

Chapter 1 : Men As Trees Teaching Ministries

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A master of menace, he invested his plays with an atmosphere of fear, horror, and mystery. Harold Pinter was born on Oct. He won a scholarship to the local school, Hackney Downs Grammar School. In he entered the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts and then joined a repertory company as an actor and toured England and Ireland. After marrying actress Vivien Merchant in , he began writing plays, giving up the poetry, short stories, monologues, and an autobiographical novel, *The Dwarfs*, that he would eventually publish in . The relationship of villain and victim emerges gradually in all three of these plays. In *The Dumb Waiter* two hired gunmen experience strange terrors while receiving orders delivered via a dumb waiter shaft until one performs the assigned task by killing the other. In *The Birthday Party* impulse and instinct war with repression on many levels as Stanley fences with his companionsâ€™ motherly Meg; luscious Lulu; apathetic Petey; and his tormentors, the irresistible instruments of conformity, Goldberg and McCann. Pinter adapted his radio play *A Slight Ache* , about a wife who exchanges a stranger for her husband, from his short story "The Examination" and later made it into a stage play. He next wrote two revue sketches, *Pieces of Eight* and *One to Another*. Another radio play, *A Night Out* , followed. In it, a devious old tramp is befriended and sheltered in his cluttered room by the kindly Aston until his calculating brother ousts the would-be caretaker. *Night School* appeared on radio the same year, depicting two aunts mothering Walter as he pursues a tart who has rented his room while he has been in prison. It presents a pair of threatening figures cruelly descending upon the hapless Len with his disintegrating fantasies about ghoulish dwarfs. Pinter later adapted two television plays for the stage: *She stays on* as the whore-mistress for his father and brothers, and he agrees to return to the United States alone. The following year he wrote three one-act plays: *Landscape*, an exchange of reminiscences in non-connecting monologues between two old people; *Silence*, which mixed a three-person monologue and dialogue in a kind of dramatic poem; and the funny sketch *Night*. His full-length drama *Old Times* has no plot; it is a play about the past. The three characters spend an evening reminiscing about events that may or may not have occurred. In Pinter was made the Associate Director of the National Theatre, a post he would hold until . In the same year he married Lady Antonia Fraser. In his later plays he is especially concerned with what he regards as the nearly impossible task of verifying appearances. Pinter thinks of speech as "a constant stratagem to cover nakedness. He contributed many works, some of which are: *Hinchliffe Harold Pinter The Poetics of Silence* ; and *Victor L. Encyclopedia of World Biography*. Copyright The Gale Group, Inc.

Chapter 2 : Lois Gordon (Author of Nancy Cunard)

Stratagems to Uncover Nakedness: The Dramas of Harold Pinter by Lois G. Gordon (review) Arnold P. Hinchliffe Modern Drama, Volume 13, Number 4, Winter , pp. (Review).

Betrayal Overview English playwright Harold Pinter ranks among the fore-most postwar British dramatists. He invested his plays with an atmosphere of fear, horror, and mystery. These plays continue to encourage scrutiny and reexamination from not only the author himself, but from scholars as well. He grew up in a working-class neighborhood that, despite dilapidated housing, railway yards, and a dirty canal, he remembers fondly. However, like other English children who grew up in London during the German air raids of World War II, he learned firsthand about living with imminent and omnipresent terror, a theme that appears in much of his work. Relocation in and "from London to Cornwall and Reading, as part of the evacuation of civilians from bombing targets during the war" would also affect his writing. Also appearing early was his skill with words, which not only launched his career as a writer, but also helped him survive the streets and alleys of the East End. He recalled in a Paris Review interview with Lawrence M. Also, I went to a Jewish club by an old railway arch, and there were quite a lot of people often waiting with broken milk bottles in a particular alley we used to walk through. At RADA, a place he detested, he cut classes, faked a nervous breakdown, and after two terms, finally dropped out in At the same time, Pinter was called to National Service, but instead registered as a conscientious objector. For this he was taken to trial and fined. In, after another grueling six months at the Central School of Speech and Drama, he joined the Anew McMaster repertory company, touring England and Ireland and performing in over a dozen roles. The next year he took regional acting jobs in England, followed by work for the Donald Wolfitt Company, which continued from through Under the stage name David Baron after his grandmother, whose maiden name was Baron, Pinter supplemented his meager income for the next five years by waiting tables, making postal deliveries, working as a bouncer, and shoveling snow. He gave up writing poetry and began writing the plays that would, by, establish his career. The Basement aired in In Pinter was made the Associate Director of the National Theatre, a post he would hold until After his first marriage dissolved, in he married British historian and novelist Lady Antonia Fraser. It was also during this period that he was at his most prolific. This increasing influence of scenery play-writing is apparently due to his increased involvement in film. After writing several plays that were subsequently filmed, he wrote screenplays that have garnered continued acclaim. These have made use of his linguistic skills and devices and have addressed his own penchant for themes such as adultery, duplicity, artistic stasis, and homosexuality. Critics and scholars alike consider many of his full-length plays to be among the most important plays of the mid-twentieth century. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors for his lifetime achievement, including the Nobel Prize for Literature. He has remained active in the worlds of publishing, theater, and film, even after his announced retirement in Pinter continues to be applauded by everyone, from the British Library, which has purchased his literary archive, to Pinter scholars and fans who appreciate his rigorous scrutiny of the common, the comic, and the classes. American jazz trumpeter who died young, leaving a brief but remarkable recording legacy. Influential Swedish screenwriter and film and stage director known for such films as Wild Strawberries and The Seventh Seal An American psychologist and countercultural phenomenon who famously experimented with and wrote about his use of hallucinogenic drugs like LSD. Often, because the past is unverifiable in a Pinter play, all that viewers can know about a Pinter character is what they themselves discern. The plots, despite their surface calm, are often spiked by what audiences find equally disturbing: Influences It has been said that epic theater appeared to have the least influence on Pinter, who shunned such Bertolt Brecht conventions as having his characters and themes make implied social and political statements. This is where Pinter shows multiple influences. He also displays a similarity with Kafka and other existential writers, exposing, as he does in several plays, the fragmentation of attitude, thinking, and, therefore, the self. Considered to belong to no single school, Pinter has instead drawn from each to create a body of work idiosyncratically and recognizably his own. Pinter has been thought to take some influence from renowned writers Wilfred Owen, Marcel Proust, and William Shakespeare. The

dialogue and the characters are real, but the over-all effect is one of mystery, of uncertainty, of poetic ambiguity. The latter play was a clever fragment grown dropsical with symbolic content. In *The Caretaker* symptoms of paranoia are still detectable but considerably abated; and the symbols have mostly retired to the background. What remains is a play about people. Other dramas about working-class characters include: *Look Back in Anger*, a play by John Osborne. A lower-class husband and his upper-class wife get disturbingly ensnared in a triangle with a third protagonist. *A Taste of Honey*, a play by Shelagh Delaney. This drama features the dynamics of a working-class teen and her sexually promiscuous and neglectful mother who abandons her. *A View from the Bridge*, a play by Arthur Miller. Italian-American longshoreman Eddie Carbone suffers profound betrayals and conflicts with family and friends in this stage drama. Responses to Literature While reading *The Dumb Waiter*, make note of all the props objects that appear in the play as well as any response you have to their appearance. Using your list of props, discuss what you associate with each. Name any associations at all, no matter how simple. For example, sheets may make you think of bed, laundry hanging on the line, or toga parties. Once you have cited all possible connections you have to each item, consider how each has meaning for the play. His style is actually tactical, in that language becomes almost like a weapon, probing his audience. Using the play *The Homecoming*, find several instances of such passages and discuss whether these tactics would be equally provocative with a contemporary audience. *The Life and Work of Harold Pinter*. Web Sites Harold Pinter Bibliography. Retrieved February 14, , from [http: Harold Pinter Official Website](http://Harold Pinter Official Website). Valencia Community College, West Campus. Cite this article Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

Chapter 3 : "Uncovering The Nakedness Of Your Near Of Kin?"

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I am the LORD. Does uncovering nakedness here in Leviticus 18 mean intercourse, if so did Canaan defile himself with his mother? Does uncovering nakedness here in Leviticus 18 mean intercourse, and if so did Canaan defile himself with his mother? Canaan was the son of Ham, and Ham was the son of Noah. But there is no spiritual instruction for you or for me when we try to figure out the physical circumstances of such an event. When we compare spiritual things with spiritual we can see that what we are really being instructed to do here is to concern ourselves first with our own nakedness. A man and a woman in a marriage relationship are called "one flesh. This admonition which instructs us to avoid uncovering the nakedness of our near kin, is nothing more than this spiritual truth: It is much better to go to a brother between you and him alone, and discuss with that brother or sister the "error of his way," and see that brother or sister repent and be converted from the error of his way, than it is to "uncover his nakedness" and tell others about it as Canaan did and as we all tend to do. Had Canaan followed the examples of his older uncles, he would have done well. Nakedness equates to leaven and leaven will corrupt a whole loaf if left unchecked. In dealing with a blatant fornicator within the church of Corinth, Paul encourages the Corinthian church to put the man "out of their midst, and in so doing he makes this statement for our admonition: Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? We are never to tolerate open sin or heresy in our midst. This warning is reiterated in the epistle to the Galatians as it related to spiritual leaven, which in this case was the heresy of Judaizers: So when we are confronted with those who flaunt their physical or spiritual nakedness here is what we are instructed: And we have this very same admonition repeated in the epistle to Titus: So there you have it. It had its desired fruit in this case in Corinth, and this fornicator repented and was restored to fellowship: For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: This is to be done "in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. To ignore this command would be to ignore God, and that is not love in any case. Look at how God drives this truth home: Here again is that same principle in its spiritual application, as Paul is dealing with the false doctrine which was teaching the need to return to the law of Moses. The Corinthians were tolerating physical fornication, and the Galatians were tolerating spiritual fornication. Both were permitting the entire church to become leavened with "old leaven," by returning to their old ways, and in the process they were not only tolerating "uncovering the nakedness of near of kin," but they were actually participating in that leaven and in that sin. Obedience to God may seem to many to be less than loving, but the truth is that anything less is participating in the act of "uncovering the nakedness of your near of kin.

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Lev The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Lev The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness.

A Descriptive Chronology, For an explanation of principles and limitations, click on Introduction above. A selective bibliography of books by and about the dramatist is appended. The Plays and Filmscripts of Harold Pinter: Periodic updates sent free of additional charge. Be sure to include your email address. He is the most courageous, remorseless writer going and the more he grinds my nose in the shit the more I am grateful to him. He brings forth a body of beauty. His work is beautiful. He will meet Beckett first in and become a close friend; from on he will send him everything he writes for critical comments. Written in November expressly for the occasion, it was faultily restaged in December at a Bristol festival sponsored by the Sunday Times. The first London production will occur in January In trials out of town notably in Cambridge it had been received with perception and enthusiasm, but morning-after London critics berate and mock it so that it survives only eight performances. Pinter had written *The Birthday Party* in the summer of , after *The Room* had convinced him of his vocation. Pinter radically modifies the norm by flagrantly refusing to disclose reasons and motives on both sides, so that the dominant reaction is mystification, often mixed with bemused hilarity, rather than suspense. A fortyish piano player in self-imposed isolation why? When two men arrive to stay overnight, he reacts to them as if they were threatening intruders who know something incriminating about him what? The next day is his birthday or is it? Between acts overnight his oppressors reduce him to a catatonic state, so that in the morning his only gestures of rebellion are grunts. They prepare him to go away with them, ostensibly to hand him over to "Monty" who? Symbolically, his birthday becomes a rebirth into hell. Early in Pinter told his baffled director, Peter Wood, that the play just happens, with no explanations: Everything to do with the play is in the play. His poem, "A View of the Party," throws an oblique light on the play. September The English drama critic Irving Wardle introduces a durable critical phrase for Pinter commentators in an *Encore* review: Simpson, Nigel Dennis, and Pinter. He will retrieve the script, revise it, and produce it in A black-humor fantasy about a psychiatric hospital in which the staff as well as the inmates are stripped of their individuality, the play is a companion piece to both *The Birthday Party* and *The Dumb Waiter*. The first had been staged in Bristol in ; a German translation of the latter had premiered in Frankfurt in He utters not a word, ignores the landlord during an enigmatic visit, and departs. After an even more baffling visit by prospective tenants, the woman hears from the landlord that a tenant from the musty basement room wants to talk to her. A blind Negro arrives. Despite a withering reception from her, he says earnestly that her father wants her to come home. Her mistrust melts away and she touches his face. Just then her husband returns, boasts of his aggressive driving, and suddenly kicks the intruder repeatedly. The woman clutches her eyes, unable to see. Pinter will tell his biographer that the messenger is "a potential saviour" who is trying to free the woman from the imprisonment of the room and her marriage: *The Dumb Waiter*, which Pinter wrote in , is a small masterpiece of semi-farcical absurdism, with strong echoes of *Waiting for Godot*. The characters are waiting for "Wilson," but "He might not come. He might just send a message. The underling along with the audience wants to know exactly what is going on, which merely irritates his tight-mouthed superior and frustrates us. An envelope slides under the door and a dumb waiter repeatedly clatters down, but neither contains a clue about the specifics of their mission. In a bizarre comic sequence, the machine sends down increasingly esoteric orders for food, which they have no way to fill. The door on the right opens; the assistant stumbles in, body stooping, stripped of his jacket and revolver. They stare at each other. The production transforms his life by bringing him fame and fortune; ultimately the play will be performed all over the world and become the one in his canon most frequently revived. In New York, starting in October , it runs for 21 weeks. A well-nigh inscrutable drama best characterized by the line "Every word you speak is open to any number of different interpretations" , it nevertheless contains a distinct line of action leading to a climax that Pinter insists must convey a sense of "absolute finality. In effect he is tested by the two nearly opposite brothers, found wanting by both, and kicked out. Since the shambling, muttering remnant is unfit for life anywhere else, his ouster is

pathetic. But since he brought it on himself, abusing favors from one brother and misconstruing ironically extended "privileges" from the other, his blunt rejection seems inevitable. His benefactor, a benumbed and reticent man, tells him the story of having electric convulsion therapy forced upon him in his youth because of his peculiar way of talking to his fellow workers allusions to a Christlike prophet abound. His contrastingly voluble brother bullies the tramp with non-sequitur verbal teases; he finally blows up and, defining his true nature, smashes a Buddha figurine that his brother had bought. The old man invites irritation from the start by claiming to need a safe haven for a while before taking a trip to recover proof of his identity he uses an assumed name, but then extending his stay until the gentle brother can no longer stand his stink, noise, or insults. Both brothers have offered him the job of caretaker, one seriously and the other with disdain, but he finally loses the only caretaker he ever had and is left to face the terrors of the outside world. Nothing happens except that somehow it does. A pompously defensive middle-aged husband and his more adaptable wife a trial run for Ruth in *The Homecoming* are thrown into conflict by the recurring presence outside their home of an old man who seems to be a simpleminded matchseller. The husband confronts the man conventionally, offering him drinks and trying to determine his identity. The benumbed tramp stares at him in silence. His anxiety level rising, the questioner speculates more and more wildly until his wife intervenes, sends her husband off, and talks to the man herself. She is completely at ease, assuming he is "a quiet, harmless old man, going about his business," not here "through any design. My kith and kin. Horror overcomes him when the matchseller seems to rock with laughter at him, and his last words are "Who are you? I think the one beautiful and great thing about the new wave of playwrights is that they approach their subject matter with this kind of allusiveness. To me the play was about the thing. Among the statements by Pinter that he quotes is this dig at drama critics: They can tell a dot from a dash a mile off. It is later reprinted in several sources, notably his *Complete Works*: Pinter stresses that what he writes "has no obligation to anything other than to itself. My responsibility is not to audiences, critics, producers, directors, actors or to my fellow men in general, but to the play in hand. To supply an explicit moral tag to an evolving and compulsive dramatic image seems to be facile, impertinent and dishonest. I suggest there can be no hard distinctions between what is real and what is unreal, nor between what is true and what is false. A character on the stage who can present no convincing argument or information as to his past experience, his present behaviour or his aspirations, nor give a comprehensive analysis of his motives is as legitimate and as worthy of attention as one who, alarmingly, can do all these things. The more acute the experience the less articulate its expression. So often, below the word spoken, is the thing known but unspoken. One when no word is spoken. The other when perhaps a torrent of language is being employed. It is a necessary avoidance, a violent, sly, anguished or mocking smoke screen which keeps the other in its place. When true silence falls we are still left with echo but are nearer nakedness. One way of looking at speech is to say that it is a constant stratagem to cover nakedness. The husband finally chooses to restore harmony by believing that his wife "just sat and talked about what you would do if you went to your room," but she neither confirms nor denies that that is the truth. Listen to the sound first and the meaning will become clear through that. A half-hour debate can be more confusing than one clearly put sentence. Pinter adapted the latter from an unfinished autobiographical novel, first for radio and then for the stage. It treats one of his recurring themes, the relativity of truth and perception, but in performance the play is perceived as obscure and undramatic. *The Lover*, first presented on television in March, treats the same theme in the mode of an au courant farcical comedy. The plot is formulaic and improbable, but ripples with amusing amoral twists. As she comments, "things are beautifully balanced. That night, supposedly himself again, he continues the argument and says he has paid off his "whore," which she counters by claiming that she has other lovers. In it is transferred to New York, where it wins awards for best play and best playwright of the year. Pinter says it is his only play "which gets remotely near to a structural entity which satisfies me" *Paris Review*, Fall The total impact of the drama derives from the bizarrely disconcerting quality of the things that happen to realistically depicted characters, nearly all of whom seem oblivious to their oddity and amorality. The play carries the audience along in an inexorable absurd flow, giving a sense of inevitability to a succession of head-shaking events. Again featuring an intruder who ignites a conflict, the plot revolves around the reactions of a grubby household of males aging father and chauffeur-brother, pimp and boxer sons to the

sudden reappearance of an incongruous son who has been in America for six years teaching philosophy. The catalyst is actually his attractive wife a former "model of the body" , whom he married secretly before leaving. Some of their reactions are as startling for the family as they are for the audience. The wife readily goes upstairs with the boxer son, but somehow keeps him content without going "the whole hog. She can do what she wants, and it is not at all certain she will go off to Greek Street" [Saturday Review, April]. A rich metaphorical dimension of the play accompanies this audacious series of events:

Chapter 5 : SAB: Leviticus 20

ROBERT A. MARTIN The University of Michigan STRATAGEMS TO UNCOVER NAKEDNESS: THE DRAMAS OF HAROLD PINTER, by Lois G. Gordon, University of Missouri Press, 68 pp. \$ A page pamphlet with a title like this produces a sense of unease, which is MODERN DRAMA February increased when we learn that the author is married to a psychiatrist.

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In other words, this would make the phrase 'the nakedness of Noah,' to be a reference to Noah's wife rather than to Noah himself, and 'to uncover Noah's nakedness' would be to have illicit sexual relations with his wife. If this is so, it might explain more.

Chapter 8 : Discussion Noah's Nakedness

To uncover your father's nakedness is a Hebrew idiom that means, "to sleep with your father's wife." Leviticus The man that lieth with his father's wife, hath uncovered his father's nakedness.