prostitution style, they evade possible arrests (in case prostitution is prohibited in the area), and they, at the same time, avoided the negative impressions on prostitutes since they are less noticeable compared to streetwalkers and the bar girls.

Young male prostitution was mentioned at the close of the ancient times. However, their kind was not given much attention. The centrality of women prostitution dominated the modern times. Their demand matched by their needs was a perfect combination of their existence. At the advent of the contemporary times, prostitution practices underwent changes leading to an evolved nature called Neo-Prostitution.

Prostitution in the Contemporary Times

Images of prostitutes in the modern times continued today though some form of prostitution were added depending on practices and locations. Road whores, child prostitute, adolescent prostitutes, party girls, career climbers, mistress, were the kinds of prostitutes that marked the contemporary times.

Road Whore is quite similar to pick-up girls who roam in the streets or on the areas outside bars. A major difference is that road whores are being picked alongside of roads. The common sexual service that a road whore offers is cock sucking, though, may offer other sexual services depending on the customer. A kind of sexual service being provided by the road whore has a differentiated fee.²⁶

A disturbing kind of prostitution is called as Child Prostitution where the players are the innocent children. Unlike the common types of prostitutes who knew very well what they do, children prostitutes may not really know what they are doing. They are much exploited, and unlike the other prostitutes who actually receive their remuneration, a child prostitute may not have the payment for his/her services. The pimp, or any other person, even parents, receives the remuneration. Though this kind of child labor necessitates urgent government actions, no one can determine whether this has been stopped.

In Adolescent Prostitution the players are juvenile and are under eighteen years of age. In the Philippines, prostitutes of such age are prohibited. Once they are apprehended, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) takes custody of them. Adolescent prostitutes usually lie about their age to avoid being caught by the authorities. In 2013, it was estimated that the number of adolescents involved in the prostitution business in the Philippines ranged from 60, 000 to 100, 000.²⁷ This is alarming as most of them were forced into the job.²⁸

²⁵ Tavern is "a building with a bar that is licensed to sell alcoholic drinks; tap house; beer garden, Dictionary.com" Dictionary.com Unabridged Source location: Random House, Inc. [http://dictionary reference.com/](http://dictionary.reference.com/). accessed 8 September 2014.

²⁶ Road whore. "Urban Dictionary.com" , *Urban Dictionary.com.*, <http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=road%20whore> , accessed 8 September 2014

²⁷ Leif Coorlim. "Undercover journalists trawl Manila's seedy red light district" in *The Fighter: A CNN Project Documentary*, May 13, 2013, <http://edition.cnn.com/2013/05/06/world/asia/freedom-fighters-undercover/>, accessed 8 September 2014

²⁸ Ibid.

A party girl is a physically attractive young woman hired to attend parties and entertain men. Unlike the common concept of a party girl as one who is fond of partying for partying sake, there are those who define 'party girl' as a prostitute.²⁹

Mistress is a woman who clings to a married man. While the man is provided with sexual services, the mistress receives material support. This conception may vary for some mistresses continue the relationship not based on the material benefits. Some cases can be the reverse: the married man being supported by the mistress. In the previous areas of discussions referring to an era, there was no claim for a mistress being identified with prostitutes. In this study, mistresses are labelled as prostitutes as they cling to a married man with material remuneration or benefits in return.

Career Climbers may be simply wishing for a better and stable career. However, they become prostitutes when they exchange their employment status with sexual gratifications to their superiors. In maintaining employment positions, career climbers may continue being a prostitute to their bosses.

It should be noted that party girls, mistress, and career climbers were not regarded as prostitutes. However, in this study, with the conditions presented, they are considered prostitutes. Aside from these kinds of prostitutes, some establishments became sources of prostitutes. These establishments include places where prostitutes are unlikely expected like the massage parlour and escort agency. Massage parlour is basically an establishment that provides massage services. Nowadays, some massage parlours may offer not just massage but sexual services³⁰. It should be noted that some massage parlours are fronts of real prostitution. Escort services are provided by an Escort agency whereby the agency arranges the meeting of the client and the escort. The meeting can be done at the client's preference, either in his own place or in a hotel. It can also be in the escort's residence. The duration of the escort service can last depending on the agreement by the agency and the client. The client agrees to pay for the booking and dispatch service. Prostitution is consummated when the client negotiates with the escort for sexual services.

Aside from the party girls, mistresses, and carer climbers, escort services and massage attendant are likewise new forms of prostitutes that developed in the contemporary times. This is a sign that prostitution evolved as to its location and the manner of hooking patrons. Nonetheless, the evolution of prostitution's nature is not limited to such changes.

Paving the way to the evolution of prostitution

Prostitution is commonly interpreted as an actual sexual contact by the sex provider or prostitute with the patron. As presented in the historical background, there is always an actual and real meeting of the eye between a prostitute and the patron before their sexual activity. In the modern times down the contemporary period, there were some modifications on how prostitutes work their ways. Interestingly, some prostitutes in the contemporary era were not considered in the earlier times like the career climbers, party girls, and the mistress. These three categories were considered to be prostitutes in the development of this paper. They are prostitutes as they share similar objective with the other kinds of prostitutes: economic value. This economic value comes after they have provided sexual services.

As the present era goes through automation in almost all fibre of human life, especially the advent of the telephone and the internet, prostitution goes virtual.

²⁹ "Party-girl", *Dictionary.com*. Unabridged. Random House, Inc.
<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/party-girl>, accessed May 13, 2015

³⁰ "Massage parlor", *American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition*. (2011),
<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/massage+parlor>, accessed 13 May 2015

Telephone/Cellular Phone

The invention of the telephone is basically intended for communication purposes. Originally, telephone operators are manned by men, but at the end of 1880, women dominated the telephone business. As the telephone business was established, there were those intended only for phone sex. People who may or may not actually know each other indulge in a sexual conversation that would lead to sexual frantic. The advent of cellular phones advanced a wide range of phone sex practices. Since cell phones are designed for calling and texting, a new form of sexual conversation called sex text developed. Sex text, likewise, were practiced by people who may know each other or a stranger to each other. They exchange SMS³¹ of sexual nature leading to erotic fantasies. The fundamental purpose of telephones and cell phones as gadgets for communication eventually produced two kinds of sexual conversation: phone sex and text sex. These two were raised to a higher level as these kinds gained a place in the cyberspace or the internet.

The Cyberspace

Cyberspace is an amorphous, supposedly "virtual" world created by links between computers, internet-enabled devices, servers, routers, and other components of internet infrastructure. Cyberspace is the place produced by these links³². In the 1990s, cyberspace as a term was taken to describe the "location" in which people interacted with each other while using the internet. This is the place on which online games occur, the land of chat rooms and the home of instant-messaging conversations. Hence, the location of the games or the chat room itself can be said to "exist" in the cyberspace.³³As the cyberspace allows users to share information, interact, swap ideas, play games, engage in discussions or social forums, conduct business, and create intuitive media, among many other activities,³⁴ it also became a place for anything or anybody else, including prostitution.

The genesis of the cyberspace serves as a vast extension of prostitution practice. The cyberspace becomes an unlimited market of prostitution in various forms. Cybersex is usually performed in chat rooms which are either operated by a particular web site. However, individuals or groups may also perform in a makeshift cybersex den and in private houses by simply installing a webcam. Cybersex, as an erotic activity has the following forms or names: sex chat, web cam chat, erotic chat, computer sex, internet sex, netsex, mudsex³⁵, TinySex, and cybering. Sex chat, web cam chat, conversex, and erotic chat uses the instant messaging system (IMS) to exchange sexually explicit messages which may culminate in a sexual atmosphere. This sexual atmosphere can be enhanced by using the web cam, resulting to a more explicit, obscene exposition of one or both parties ending up in virtual sexual satisfaction. The succession of these sexual practices immortalizes the original conception of prostitution in a virtual reality.

³¹ SMS stands for "Short Message Service". SMS is used to send text messages to mobile phones. The messages can typically be up to 160 characters in length, though some services use 5-bit mode, which supports 224 characters. SMS was originally created for phones that use GSM (Global System for Mobile) communication, but now all the major cell phone systems support it. Cf. "SMS" TechTerms, *TechTerms.com*. <http://techterms.com/definition/sms>, accessed 15 January 2016

³²"Cyberspace", <http://global.britannica.com/topic/cyberspace>, accessed 20 September 2014

³³ Jennifer Russel. "Cyberspace", [global.britannica.com](http://global.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/147819/cyberspace), <http://global.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/147819/cyberspace>, accessed 20 September 2014

³⁴"Cyberspace", <https://www.techopedia.com/definition/2493/cyberspace>, accessed 06 March 2016

³⁵ From the acronym MUD (Multi-User Domain), originally a role-playing video game set in fiction and fantasy. This later became a venue for sexually explicit conversations.

Cyber or Internet Relationships

Cyber or Internet relationship is one that developed and sustained out of the meeting from the internet via Online Dating Sites³⁶. The individuals may find themselves in the relationship and whether they may or may not meet in person, the relationship can turn emotional and romantic. Another way of developing relationships on the internet is by joining online forums or chat rooms. This kind of online encounter is designed for multiple users having similar interest, a kind of conferencing that may end up hooking people they wanted to relate within the web. This kind of internet group texting encounter is now being enhanced by the installation of web cams whereby the individuals able to determine the physical features of chatters. This set-up is referred to as a chat room where people can communicate by writing messages to each other on a particular subject,³⁷ including sex.

Online Games

Online games have a rich but simple background on how it became an interest of people, both young and old. A good thing to note is the manner as to how this became a part of the umbrella of cyberspace prostitution. It happens that prostitutes themselves are online and actually playing games. As chat is enabled in the games, meeting for clients via games is always possible. Moreover, some game sites allow pop ups from other sites which invite gamer to follow a link leading to some pornographic sites. A wide range of links is available once a pornographic site is opened. From this come a lot of offers for sexual services both from local and foreign prostitutes.

Cyberspace and Sexuality

Internet Affairs

Internet affairs can start with a simple online chat. This affair can be a mutual relationship of heterosexual or homosexual individuals who try to find comfort or entertainment in the web. These individuals may or may not know each other personally. Internet romance can be directly aimed at the core of the intention of an individual, yet can also be a result of an initial internet affair. This kind of romance is virtual but can become real as one or both parties may emotionally be attached to the relationship.

Internet Adultery

The common notion of adultery is the sexual infidelity of a married woman to her partner. In the old times adultery is committed by an unmarried woman having sex outside the bondage of marriage. It has to be determined whether a woman is committing adultery or not. The only possible way to determine is to catch them in the act. In the present times, hi-tech cameras are used to monitor the sexual infidels. Internet Adultery does invalidate the notion of sexual infidelity. In fact, internet adultery can be widespread and numerous. A woman (or a man) can have more than one sexual partner in the cyberspace without easily being caught since there is no much evidence about the affair. The hi-tech gadgets of today and the easy access to the internet facilitate the communication and meeting of the cyber partners. Adultery in this sense is not much easy to determine, but the essence of what adultery is remains.

³⁶ Online dating site: A way of starting a romantic relationship on the internet, by giving information about yourself or replying to someone else's information, *Cambridge Dictionaries Online*.
<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/online-dating>, accessed 18 January 2016

³⁷ Confer to "chat room", *Cambridge Dictionary*,
<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/chat-room>, accessed 7 March 2016

Cybersex

An internet affair may result to internet romance and eventually to a cyber-sexual activity. Cybersex is an activity in which people become sexually excited by sending messages about sex to each other over the internet.³⁸ However, cybersex is not only about sending messages. It also means sexual activity, display, or discussion engaged in via the internet (computer).³⁹ As such, cybersex appears in many forms, but the most common is masturbation in front of web cams. As Harley Hahn puts it, "The goal of mud sex⁴⁰ is the same as the goal of regular sex (without the babies): to bond temporarily in a way that is physically and emotionally satisfying. To do so, two people will exchange messages so as to lead one another a high level of sexual arousal, culminating in a well-defined resolution."⁴¹ In this sense, sexual satisfaction expanded its area to a much larger one, leading to the evolution of prostitution, called the Neo-Prostitutes.

Exploring the NEO-PROSTITUTES

The advent of telephone and the World Wide Web paved the way for virtual sexual adventures. With this the common concept and definition of prostitution evolved. The original nature of prostitution as sexual gratification or satisfaction of persons involved through actual sexual contact has extended via telephone and the internet. A new form of prostitution is emerging dubbed in this paper as Neo-Prostitution. Briefly, Neo-Prostitution is basically a virtual sexual satisfaction. However, the concept is not limited to being virtual as other forms of Neo-Prostitution are constituted such as the Mistress, Party Girls, and the Career climbers. Moreover, Neo-Prostitution is likewise manifested on certain conditions where partners are engaged in sexual atmosphere. This suggests that Neo-Prostitution may or may not actually involve an actual and real sexual contact. It rightly maintains the original conception of what prostitution is, though Neo-Prostitution includes some new practices depicted by the partners concerned.

The different practices of prostitution from the modern times down to contemporary period manifest unending existence of prostitution. Aside from the different practices in innumerable settings, it is more enforced by the accessibility of the internet. In the net, new ways of prostitution are very much available both in actual and virtual situations. It is actual when somebody on the phone found someone accommodating a sex talk. Likewise, in the internet, it is actual when partners agree to any sexual gratuity in exchange of money. On the other hand, it is virtual since both on the telephone and in the internet, sexual activities are fantasies; there is no actual sexual contact but only virtual⁴². With this, the study claims that prostitution has evolved and overlapped the old concept that prostitutes are those who provide sexual gratification through actual sexual contact with the patron.

This study suggests, first, that Neo-Prostitution is not only through actual sexual contact of the prostitute and the patron, but also virtual. Secondly, in the old concept, prostitutes are those who provide sexual services to the patron. The patron is not in any way referred to as a prostitute though she/he is similarly benefited by the contract. Thus, this study claims that Neo-Prostitution is not limited to the manifestation of actual sexual intercourse but also in the desire to gain pleasure or gratification from a partner or a subject. Hence, in the Neo-Prostitution, the one who desires and the one who actually provided the pleasure are both prostitutes. This means that the patron and the one who accepted the patron are Neo-Prostitutes as long as they both gratify themselves in a sexual atmosphere. (This sexual atmosphere is a state of being, a condition wherein two or more individuals, homogenous or heterogeneous,

³⁸"Cybersex", *Dictionary.Com.*,
<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/cybersex>, accessed 6 March 2016

³⁹ Ibid.

⁴⁰Mud sex in this context is synonymous with cybersex.

⁴¹Hahn, H. (1996). *The Internet Complete reference* (2nd Ed.) Osborne McGraw-Hill., P. 570

⁴² Phone sex and netsex may finally end up in an actual physical sexual contact.

intended and proceeded to commit themselves to sexual activities of any kind. Whenever an individual, actual or virtual, solicits sexual gratification from each other, neo-prostitution is present. If the sexual desire is one sided, then that does not belong to the category of neo-prostitutes. That single sexual desire may be lusting for anything or somebody else.) The attainment of sexual gratification or satisfaction in that sexual atmosphere varies. It could be attained simply by the actual presence of individuals desiring, satisfying the moments in a sexual nature. Neo-prostitutes, then, can be anywhere; office, classroom, park, church, and so on, as long as the encounters are in a sexual atmosphere.

Third, in the classic concept, the one who asks for a sexual service (patron) needs to be gratified sexually, and the one who renders sexual service also desires for gratification, which is possible in two ways: sexually and economically. Both the client and the prostitute aimed at being gratified. In Neo-Prostitution, the idea of sexual gratification remains unchanged. The presence of both (or more) in a sexual atmosphere can gratify sexually, actual or virtual. Moreover, in Neo-Prostitution, though one partner is not sexually gratified, she/he is a prostitute so long as he/she desires sexually the other. It should be noted that any partner within the sexual atmosphere who are not bounded by legal or marital union are Neo-Prostitutes.

The internet is a storage of unlimited files of pornography that virtually portray sexual practices of any kind: cyber chat, cyber dating, cyber relationships, web cam, and the like are occasions leading to cybersex, thus an experience of sexual activities for people of both sexes outside of the physical presence of sex partner or partners. These, at most, facilitate Neo-Prostitution.

Thus, Neo-prostitution manifests in actual sexual activities of partner/s, gratified or not, paid or not, as long as their sexual union is not bounded by any legal or marital contracts. Fornication, adultery, and bigamous relationships⁴³ are considered by this study as neo-prostitution. Moreover, the sex trader and the patron are both prostitutes; they are both in the state of nature of giving and receiving in the name of sex. The patron is to be satisfied sexually, and the sex trader can be satisfied both sexually and economically.

Virtual sex via telephone or by the internet is in itself prostitution, hence, virtual prostitution. Similar to the old concept of prostitution, the patron pays, the prostitute provides. This kind of prostitution is rightly backed both by virtual reality, virtual intention, and simulation theories. Virtual prostitution is done virtually yet when the action is consummated, it is a reality because the effect or result is real. Similarly, in virtual intention, the intention by itself constitutes a reality that occurs in that virtual encounter. Nowadays, virtual prostitution is much more likely practiced compared to the common prostitution that people know. The accessibility of the internet made this kind of prostitution widespread since it observes no time. The internet is twenty four seven (24/7) open compared to other prostitution areas that are mostly open only at night. Virtual sex is a simulation of actual sexual contact. The objective outcome of an actual sexual contact is nonetheless similar to that of the virtual conduct, hence the simulation is real and constitutes moral and or legal accountability on both of the actors.

Finally, Neo-Prostitutes may not have an actual sexual contact. They may be both physically present in a single area, but cannot just do their sexual desires because they are in a public place, or in the church, or office, thus they may virtually have erotic fantasies leading to some kind of sexual satisfaction. This is sexual atmosphere: a condition where two or more individuals physical or virtual, consent for sexual satisfaction or fantasies. Having sexual atmosphere, therefore, is likewise supported by the theories presented above.

In the Old Testament, there is already a virtual concept of prostitution. The presentation of the concept was by analogy, or by the use of figure of speech depicting in a way how a prostitute practices her profession. In the book of Hosea, it says: "For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them acted shamefully. For she said, "I will go after my lovers; they give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink." (Hosea 2:5).

⁴³ Islam practice of allowing males to have more than one spouse is an exemption.

In the New Testament, Revelation 17:5 presents this account: "The name written on her forehead was a mystery: Babylon the mother of prostitutes and the abominations of the earth."⁴⁴ Here the use of the word *prostitute* is a representation of Babylon, hence, virtual.

Jesus Christ, in the New Testament presented a condition relative to the sexual practices in his time. He said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (Matthew 5:27-28)⁴⁵. Here the commission of adultery is not actual. It could only be a kind of sexual imagination or fantasies towards a woman. Jesus Christ declared that anyone who is in that state of mind is already committing adultery, which is a sin, an offense against God. It should be noted that the act is not actual but virtual; however, the commission of sin is there. The pronouncement is based on the sexual intention towards a woman. Everything remains yet in the mind. But Jesus Christ is aware and cautious to where this kind of thought might end, hence such kind of desire is already a sin against sexuality. In such a pronouncement Jesus Christ is teaching his followers to have a pure and chaste mind; not to sexually desire anyone, anywhere if that one is not the lawful husband or wife.

This concept of Jesus Christ is one of the bases in developing the present idea of Neo-prostitution. The original concepts of prostitution where the actors perform in actual real situations remain. However, Neo-prostitution goes beyond that because aside from the actual sexual practices, it further includes virtual sexual intention and fantasies that could occur anytime, anyplace in the internet. Nonetheless, the occurrence of sexual intention and fantasies is not limited to what can be explored via internet. Virtual sexual intention and fantasies likewise happen outside the realm of the internet. It may happen anytime, anywhere, thus anybody with such a sexual mind frame is a Neo-prostitute.

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https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?qs_version=NIV&quicksearch=prostitute&begin=73&end=73, accessed 15 January 15

⁴⁵ Confer to Matthew 5:27 and Exodus 20:14n *Holy Bible, New International Version*®. Biblica, Inc., ©1973, 1978, 1984, 2011,
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