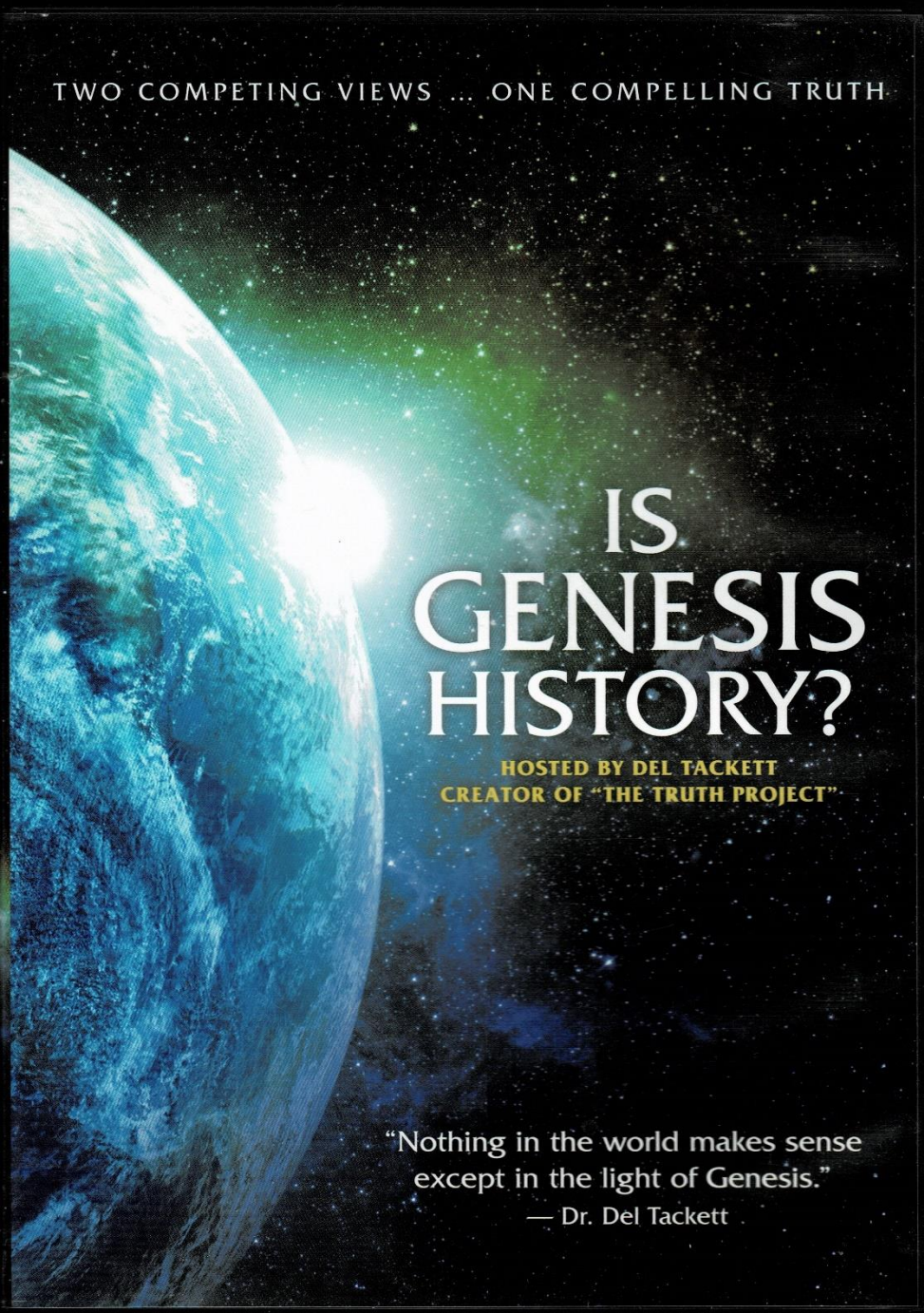


TWO COMPETING VIEWS ... ONE COMPELLING TRUTH



IS GENESIS HISTORY?

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except in the light of Genesis."

— Dr. Del Tackett

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Genesis 2:18-25

'Making' What is Not Good, Good!

¹⁸⁻²⁰ *GOD* said, "It's not good for the Man to be alone; I'll make him a helper, a companion." So *GOD* formed from the dirt of the ground all the animals of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the Man to see what he would name them. Whatever the Man called each living creature, that was its name. The Man named the cattle, named the birds of the air, named the wild animals; but he didn't find a suitable companion.

²¹⁻²² *GOD* put the Man into a deep sleep. As he slept he removed one of his ribs and replaced it with flesh. *GOD* then used the rib that he had taken from the Man to make Woman and presented her to the Man.

²³⁻²⁵ The Man said,
"Finally! Bone of my bone,
flesh of my flesh!
Name her Woman
for she was made from Man."

Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife. They become one flesh. The two of them, the Man and his Wife, were naked, but they felt no shame.

The Search for a 'Corresponding' Helper

Gen 2:18 (ESV) Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Observations:

- 1) God does not make mistakes, but instead, He makes use of a 'teaching moment' and in the next verse lets Adam begin naming the creatures of creation.*
- 2) God designed mankind to live in 'community' - living creatures lived in community*
- 3) God Himself lives in community . . . via the Trinity
Gen. 1:26a" . . . Let Us make man in Our Image. . ." ; the first indication of the Trinity.*

The Search for a 'Corresponding' Helper

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Observations:

- 4) God 'fashions' a helper fit - עָשָׂה / 'asah' -¹ to do, fashion, accomplish, make (Strongs)
- 5) God fashions a 'helper fit' - i.e. comparable to Adam and correspondingly suitable as a mate and companion.
 - a) *in KJV - HELPMEEET —word for helper, companion, or mate;
 - b) * in NKJV- helper comparable to him;
 - c) * In NIV -helper suitable for him, NIV).

Application Exercise Alert!

Interesting exercise

Compare man's "helper" here with the believer's "helper" in the Church age -
Deut. 33:7; Ps. 33:20; 70:5; 115:9-11; 146:5; Hos. 13:9; John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7

* Youngblood, R. F., Bruce, F. F., Harrison, R. K., & Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1995). *Nelson's new illustrated Bible dictionary*. Rev. ed. of: *Nelson's illustrated Bible dictionary*.; Includes index. Nashville: T. Nelson

The Search for a 'Corresponding' Helper Continues

Gen.2:19-20(ESV)

¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

Remember also, God had authorized man to rule over the earth

Gen. 1:26b" . . .Let them rule. . ." ; Adam's authority allowed him to assign a name each kind of creature.

v.20b suggests that Adam was actually looking for "... a helper fit for him". Note also that in v. 23 Adam expresses his joy to find a helper - "... **At last!**"

The tense of this passage suggests that God had let Adam go ahead and name all of the kinds of creatures God 'had formed'- even though God knew that Adam would not find a helper fit for him.

An important lesson was unfolding!

God Acts and
"... puts Adam into a deep sleep ...!"

Gen.2:21-22(ESV) 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Questions and Observations:

If someone puts you in a 'deep sleep', in what ways are you dependent upon them?

What do you think is the significance of God taking one of Adam's ribs?

Softball question: Do women have more ribs than men?

In the words of Greg Gutfeld on Fox News, "Animals are great!"; but,

What do you think Adam learned? Anything else?

Commentary:
God Acts and "... puts Adam into a deep sleep ...!"

The Moody Bible Commentary had this to say:

"In three other instances in the Hebrew Bible God placed people into a deep sleep (Gn 15:12; 1Sm 26:12; Is 29:10, in each instance employing the same Hb. expression, tardema). And in each case the point is to underscore the people's need for complete dependence on God and God's ability to meet that need in the proper way."

*"In this instance, therefore, God excluded Adam from even a visual participation in the process of creating Eve, so that when he awoke he would immediately perceive that his need had been completely met by God."**

Personal Commentary:
Dependency is NOT a weakness but an acknowledgment of God's sovereignty!

God presents what He had made from Adam's rib to Adam

Gen. 2:22-23 (ESV) ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

Comparable
Corresponding
Companion
Equal yet different roles

Questions and Observations:

Literally, the Hebrew word used for 'made' is *banah* (בָּנָה, 1129),
Which means "to build, establish, construct, rebuild."

After God presented Adam with who He had made for him,
Describe what you think Adam realized, learned, or appreciated?

Three Marriage 'Ideals' are Established

Gen. 2:24 (NKJV) ²⁴ Therefore (For this reason -NASB) ¹⁾ a man shall leave his father and mother and ²⁾ be joined to his wife, and ³⁾ they shall become one flesh.

- 1) "... a man shall leave his father and his mother, is that of clearly shifting one's primary human loyalty to his spouse. The man is the subject of the verb (the "doer" of the action), suggesting not that the leaving is to be done only by the man, but that the degree of relational "severance" will typically be greater for him than he should expect it to be for his wife."
- 2) "... he shall be joined to his wife (or "cleave to" KJV), in which "be joined to" (davaq) refers not to the sexual union of the couple, but rather to an intentional and unbreakable commitment, with the best interest of the other party being both the motivation and the goal of the one making that commitment."
- 3) "... and they shall become one flesh. This refers not merely to the sexual union within marriage, but in fact to the uniting of two people into one. It refers to two people sharing of all of life in common so as to be like one person. Sexual union is a way to express this exclusive unity and a reason the Bible limits sexual relations to married couples." (all quotes from The Moody Bible commentary) (emphasis mine)

Note that, God gave the command to the man, not to the woman!

Michael A. Rydelnik and Michael Vanlaningham, eds., "Genesis," in *The Moody Bible Commentary* (Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2014), 44.

At this point in the Garden of Eden, Innocence is the Norm!

Gen. 2:25 (AMP) ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not embarrassed or ashamed in each other's presence.

"... Their nakedness (v. 25) suggests that they were at ease with one another without any fear of exploitation or potential for evil."¹

However, "... Such fellowship was shattered later at the Fall and is retained only in a measure in marriage when a couple begins to feel at ease with each other."¹

"... Here the nakedness, though literal, also suggests sinlessness."¹

"On entering into the marriage union both the man and the woman are obligated to meet the physical needs of the other, just as they would hope for those same needs to be met in themselves. Paul made this point in Eph 5:28-30"²

(emphasis mine)

¹ Allen P. Ross, "Genesis," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 31-32.

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Pearls of Marriage Wisdom from this Passage

Tom Constable,

Tom Constable's Expository Notes on the Bible (Galaxie Software, 2003), Ge 2:23-25.

"... He(Adam) received his mate as God's good gift to him because he trusted in God's wisdom, goodness, and integrity."

"Following Adam's example, it is essential for every husband and wife to thankfully receive the mate God has given him or her as His best provision for them. To do so we must know and trust God's goodness."

"Our mate's differences are good things that God "brings to us" (as part of the whole "package"), that He will use as tools to shape us into the people He wants us to be."

"Failure to accept one's mate as a good gift from a loving God, leads to many problems in marriage, and frustrates God's purpose and plan for marriage. It expresses rejection of God and His provision for one's life. It also demonstrates unbelief, disobedience, and displeasure with God's character. Your mate needs your unconditional acceptance." (emphasis mine)

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"Note that God gave the command to "leave" and "be joined" . . . to the man, not the woman, indicating that the man should take the leadership in marriage."

"Leaving" and "be[ing] joined" probably means both psychological and physical separation and union, under normal conditions. A newly married couple is wise to establish relative independence from both sets of parents emotionally, physically, financially, and in other ways. The couple also needs to solidify commitment to one another. The vows in marriage ceremonies express this commitment. Marriage is a covenant between two people to remain committed to one another."

"Be[ing] joined" resembles weaving two threads into one new piece of cloth. The word suggests the ideas of passion and permanence. In marriage, a man's priorities must change. Before, they were primarily to his parents, but now, they are primarily to his wife. "

"One flesh" is not the same as marriage (1 Cor. 6:16). For a marriage to exist, there must also be a commitment to "leave" parents and "be joined" to one's spouse from then on.

(emphasis mine)

Application Exercises

Describe how a wife should be an asset to a marriage?

If you are a believer and are married, in what ways do you consider your spouse as an asset?

If you are a believer and not married, describe some 'helpers fit' for your needs. In what ways can they be assets to your growth in Christ?
(see also -1 Cor.7:1-16 for the Apostle Paul's perspective on Marriage)

Compare man's "helper" here in Genesis with the believer's "helper" in the Church age - Deut. 33:7; Ps. 33:20; 70:5; 115:9-11; 146:5; Hos. 13:9; John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7