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FAMILY MANIFESTO

*What Went Wrong with the Moral Basis
for the Family and How to Restore It*



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“After understanding the big picture of why the family is in decline, anyone can learn and apply the correct personal concepts designed to bring about a strong, healthy world-changing family.” —L.M. Kohm

Drawing on her years of research in Family Law and Religion, Kohm has written this manifesto with an aim at describing what has occurred in the past 200 years in law and society to shape the family of today, while offering choices which can be made in law and in our personal lives to influence change for generations to come. The ultimate goal of her manifesto is to set out a simple yet intentional strategy for attaining not only what is good about families, but to challenge that what IS good and true and best about families is attainable with God.

First and foremost Kohm’s foundation for this work is that **family is the single most important factor** in our society, and that Jesus Christ must be included in the decisions we make in order to create the necessary changes for societal improvements. In Kohm’s opinion, law ought to be approached in a manner that strengthens the family, but that the body of law cannot be relied upon for transformation or rescue of the family.

In this insightful work, **Kohm explains the macro philosophies and ideologies** that have dramatically contributed to the decline and deconstruction of the family. She exposes **ideology that masquerades as science**, rights that are disguised as constitutional, and privilege that expects a following. In just one example, Kohm explains that “liberty” today is less about the Founding Fathers’ belief that individuals ought to be free to be responsible for themselves and self-governed in a nation by the people and for the people, but more about the false, distorted ideal of many that “liberty” today is about people living by personal desire and natural instinct, free of consequence and responsibility.

Part II of her work focuses on family restoration in a post-Christian culture, arguing for normative standards that hold marriage and parenting inexorably linked. Kohm believes that laws should be based on moral ideas and those ideas shape character. With this in mind, societal laws need to be developed around the preservation of the family, not its destruction.

An exceptional work which also provides guidelines for anyone to improve upon their own lives, as well as a bibliography to aid in further research on the topic, ***Family Manifesto*** would be a welcome addition with other Family and Religious Law titles. **Order yours from Hein today!**

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