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## Blankenship's "The mystery and the masterpiece: The message of marriage" (book review)

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# Book Reviews

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Blankenship, Sr. R. (2017). *The mystery and the masterpiece: The message of marriage*. Greenville, SC: Ambassador International. 123 pp. \$12.99. ISBN 9781620205747

Some people may find this book to be controversial. There are many books about marriage, but according to Randy Blankenship, Sr., most of them miss the main point of God's purpose for marriage. According to him, marriage and its accompanying sex are actually forms of worship of God, and that God intended them to be an illustration of the relationship that God wants to have with us. He states, "Sexual activity between a man and a woman, within the holiness of marriage, is a picture of Christ the Bridegroom entering into His bride, leaving part of Himself (the Holy Spirit), and giving us new life" (p. 29). To illustrate his theory, he references various verses in the Bible compare events to marriage and/or its accompanying sexuality. In addition, he addresses sex that is not within a marriage relationship, as well as homosexuality, giving reasons for their not being blessed by God.

According to the back cover of the book, Pastor Blankenship "is a church planter, missionary, and pastor." *The Mystery and the Masterpiece* would be appropriate for those exploring the reasons for marriage.

## **Reviewer**

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