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Teleological vs. Instrumental View

We have to take more seriously the radically different view of human beings we hold as Christians.



Habit of the pro-life willing to sacrifice



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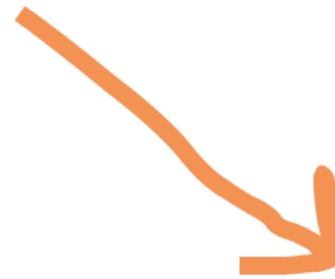
We are free to discover and live out our nature

not free to determine and self-define that nature.

# Internal Experience of Myself



Discipline,  
motivate and  
exercise



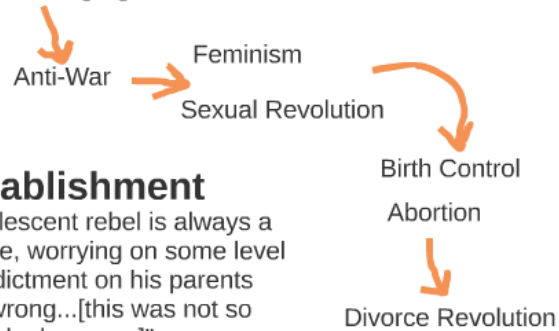
Crucify and kill (Rom 8)  
(not the same think  
as "repression")

Half of the pre-fall  
setting is on gender.



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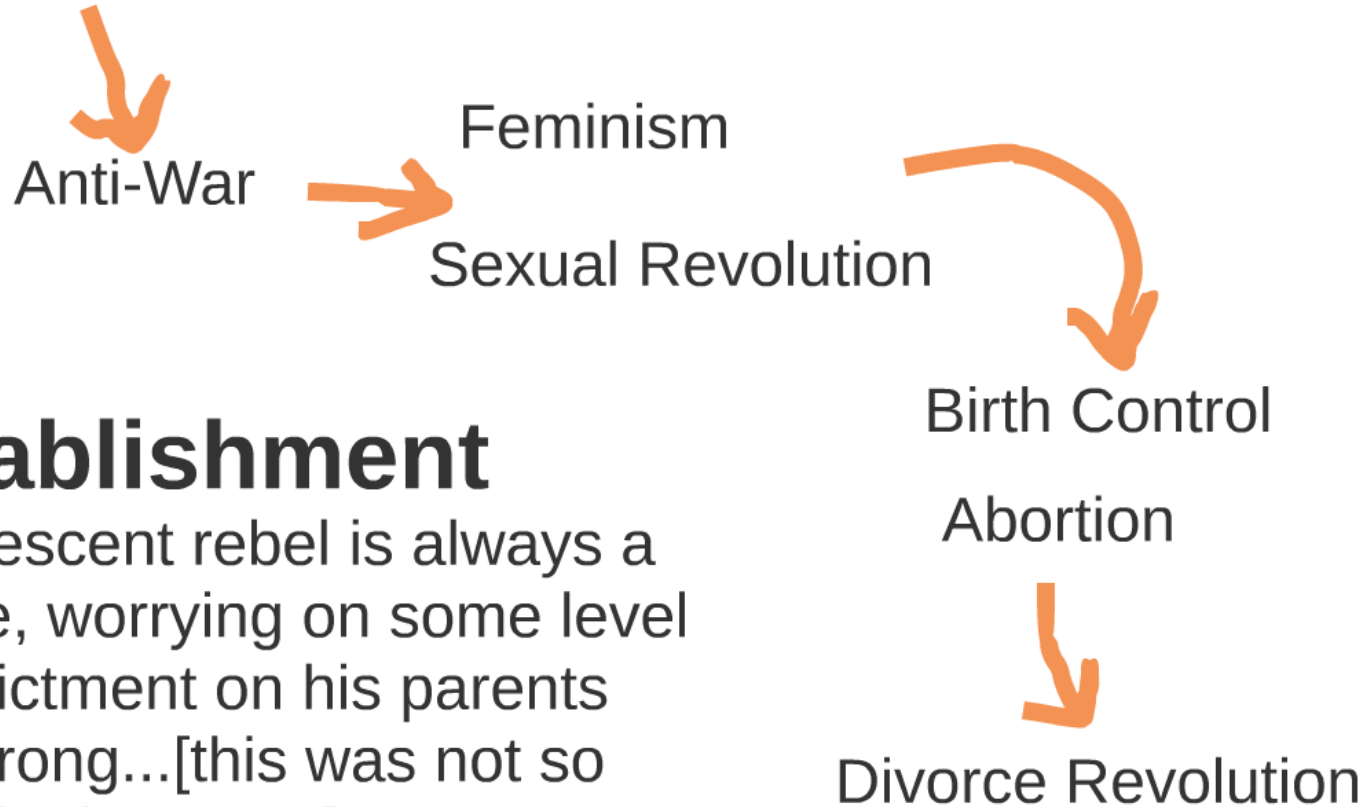
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