

# Degrees of Intimacy in Modern Civilization: An Investigation of Fulton Sheen's Thesis on Radio, Television and Personal Appearance

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**Abstract:** In whichever form of relationship, intimacy reveals communication and communion. When this communication is between a human being and an inanimate object, it sparks off less communion and more communication. When it concerns human persons in interpersonal relationship, it elicits both communication and communion. With this motivation in mind, the researcher embarked on a review-paper titled: "Degrees of Intimacy in Modern Civilization: An Investigation of Fulton Sheen Thesis on Radio, Television and Personal Appearance." Results of the qualitative study revealed that the author's views that radio, television and personal appearance are metaphors for degrees of intimacy namely, hearing, seeing and touching are apt. However, in the context of pastoral communication, the author did not highlight the contents of both radio and television and how they apply to communication. The study recommended further profound appreciation of Sheen's thesis and research about his involvement with the media. It concluded that if harnessed, the degrees of intimacy in modern civilization would foster greater communication between God and man and between human beings and the created order with all the advances in technology there are.

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And for sure, our modern civilization created its own problems; population aging, obesity, decline in physical fitness, mental insecurity and illnesses, environmental destruction...; but the difference from old civilizations is that we have achieved a level of knowledge, experience and technology to be able to tackle those problems and hope to solve them... if we put our minds to it. Cheddar Man, 9000-year old remains found in England, was dark-skinned. If you saw a Homo Sapiens like those remains found in the Omo River of Ethiopia, but alive, dressed in a suit with a nice shave and haircut, walking down the streets of London, I doubt you would think he was anything but some guy from Africa. Culturally we have changed a lot, but those are lea. Continue Reading. Following more than four "The Clash of Civilizations?" (1993). Both decades of ideological conflicts between men later extended their argument and Capitalism and Communism, he was arguing published books, in which they elaborated in his 1993 Foreign Affairs article, that the their original theses further. 1 At first, there main source of future struggles would be the was much debate going on between cultural divisions between civilizations rather supporters and critics of both views, 2 yet a than ideology. 4 few years later, globalization, the Internet, In this paper we want the "modern nuclear family" ' consisting of married couples who lived. together in households only with their children. She argues convincingly that. 'despite all the sociological talk about the difficulty of defining families and. the plurality and diversity of family forms in contemporary (postmodern?) societies, sociologists were helping to construct a "normal" family which. investigations of the future of intimacy and care must proceed, and has proved. extremely influential on those conducting empirical research on family. change. However, that literature does not exhaust the resources for theoretic-. cal analysis of contemporary social change on which those seeking to under-. stand cultures of intimacy and care should draw. Following Roseuil (2000b)