

ADAM'S COMPLETION

GENESIS 2:18-25

Man was incomplete without woman, and this *was not good*. Adam was unfinished and therefore imperfect; Eve completes and complements Adam.

- COMPLEMENTARIANISM: God created human beings, male and female, in His own image; He created them sinless, equal in value, dignity, and worth.
- According to His purpose and design, God created them to fulfill distinct but complementary roles in the contexts of marriage, family, and the local church.

THE RELATIONSHIP OF MAN AND ANIMALS?

First, God arranged for Adam to become familiar with many of the animals by personal inspection.

- Adam would exercise authority over them, **but he could not have true fellowship with them.**
- None was *like him*; none of them could provide complete fellowship or companionship for him.
- It is abundantly clear and certain that he had not recently evolved from them—**He was truly alone!**

WHERE DID EVE COME FROM?

The widespread belief that people evolved from ape-like ancestors is not only refuted by Scripture but also by all the facts of science, as with *Australopithecus*.

- So far as the actual fossil evidence shows, man has always been man and the ape has always been an ape—exactly as the Bible teaches.
- Biblically, the New Testament explicitly confirms the historicity of this record. **1 TIM. 2:13, 1 COR. 11:8**

ADAMNEVEVILLE: THE FIRST CITY

The first human civic institution established by God was that of marriage.

- The single smallest unit of human society—one man and one woman and their offspring—the home.
- From the authority of the father in the home there would develop, as populations grew, the patriarchal and tribal systems, and later, still more elaborate governmental structures.
- ***God's design:*** heterosexual and monogamous!

ONE FLESH v. 21-22

The word “*rib or ribs*” is a poor translation; “*side*” would be better.

- A “*side*” would include both flesh and bone, as well as blood, released from the opened side. Adam could later say, “*This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh.*”
- She not only had the same “*flesh*” (that is, *body*) and “*life*” (that is, *soul*) via Adam’s “*side*,” but she also had an eternal *spirit*—directly from God.

GOD INSTITUTES MARRIAGE v. 23-24

God Himself invented, defined, and presided over the first marriage; man does not have the authority to change its definition.

- Polygamy, concubines, polyandry, no-fault divorce, adultery, promiscuity, gay marriage, and other distortions of the marriage covenant have permeated many cultures. But, as the Lord Jesus said: ***“From the beginning it was not so.”*** **MATT. 19:8**
- ***God’s design: one man, one woman . . . for life!***

GOD MADE SEX GOOD, TOO v. 25

Adam and Eve were truly “*one flesh*,” each complementing the other in every possible way—mentally, spiritually, and physically/sexually.

- Before sin entered into this family, the Scripture says that they were naked, but “*were not ashamed.*”
- God had commanded them to “be fruitful and multiply,” so there was no reason for their sexual relationship in marriage to bring guilt feelings.

Adam and Eve completed each other perfectly!