

**sex  
machines**

photographs and interviews



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Jon Traven's homestead sits on four acres of land in the woods outside of Idaho City, Idaho. He acquired the sprawling property at a time when he was exiting a marriage and looking for some purpose to his life. He is slowly renovating the main house and various buildings to be used as a Christian children's ranch, serving the needs of the local foster care system.

Here I am, this divorced Christian guy, not promiscuous at all, and here I am with a sex machine. It was an idea I came up with in the last year or two of the marriage, as a last-ditch attempt to save whatever we had...our sex life, if nothing else. She actually pushed me for a divorce before I could finish it and give it to her.

As a single person, I've had more married couples come to me and ask, "Jon, can you sit down with us, listen to us, and give us feedback?" They were essentially asking me, the single divorced guy, for marriage counseling. Maybe that is God's way of giving me direction and being real. This counseling is something I've begun to take seriously.

How does this all relate to the machine? Well, I just think it would be a good door to open for people who are looking for help. The people who would be interested in these sorts of things sometimes also are the same people who are searching for answers. And I think that at those intersection points I could help out.

So, I want to sell it to a couple. I was a virgin when I got married. I think sex outside marriage is, quite simply, destructive. But if a married couple wants something I can build, to add spice or enjoyment to their own relationship, I am all there, and am open to building more.

I will require anyone ordering a machine from me to provide proof of marriage and a signed statement of intent to use only within that marriage—kind of like a gun dealer that requires proof of age and proof of passage of a firearm safety test before selling someone a firearm.

Sexual arousal is a doorway to a person's very soul and isn't to be messed with lightly.

