

Passionate Modernity

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Passion and pessimism. Zygmunt Bauman has known the terror of war and the trauma of exile. These experiences have made him a champion of the underdog and a caustic critic of the status quo. It influenced enormously Bauman's *Modernity and the Holocaust* published four years later. The book received great critical acclaim in Germany, and provoked controversy elsewhere for "letting Germany off the hook".

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1. Introduction: Sexual Swarajya, Debased Muslims and Uncontrollable Tribals: Subcontinental Sex Questions
2. Instruction for Utopia: 'Sane Sex Living', Eugenics, and the Making of a Transnational Modernity in the Early InPolygamy and Sublime Passion, Keith McMahon introduces a new concept, "passive polygamy," to explain the unusual number of Qing stories in which women take charge of a man's desires, turning him into an instrument of female will. To this he adds a story that haunted the institutions of polygamy and prostitution: the tale of "sublime passion," in which the main characters are a "remarkable" woman and her male lover.