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Eros Flowing Like Crazy With Penn Minister

There's plenty to talk about the election today — okay, not really — but let's begin with a story that's better than politics. It's about religion and sex. Usually, that means “priest sex scandal,” but this is *good* religion and sex. At Penn, the Rev. Beverly Dale [mixes religion with, uh, “erotic passion.”](#) Now here's a religion I could get into!

Rev. Dale says she's attempting to break the right-wing's stranglehold on Christian imagery, even though she's the only one she knows of doing this sex/God mashup. “The erotic is an incredibly powerful urge that can be exploitative, and the fear is it cannot be controlled, but of course it can be,” Dale told *The Daily Pennsylvanian*. “But rather than help people channel the erotic, the Church has historically repressed it in a limited, legalistic way.”

Hey, this sounds both crazy and perfectly sensible at the same time. Hey, if I can find somebody who tells me God wants me to have a better sex life, sounds good to me. As Dale says: “If you have a marriage license, Eros is supposed to flow like crazy, but pieces of paper do not guarantee a satisfying erotic life, and the real issue is that the Church has cut off the body from the spirit.” Sign me up.

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