

### 3. GENESIS ... BACK TO THE BEGINNING: WOMAN

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And the LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man (Genesis 2:22).

When the LORD God paraded the **beasts of the field and the birds of the air** before Adam --- **to see what he would name them** --- we are intended to read this an introduction to, and as an integral part of, the story of the creation of the woman. Adam's naming of the animals is the context for preparing him to find a **suitable helper**.

Throughout the parade no animals corresponded to Adam himself. No helper was found for the Man amongst the array of creatures. They lacked **the image of God** which he bore. In a wonderfully harmonious and amazing world, Adam was **alone** --- he instinctively knew and felt he was not like anything else.

This does *not* mean that Adam was *lonely*. He had the fellowship and glory of God all around him. Both the Hebrew and Greek (LXX) indicate the problem was that the man was **alone**, *not* that he was *lonely*. And God Himself was not pleased with this unsatisfactory state of affairs declaring, **"It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make a helper suitable for him"** (Gen. 2: 18).

9.) This brings us to the ninth and final process we have called **differentiation** --- the special creation of Eve. In the words of **Francis Schaeffer**,

The Bible describes the creation of Eve as a specific differentiation, in its own way as much a differentiation as the creation of Adam himself. <sup>(1)</sup>

God is about to 'divide' Adam, as it were, into two separate persons, one male and one female, to cap off His good creation.

Have you ever noticed that the creation of humankind is specifically said to be the creation of **male and female (Gen. 1:27)**? Up to this point the Bible has not considered gender an important feature in it's account of all other sentient creatures. However, we will now discover **gender is of crucial importance when speaking of human beings.**

#### THE DEEP SLEEP OF ADAM

It is instructive to note that the writer mentions that God put Adam into **a deep sleep** before **building** Eve from his side (Gen. 2: 21). <sup>(2)</sup> This is often euphemistically

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<sup>1</sup> Francis A. Schaeffer, *Genesis in Space and Time*, IVP, Ill., Third Printing, 1972, p45

<sup>2</sup> The word **build** or **fashion** is not the word for **create** which means, to bring something into being that was not there before. The text is conveying that Eve is a continuation of God's creative work, but in a new direction in a specified sense. The Hebrew word for **formed** is the verb commonly used of the work of a potter who fashions vessels from clay (e.g. Job 33:6).

described as the world's first operation under anaesthetic. That may be helpful and probably true. But surely there is a deeper meaning than this alone?

It is highly significant that there are a couple of other places later in Genesis where God puts a man to sleep. And on each occasion a crucial turning point with God and others is initiated. Each sleeping man is a recipient of God's gracious action, for when he wakes up, he awakens to exciting new possibilities in God's plan for the world ...

When God initiated the covenant with **Abraham**, we are told that, **as the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the LORD ... (Gen. 15: 12f).**

When **Jacob** reached a crisis point in his life, and when **the sun had set** and as he **lay down to sleep**, Jacob **had a dream**. And in that dream of the angels on the stairway to heaven, God reiterates the covenant saying, **"I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac, I will ... "** (Gen. 28: 10f).

Evidently then, the purpose of God in putting Adam to sleep was not merely for anaesthesia. As in other parts of the Genesis story, Adam's sleeping while God was forming the woman highlights not only Adam's passivity but also God's loving initiative for an exciting new development. ( <sup>3</sup> )

Once awake, the Man **recognises his unique likeness in the woman!** She reflects both the **image of God** (as he does) and also Adam's own human likeness. Adam sees his own reflection in the woman. Wow factor!

No wonder, when God Himself brings Eve to Adam and presents her to him, that in rapturous wonderment Adam spontaneously exults, **"At last! Finally! 'This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.' Hooray! Bravo!"** (Gen. 2: 23). ( <sup>4</sup> )

Having named the animals and birds, Adam can now name his soul-mate. Her personal name, he says, will be **Eve**, for she later **conceived** and **became the mother of all the living** (Genesis 1: 27; 2: 22; 3: 17, 20). ( <sup>5</sup> )

## WHY WAS EVE A SUITABLE PARTNER FOR ADAM?

Eve's humanness is not the only thing that qualifies her to be a **"suitable partner"** for Adam. Of course her humanness was a necessary qualification because she must share **in the image of God**.

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<sup>3</sup> A profitable study is to go through Scripture and see what else God does during sleep. He routs the enemies of His people. And in the New Testament He promises to wake up the faithful dead from their sleep on the resurrection day to introduce them to a brand new world order!

<sup>4</sup> The words I have added, *Finally! At last! Hooray! Bravo!* convey accurately Adam's sense of wonder.

<sup>5</sup> For a fuller treatment of the question of whether the Genesis creation account is compatible with the evolutionary view of mankind, see my article [Adam & Eve: Fumbled or Formed?](#) in the ARTICLES' subsection 'Defending the Faith ... Apologetics'.

However, the text makes it quite clear that it was also her **femininity** which was the other essential qualification. Eve was both like Adam --- being human --- but different from Adam --- being female. Being female, which is to say, sexually different to Adam, was what made her a **suitable partner** for Adam, the male. ( <sup>6</sup> )

*But please note that it is God Himself who describes Adam's partner as the **female, the woman** and **the wife**. He also uses the feminine pronoun **she** --- and **not** "shim"!*

These are all sexually-loaded descriptions, not only traditionally understood this way for millennia, but now of course, verified with scientific data from genetic research --- men have **XY chromosomes** and women have **XX chromosomes**. She was **Eve** and **not** "Steve"! Science supports this biological differentiation.

So here's the newsflash: Gender for human beings is God's idea. God thought of sex first! And He thought of only two genders, male and female.

### FUNCTIONAL SPECIFICITY

So far I have refrained from using the scientific description for the process of differentiation we have used up until now. Eve's special creation is a good place to introduce the term "functional specificity".

It's a personal preference as to whether you prefer the theological definition "differentiation" or the scientific term "functional specificity" but both descriptors convey that everything in our cosmos has been (and here is a term that is anathema in our modern 'scientific' society) **Intelligently Designed**.

This is where the Bible view of our world and the secular worldview collide. Science recognises that the differentiations in our world are "out there", empirically observed. Science admits that our earth, sitting where it does in the Milky Way Galaxy in the Universe, is "finely tuned" for life in "the Goldilocks Zone". Science admits to "functional specificity" --- but not to the theological equivalent, differentiation! Go figure.

In relation to humanity, the Man has his specified place. The Woman has her functional and distinctive purpose. The gendered Adam & Eve, with their sexual difference is critically important to their blessing and purpose on earth.

So, how many genders does God say there are? Right. Just two. Go to the top of the class! ( <sup>7</sup> )

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<sup>6</sup> The Hebrew for **partner** is *ezer k'negdo* and occurs only twice in the Hebrew Bible. Once at the beginning and once at the conclusion of the account of God's making the animals. The preposition *neged* means "in front of" with the further preposition *k'* meaning "corresponding to" or, perhaps better "exact correspondence". This is where the argument for **Same-Sex Marriage** breaks down. Those who use the Bible to justify **Same-Sex Marriage** argue that the necessary component for marriage is that the partner must be human, regardless of sexuality. This is a serious mis-reading of the Genesis account where **Eve's** suitability for **Adam** was also her sexual apposition.

<sup>7</sup> There is an extremely rare condition from birth called **Androgen Insensitivity** which is a biological anomaly causing genetic males to appear female. However, Transgender individuals are normally completely healthy biological males or females without any genetic confusion. They have a psychological condition where they **feel** as though they are the other

Next question: How many genders does our society now promote? What, you don't know? Well, here is the answer: [There are many different gender identities, including male, female, transgender, gender neutral, non-binary, agender, pangender, genderqueer, two-spirit, third gender, and all, none or a combination of these.](#) <sup>(8)</sup> <sup>(9)</sup>

Once true science is abandoned how deranged from objective facts do our communities become! I am going to come right out and say the current sexual fluidity we are seeing, is an outright Satanic assault upon God's good creation. Once society gives up it's faith in the Creator and human beings made in His image, we descend into unhinged madness devoid of objective reality.

Going on record like this I know I will be called an intolerant Bible-bashing bigot. But is it not hypocritical that those who are all for respecting diversity and tolerance, can be the most intolerant of anyone who expresses a contrary viewpoint? Tolerance has become intolerant of anything but its own tolerance!?

Unless we do a quick U-turn (i.e. repent and go God's way) I am convinced we will end up destroying the very foundations of our society, not to mention a new oppressive Big Brother harassing dissenters.

Our very language is being manipulated by the PC police to blur the traditional (and Biblical) distinctions between male and female. For example, I believe I am reliably informed when I write that one House Representative in the USA has proposed that we should no longer call a woman a "mother" because that is sexist. A mother should be called a "birthing parent"! And a nursing mother no longer breast-feeds. She gives "chest milk". I kid you not.

Then there are "[Transgender Bathrooms](#)" now appearing on school campuses and the girls hate them. But why shouldn't 'Johnny' be allowed into the girls' locker rooms when he self-identifies as a female? We need to understand he's just a girl trapped in a boy's body after all!

These developments represent an alarming assault particularly insidious upon women and girls. Here's an example from the USA; <sup>(10)</sup>

This [op-ed](#) published May 24 in *USA Today* by [Chelsea Mitchell](#), titled, "[I was the fastest girl in Connecticut. But transgender athletes made it an unfair fight.](#)"

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sex. It's similar to **Anexoria** where a deluded self-body image causes potentially life-threatening eating disorders. It is also a fact that Transgenders are amongst the highest suicide rates of all groups.

<sup>8</sup> This quote is from <https://teentalk.ca> and is representative of a host of other sites.

<sup>9</sup> According to the [BBC](#) there are more than 100 (one hundred) genders!?! They released a series of nine videos titled *The Big Talk* for use in British schools as part of the UK's *Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)* introduced in September 2019. Thanks to massive parental backlash, they have backed down, but it illustrates where the elites are pushing.

<sup>10</sup> This and the following examples are from [Dr Michael Brown's](#) website, [info@askdrbrown.org](mailto:info@askdrbrown.org)

She explains that, despite being ranked the fastest 55-meter female runner in her state, time after time, she has been losing big races. Why? It's because she is now racing against biological males claiming they are really females.

As she wrote, "[I've lost four women's state championship titles](#), two all-New England awards, and numerous other spots on the podium to transgender runners. I was bumped to third place in the 55-meter dash in 2019, behind two transgender runners. With every loss, it gets harder and harder to try again."

This is as outrageous as it is [unfair](#), and soon enough, it will reach the breaking point as the world's best female athletes lose to mediocre male athletes who identify as female.

However, because there are now many young adults regretting their decision to become transgender this [episode](#) of the U.S. *Sixty Minutes* devoted time to the subject of "detransitioning."

Naturally, trans-activists and their allies were [upset](#) with *Sixty Minutes* for airing these stories. But you can be sure of this: if there were not a lot of young people regretting the tragic, life-altering decisions they made, *Sixty Minutes* [would not have offered](#) such a sympathetic treatment.

In February of this year, *Newsweek* printed the gut-wrenching story of [Scott Newgent](#), herself a female to male (FTM) transgender. The [op-ed](#) was titled, "[We Need Balance When It Comes To Gender Dysphoric Kids. I Would Know.](#)"

[Newgent](#) ended the article with this powerful plea: "[I am currently building a bipartisan army to protect our children, hold the medical industry accountable and educate our president and the rest of society about the dangers of transgender extremism ... Until children are safe, nothing else matters.](#)"

What is tragic, though, is that it took two years for [Newgent](#) to find a major, secular publication willing to carry her well-documented article. What is positive is that *Newsweek* did decide to publish it. These stories must be told and will be told.

And you may not have heard of the retired professor who has been removed from an [American Psychological Association](#) email discussion group after challenging the idea that there are more than two biological sexes.

As [reported](#) by *College Fix*, "[John Staddon](#), an emeritus professor of psychology and neuroscience at Duke University, was taken off the Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology Division 6 lists overseen by the APA."

As [Staddon](#) explained, "[This incident just illustrates the current inability of some scientific communities to tolerate dissent about issues related to sex and race. Psychology and sociology seem to be especially flawed in this respect.](#)"

According to [Staddon](#), what likely got him taken off was this post: “Hmm... [Binary view of sex false? What is the evidence? Is there a Z chromosome?](#)” What? Only two biological sexes? Heresy! Ban him!

You can read [Staddon’s actual exchange](#) with the [APA](#) oversight for yourself and draw your own conclusions. The evidence is fairly straightforward, and the extreme bias against rational thinking is on full display.

Biology is not bigotry. Surely reality cannot be denied for long ... or can it? Will it? The slippery slope is much steeper and icier than we realize.

Standing for what is right and true and best does not mean hating those who perceive things differently. We must speak the truth in love and with God’s help, we can give compassion for those who struggle and are hurting and confused.

## A RACE CHANGE?

For all those who believe that a biological male can become a female (to the point of changing one’s birth certificate) I have an honest question: If you can change your sex, can you change your race?

Nor is this an abstract, philosophical question. Not at all. Rather, as [reported](#) in the [Daily Caller](#), “A white, British social media influencer began identifying as ‘transracial’ after undergoing 18 surgeries to transition his race and gender, according to a series of videos.

“[Oli London](#) underwent 18 cosmetic surgeries to transition into a non-binary Korean and resemble [Park Jimin](#) from the K-pop band BTS, the influencer shared in a series of videos posted Monday. The transracial influencer has begun identifying as Korean and goes by the name ‘Jimin’ with they/them pronouns.”

Why not?

If something as fixed as biological sex (from our cells to our DNA to our “plumbing”) can be changed, then why can’t one’s race be changed? And who are we to tell someone that they are not who they really believe they are?

Is getting 18 surgeries in order to try and appear Korean any different than a woman getting multiple surgeries, not to mention a lifelong regimen of other drugs, to try and appear male?

It can even be argued that a person can change his race more easily than a person can change his or her sex. That’s because race differences can often be subtle, and many of us have some level of interracial lineage in our histories. In contrast, when it comes to sex, biological and genetic distinctions are much more fixed and definite.

That’s why a 2017 [study](#) conducted by researchers in the [Molecular Genetics Department](#) of the [Weizmann Institute](#) discovered that of the 20,000 genes analyzed,

“6,500 of them are expressed differently in men and women in at least one of the body's tissues.”

I do not believe that **Oli London** can become Korean anymore than I can become a black Nigerian, although my heart goes out to him in the midst of his internal confusion.

But I press these issues here simply to reiterate that, as much as we love people who identify as transgender and as much as we are sympathetic to the pain and rejection they have suffered, perception will never change reality. How is encouraging someone who wants to live their own grand delusion an act of real love?

That holds for people with **Body Identity Integrity Disorder**. (This is [described](#) as “a rare, infrequently studied and highly secretive condition in which there is a mismatch between the mental body image and the physical body. Subjects suffering from **BIID** have an intense desire to amputate a major limb or sever the spinal cord in order to become paralyzed.”)

And it holds for people who identify as **Therian** or **Otherkin**. (This is [described](#) as “people who identify, in some intrinsic way, as an animal that exists or has existed on earth. Some believe that their soul is that of an animal while others believe the cause of their animal identity is psychological.”)

You can go as far as trying to change your appearance to identify as more animal than human --- as [reported](#) in July 2019, “**Bird lover and self-described ‘Parrotman’ Ted Richards** had his face tattooed with feathers, cut off his ears and risked going blind by having his eyes colored with ink.”

As **Richards** said, “You know, it’s your body at the end of the day. You should be able to do whatever you want with it.”

For his part, he is quite pleased with his look and with the outcome of his surgeries. But he is no more a parrot than **Oli London** is a Korean. These are the simple biological and genetic facts, unless we scuttle the Bible’s creational differentiations, and the scientific “functional specificity” in our world!

Unfortunately, as we come to the end of the ceaseless, **LGBTQ+** propaganda assault that is now the norm, we need to be reminded of these things, not to mock but to mourn.

What a crying shame that I have had to end the beautiful story of God’s creation of **Eve** on this debilitating note of confusion. What a contrast, what a let-down to Adam's “wow” moment when God presented the specifically formed and differentiated female to him as his **suitable helper, woman, wife, and mother** of his, and her, children-to-be!

**Adam** recognised that **Eve** not only bore **the image of God** but his own humanity. Adam instantly knew she was the same, yet *enchantingly* different. She was a woman! **Bone of his bone. Flesh of his flesh.** When we fail to recognise the “functional specificity” of males and females, men and women, we deface not only our Creator, but ourselves!