

## **John Gray on Marital Communication Skills-- Focus Questions**

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- 1) Whether you agree or disagree with John Gray's thesis, what do you think accounts for its huge popularity with so many people? [His book has sold 14 million copies already.]
  
- 2) What does John Gray cite as a primary cause for the rising divorce rate over the past forty years?
  
- 3) In brief, how does John Gray say that men differ from women in terms of how they are said to cope with stress?
  
- 4) And what exactly does he mean when he says that men and women speak the same language but the words have different meanings? For example, what does Gray say the phrase "nothing is wrong" means for the average man and what does it mean for the average woman?
  
- 5) What does John Gray mean when he contends that the average man is like a rubber band in his approach to his intimacy needs? Do you agree or disagree?
  
- 6) John Gray contends that there are some differences between men and women (on average) and that these differences are the very basis for our attraction to one another. He contends that "passion comes from differences." Do you agree or not? Elaborate.