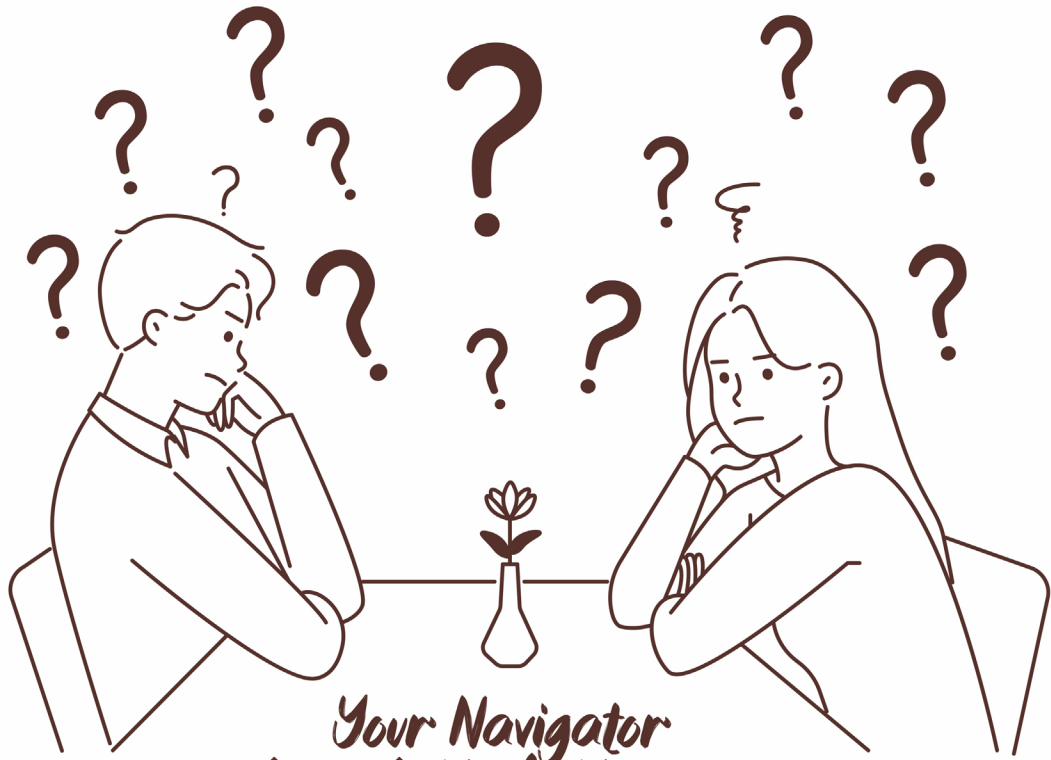


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FOREWORD



We are living in epic times. It may well be that the Body of Christ has never been as vitally important for humanity as it is in this moment. As GreenMedInfo states, 280 million people globally are held down by invisible chains: “We are plagued by anxiety and depression. And the pandemic skyrocketed already epidemic rates of these crippling disorders by 25%...

In April of 2023, 22% of adults reported being depressed. The problem is even worse for our youth... 44% reported ‘persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness’.

Financial and medical fears, deprivation of oxygen to lungs and brain, deprivation of freedom to move, and a forced online lifestyle in schools and jobs led to skyrocketing anxiety which is often released in the form of aggression.

Sadly, even believers were caught up in this satanic net. Divisions, misunderstandings, backbiting and even open attacks about doctrinal differences are done publicly on social media. We even hear increasingly of pastors beating their wives! If the leaders succumb to satan’s desires, how will the followers live in victory?!?

Where else can a troubled society find peace but in marriage, God’s first “VERY good” creation and the place of Jesus’s first miracle (Ge.1:31; Jn.2:1-11)? Where else can children grow into their God-given destiny but in a family unit built on God’s principles? Where else can this troubled generation find the reason for their existence but in our Creator’s manual, the Bible?

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Satan, God's arch enemy, does his best to destroy God's design, marriage. Do you desire to learn about and excel in spiritual warfare? If so, please don't be destroyed by lack of knowledge (Hos.4:6)!

Don't be ignorant of satan's tricks and devices (2.Cor.2:11)! Deploy your spiritual energy to fight satan's planned destruction of society, starting at the smallest unit, the family.

The things and ways of God are always clear, pure, relaxed and full of peace (Pr.3:13-18; 1.Cor.1:30-31; Eph.2:14; Phil.4:4-8; Col.3:15). In such peaceful state of mind and spirit, you will automatically take the right steps and decisions. You WILL be able to discern God's Word and will for ongoing and ever increasing love, joy and success in your marriage and family!

Now that you have found and married that spouse, that better half, you will definitely be marveled at the tremendous differences you come across in your daily life together. You probably never even imagined how much these creation differences influence each and every aspect of life.

Definitely you never suspected that all these differences could have their root in God's love and wisdom for humanity. Such lack of knowledge leads to increasing frustration and can result in heart-breaking divorces and emotionally destroyed children if we don't turn the tide in time. Finding and fulfilling God's design for male and female will bring inner harmony, deep satisfaction, great freedom from torturing thoughts and deeds, and a tremendous potential for truly selfless, divine love in any relationship.

Let us together explore how God created humanity in the very beginning of human history. Someone said so wisely: The first two chapters and the last two chapters of the Bible actually show God's heart and desire for humanity. Everything in between is man's misery and God's struggle to bring humanity back into His original Creation order.

Let us learn HOW MARRIAGE can be a blissful blessing instead of a bleak blunder.

INTRODUCTION



Human beings were created for intimacy and for fellowship - both with God and with fellow humans. Here lies the secret for your happy, fulfilled marriage: You are created for fellowship first with God, and then with men. Whenever you change this God-given order, nothing but misery results.

I will never forget our marriage sermon. The precious man of God drilled into us the very first verse of the Bible: “In the beginning GOD...” (Ge.1:1)!!! Exactly! We both had been living like this since our salvation, and here we were challenged to keep up the right order also in our marriage!

Right after our marriage, we took my parents to see our very first miracle. It was a land donated to our ministry by a beloved servant of God. This happened the very week my hubby heard God telling him to marry me! We therefore always consider it our first wedding gift, of course dedicated to the ministry, as both of us also are.

We stayed at a YWAM campsite, and on our bed was nothing but three of our Bibles! I love this memory! The most natural thing for both of us was to put God first, His Word first, even in our just one day old marriage! We have always endeavored to keep it this way, and we live a blessed, blessing married life. Hallelujah!

Another vital decision we took in our marriage is to never proceed in anything unless both of us have peace about the matter. We pray and seek God’s guidance, but until we both feel it is God’s will and time to proceed, we keep the matter on our waiting list. Why? Well, of course,

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the reason is our Bible:

3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? (Am.3:3)

25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand (Mt.12:25)

We want to walk together and work together every day of our lives! We don't want satan to be able to come in and cause desolation! We don't want destruction for anything we build together! We will not allow our house to be divided, in Jesus Name! We will go from glory to glory even in our marriage love and unity!

The only safe haven to fully and safely live out this God-given desire for intimate fellowship is marriage. Since marriage is definitely God's idea, plan and design for humanity, there is a deep longing for marriage and a happy family life in every human being.

Why then does marriage often create so much misery that people come up with jokes like this one:

Journalist: Tell me Major, did you ever fall into enemy hands in any of your engagements?

Major: Oh, yes, but I escaped when I got a divorce

I am convinced that the reason for all the marriage misery is our lack of understanding of God's good plan as well as our twisted, perverted ideas and patterns of marriage from the examples we had to see all our lives.

Most probably, friends, family and even your own parents have given you an image of marriage that is far from what our Creator had intended... and better don't even talk about our modern mass media! So what is the solution? There is only one - the one our Creator Himself gave us:

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed.

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (Jn.8:31-32)

So let us go to the Fountain of Truth, the living and active Word of our loving Creator.

Let me give you a warning right from the beginning. Your adversary, the devil, has astutely worked to spoil humanity all over the world with his push for ‘free sex’, ‘friends with benefits’, or any other stylish words to push people into sexual or at least mental immorality. Remember, Jesus warned us sternly:

28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart (Mt.5:28)

Nowadays, young men are mocked by their friends and by society if they can’t show their ‘conquests’ or brag with their ‘experiences’. Girls are mocked if they can’t show a whole list of ‘boyfriends’ to prove their worth and their ability to attract lovers.

Both are ‘counseled’ by their ‘well-meaning’ friends with words like, “If you don’t show her that you are a real man, she will leave you” or “If you don’t give your body to him, he will leave you. You must prove your love to him”. Of course, all such words come straight from satan, the great deceiver and destroyer (Ge.3:13; Isa.14:12; Jn.8:44; Rev.12:9).

Maybe you or your spouse had such experiences and fell into satan’s trap before marriage. You need to confess to God all these old relationships and entanglements as a sin. You need to cut any soul tie and physical tie by the power of the Blood of Jesus.

You will never be able to live a happy, fulfilling married life if you are still bound in the spiritual world to another person.

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Please earnestly seek God in prayer until in your spirit you feel the breakthrough and complete freedom from old bondages.

Don't allow old ties to destroy the precious opportunity your God has given you with this marriage.

You can find prayers and much more teaching on the destructive dangers of soul ties in my book "How to Break Ungodly Soul Ties".

CREATION KINGDOM



In the very beginning of human life, God created a beautiful garden, the Garden of Eden, which means ‘delight’. Think about it! Adam’s first full day of life was the seventh day, the day God declared as a rest and a holy day, which means, a day separated unto God (Ge.2:2-3; Ex.20:10-11; 31:14-15).

Adam’s life started with seeing God and hearing His voice! Yes, Adam received his job instructions, but first of all was his holiday, his rest with his Creator.

Before even creating a wife for His man, God planted this glorious garden of delight with every exciting item imaginable. This shows you that your God Himself desired the very best life for His man and for all humanity from the very beginning!

8 The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads (Ge.2:8-10)

God had created the perfect piece of property for His man. Not

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only was there a river to water the garden, but even a mist from the ground watered the whole face of the ground (Ge.2:5-6). Everything was perfect. God had made everything self-sustaining for His man to just tend, keep and enjoy:

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it (Ge.2:15)

The Hebrew word ‘abad¹’, translated as ‘tend’, actually means ‘to serve, to do, to till, servant, to work, worshippers, to service, to dress, to labor’. Isn’t that extremely interesting? Adam was first of all called to serve the land, to till it and to labor for it with the attitude of a worshipper!

The Hebrew word ‘shamar²’, translated as ‘keep’, is not less fascinating. It means ‘to keep, to observe, to heed, keeper, to preserve, to beware, to mark, watchman, to wait, to watch, to regard, to save’. Wow!!!

Well, I would say we have an entire marriage seminar just in these two words, spoken by God Himself to His man! These two words sum up the general task for Adam and through him for all humanity - not only for the soil and the earth, but for every aspect of life!

If you live your marriage with this job description for every human in mind, you will definitely enjoy the life of ease and of bliss God intended for humanity in the very beginning.

Imagine you live your marriage ‘tending’ and ‘keeping’ one another. What would that mean? You would serve one another; you would work and even labor for one another. You would till any hard heart soil of one another; you would dig up and plow through old and fresh hurts together.

Just like you service your car, you would observe and preserve your spouse’s physical, mental and emotional health and act wherever improvement is needed. You would heed one another, watch out for one another, regard and save one another... and you would do all that with an attitude of worship!

Does that mean you would worship one another? No way! That would mean falling into satan's trap that has destroyed so many marriages, because in God's eyes, worshipping any creature is idol worship and brings horrible consequences.

You worship together the God who in His infinite wisdom made you male and female. You worship Him as you observe one another and see Him in every detail. Wow!!!

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die"
(Ge.2:16-17)

See how God gave to Adam free use of everything except for that one tree of the knowledge of good and evil! See how much your God desires your good! Therefore, when Adam still didn't feel fulfilled, God created that perfect wife and brought her to His man.

All was wonderful until Eve listened to the cunning serpent, ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and gave to her husband who was with her. Instantly, self-consciousness, shame, a feeling of nakedness, a need to hide, to hide even from God, as well as the eternal blame game came into their once so glorious life (Ge.3:1-13).

Till today, all of humanity is suffering the consequences of this one obedience to satan's voice! Someone lamented:

If Adam and Eve would have been Chinese,

they would have eaten that serpent,

and we would all still live in Eden!

Sadly, however, they ate of the forbidden fruit, and yes, they did die as God had said. They died immediately in the spiritual realm. They

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died in their relationship with their God and also in their relationship with one another.

From this tragic treason onwards, we see deterioration in every area of life, both human and animal life (Ro.8:19-22).

God had given to His man and to His woman an entire kingdom of eternal bliss, but alas! They chose to obey the old serpent, the devil, and were immediately transferred into satan's kingdom of darkness.

They lost not only the loving, personal Presence of God, but even the right to stay in Eden, God's Garden of delight (Ge.3:21-24). Thorns, thistles, sweat, pain, unfulfilled longings and a life under harsh rulership were the outcome (Ge.3:16-19).

Is there any hope for this horrible ordeal of life most of humanity is suffering life-long? Praise God, yes, there is! Your Jesus came to buy back with His death and His resurrection everything satan had stolen through his deception.

You can come back into God's Kingdom and live a life as He intended you to live! You can enjoy God's closest friendship and relax in the rest of faith He gave you (Jn.15:16; Jas.2:23; Heb.4:9-10).

And you can live your relationships, especially your marriage, the way God created and desired marriage to be!!!

All it needs is your decision to change kingdoms, your decision to come out of the kingdom of darkness and back into the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of light, the Kingdom of the Son of God's love (1.Jn.5:19; Jn.12:31; 14:30; Col.1:13-14)!

Once this change of kingdoms is done, you can start exploring your privileges and responsibilities in God's glorious Kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost (Ro.14:17).

As a citizen of heaven, all the joy and the powers of heaven are fully at your disposal. Pray with me right now:

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Beloved Lord Jesus,

Thank You so much for dying for my sins and for buying me back from satan's kingdom with your own holy Blood! Please forgive me for all my sins and trespasses and cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

I gratefully receive Your forgiveness and Your free gift of grace and life. Thank You for buying back for me my position of authority in the spiritual realm and the victory over sin and satan.

I declare that only You are my Lord, my Savior and my Deliverer.

Teach me to live in Your ways and to do Your deeds. Make my life a blessing to everyone around me, especially to my spouse and my family.

In Jesus Name,

Amen

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CREATION FOOD



As a citizen of heaven, you are once again entitled to God's glorious Eden life full of all kinds of fruit and gifts! Just as Adam and Eve could nourish themselves with the most exciting, delightful fruits, in God's Kingdom, you yourself can not only eat, but even become a supplier of this life-giving nourishment to others!

You are a garden full of delight for your Jesus, the eternal Lover of your soul (SS.4:12-5:1)!

You offer to your God the fruit of your lips, the sacrifice of praise (Heb.13:15)!

And you grow and distribute the fruit of the Spirit, the characteristics of God's very own life inside of you, His temple, to many others!

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law (Ga.5:22-23)

Imagine living such a life! Imagine displaying all these glorious attributes in your own life! Imagine your spouse living by God's Spirit and constantly feeding you all this wonderful, tasty fruit! Wow! This is exactly the life God intended for you and for your marriage.

Let's have a little deeper look at verse 22. The first fruit of the

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Spirit mentioned is love, and of course, you would expect love in a marriage. Notice, however, that immediately following love is the fruit of JOY, followed by the fruit of peace!

In our experience, joy is an indispensable part of a happy life and marriage. When this fruit of the Spirit abounds in you, you will very easily find your way back from any grievance into peace and all the other wonderful fruits of the Spirit.

Science has found so many benefits of laughter that even laughter training seminars are offered³! Mood enhancing drugs are sold at an all-time high amount worldwide as fear and depression try to grab people's hearts and minds. How blessed you are to have the Source of all life and the Source of true joy living right inside of you (Isa.61:2-3; Heb.1:9)!

How blessed you are to have a spouse with whom to share this precious fruit of joy! Consciously use every opportunity to laugh and joke. You will see the atmosphere lighten up, the heaviness go, forgiveness become easy and misunderstandings dissipate speedily.

Of course, the most glorious occurrence is the real 'joy of the Lord' that breaks forth like a river from your innermost being (Jn.7:37).

Thank God, we experience this glorious fruit of the Spirit regularly in our schools and seminars, and the testimonies of healed emotions, healed bodies and healed relationships are in the hundreds! Peace and all the other fruits follow such outbursts of heavenly atmosphere and make your home a mini-heaven.

How do you grow such fruit, how do you feed yourself and others with such fruit? Since it is the fruit of the Spirit, you will grow it automatically as you dig deep roots into God's Word, studying it, devouring it and living it.

A marriage filled with such exquisite fruit simply cannot fail! So let's dig deep into God's wise Word concerning marriage together.

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Your God is a God of plan, purpose and perfection. True to His character, He also has a purpose for marriage: Your marriage is to display God's fullness and glory to a lost and dying world (Col.2:9-10).

Husband and wife together are to exhibit a perfect picture of Christ and the Church and invite every onlooker into the greatest love relationship the universe has ever known - the union between God and man, between the Creator and His creation (Eph.5:32).

Sadly, most people marry with a different intention, like this couple shows us:

He: Darling, if you marry me, I will satisfy your smallest wishes.

She: And what about the big wishes?

Please be assured: Starting a married life with any selfish intentions is the sure way to misery.

In order to see God's intention and to never forget it, let's look again and again at God's revealing words through His mighty Apostle Paul:

30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

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31 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church (Eph.5:30-32)

First and foremost is the fact that we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. As grapes of His vineyard, we draw directly from His sap, from His powerful, all-overcoming ZOE life.

From this perspective, we can embark on the exciting and challenging journey of becoming one with a creature as different to us as can be. Or did you think there is no reason for the expression ‘the opposite sex’? If so, welcome to a whole new world of opposites!

Let’s see how Christ deals with His Church and thereby glean the first glimpses into this so totally different world of married life.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church (Eph.5:25-29)

What a challenge! Self-sacrificing love! Sanctifying! Cleansing! Providing the water of God’s Word! Presenting the Bride - also your bride, dear husband! - glorious, holy and without blemish! Understand-

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ing that loving your wife means loving yourself! Nourishing and cherishing! Wow!

Which man would ever be able to fulfill such a challenging list?

Happy news: If you are a born-again believer, YOU CAN!!! Of course, not in your own strength or ability, but by fully relying on Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col.1:27).

As a Christian, you have the One who already fulfilled and keeps fulfilling all these challenges living in you! He is actually living His life in you! If you allow Him, He is more than willing to also live His life THROUGH you.

Still happier news: If you are not yet born again, you can start this glorious life right now. Ask Jesus, the Son of God who died for your sins and rose from the dead the third day, to forgive all your sins and to cleanse you with His holy Blood. Ask Him to come into your heart and to be your Lord and Savior.

Ask Him to teach you ‘Marriage His Way’.

The outcome will be a happy marriage for God’s glory and for your delight.

So let’s together learn ‘HOW MARRIAGE’.

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CREATION CALLING



In my life, after many years of a fulfilled single life, God's time came for me to marry. Here also, His loving Hand gave me the very, very best, more than I could have ever hoped for.

I will be eternally grateful to my beloved Jesus for giving me such a precious man of God as a husband. My hubby is a real father at heart. His greatest joy and desire is to see his spiritual children excel and even overtake him in anointing, authority and ministry.

As his wife, I enjoy the privilege of godly counsel, loving covering and spiritual protection without any oppression, jealousy or insecurity.

Every real husband should always endeavor to bring the best out of his wife and allow her to bud and blossom in her gifts and talents. If your wife blossoms and shines under your protecting wings, is this not a beautiful testimony for your godly leadership? Is this not the best proof of your Christian character?

Dear husband, please never let anybody tell you that you should 'keep your wife under', keep her quiet, keep her humble, or anything like that. Anyway, that is just wishful thinking, as this joke tells us:

Prospective husband: Do you have a book called "Man, the Master of Women"?

**Sales girl: The fiction department is on the other side,
Sir**

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Wow! What a hard word! Is it really so impossible for women to submit to their husbands? Well, I definitely don't think so.

If you provide her with a headship like Jesus does to His Church, your wife will gladly give you credit for her exploits and successes in life (Eph.5:17-29). Satan will be put to shame, and both of you will be very happy with each other. Each one of you will be proud of the other, and the world will see a marriage as God intended marriage to be.

Likewise, every wife should build her husband and build her house as a truly biblical woman does (Pr.14:1; Pr.31). Standing with him in purpose and unity, her intercession and interference will defeat and defer ten thousand spiritual enemies, and both will enjoy divine reward for their labor (Dt.32:30; Eccl.4:9-12).

Considering all the bliss and blessings God intended you to enjoy in your marriage, is it a wonder that Satan and his cohorts are working overtime, doing their best to discredit, divert and ultimately destroy God's precious gift of marriage?

Oh yes, living a happy, blessed marriage is not easy, but if you are willing to live it according to God's design, you and your generations will reap heaven's smile and surprises. If you are unwilling, however, all the little differences and challenges God created as a blessing can irritate you to the core and destroy any hope of a happy marriage.

Please understand: Your life is not just a coincidence. Your loving God meticulously planned your life and even the timing of your salvation before the very foundation of the earth (Eph.1:3-4; Ga.1:15-16).

Once you made Jesus your Lord and Savior, you were born again, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God (Jn.1:12-13).

Your life is not your own!!! You were bought at a price, the unimaginably costly price of the Blood of God's own Son (1.Co.6:20; 7:23)! Therefore, please never become a slave of any human being - not even of the likes and dislikes of your spouse!

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Keep your eyes on your Jesus and run your race with endurance (Heb.12:1-2)!

Know that even your marriage is a calling, a calling into God's Kingdom work together. Since you have a calling, even your spouse was selected by God for both of you to fulfill your callings together.

We have seen too many unhappy couples who keep accusing one another for their lack of joy. Some even accuse one another for their lack of usefulness in God's Kingdom. Never allow such thoughts! They will create in you a sour, bitter attitude which can easily destroy your marriage.

Even in marriage, God's same principle of seeking FIRST HIS Kingdom applies (Mt.6:33). Keep your eyes on the price, the pearl of great price, your Jesus and His Kingdom (Mt.13:45-46)! The moment you take your eyes off your God and off your calling, for which God has provided this spouse for you, things will go wrong.

Right now, take time to seek God and ask Him to remind you of all the things He had spoken over your life. Remember your first love to your Jesus, and do these first works again (Rev.2:5). It's a lie of the devil that you can't do God's work now that you are married! Don't fall into this trap of satan!

Some couples enjoy their marriage so much that they forget their calling. They go from shop to shop and from restaurant to restaurant, completely forgetting that they are heavenly creatures, not earthly beings (Phil.3:20). All their good intentions even of praying together are forgotten.

This is a very dangerous position! Praying together ensures that you will be staying together! Seeking together first God's Kingdom and God's righteousness ensures that all other things, whatever you may need, will be added to both of you! We are living testimonies to the truth of God's Word:

33 But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness,

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and all these things shall be added to you (Mt.6:33)

Yes, your God is interested in your joy and happiness in your marriage. First of all, however, He is interested in your eternal joy, and this joy is only achieved when you can hear Him say,

21 Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord! (Mt.25:21,23)

Growth in marriage starts with faithfulness to God and His calling in the little things. As you pass the tests, your authority both in the natural and in the spiritual world will increase.

You will definitely rule and reign in Christ over ever greater territories! And you will experience His joy in ever increasing measures!

Forgetting that your marriage was created to serve God's Kingdom purposes is actually very dangerous for you and for your loved ones. I have seen life-threatening diseases attack families who settled in a natural, earthly life.

Praise God, when they earnestly repented and started seeking and serving God, these diseases were miraculously healed! Hallelujah!

CREATION DIFFERENCES



Today's society tells people they can chose whether they 'want to be' male or female, and that they can easily change their 'gender'. Let me ask you: Have you ever watched little children play?

Most of their favorite plays actually center around enacting wedding, house building, household chores and child rearing - at least, this is the case with little girls!

How many times I had to taste some imaginary dish given to me by some little girl! Little boys, however, happily enact all kinds of noises while they play with their trucks and race cars!

Please don't tell me this is imposed on them by society! Let them choose their toys and see... Have you ever seen a little girl sitting alone and making car noises? Or a little boy busily chatting with little girls playing with their dolls?

The Bible says in Romans 1:20 that since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes, even His eternal power and Godhead, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made. As a Master of Science in Biology, I find that the more I study God's marvelous creation, the more I fall in love with my wise Creator.

In Germany, children are taught responsibility and respect for life through little pet animals we can keep in our home. We used to have 'golden hamsters', small nocturnal rodents that are just the size of a mouse.

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To our utter surprise, each one of these tiny creatures exhibited a very marked character of its own! And even more marked were the differences between the genders! Wow! What a God!

Right now in our ‘Center of Healing for All Nations’, we have some clans of stray dogs that have “appointed themselves” as our watchmen. It is a lot of fun to watch the gender differences even here.

The ladies jump and dance and wiggle their tails each time they see us. The gents might just open one eye to see who disturbs their sleep when we approach them.

When I suspect our favorite dog to only come to us for food, my sweet hubby uses to say, “No, no, it is just because he is a man! Just to have us somewhere around is enough for him; but when we go out for a few days, he cries and shows us clearly how much he missed us.”

Have you noted this difference also in your marriage? A man just needs his wife and even his daughters to be around, somewhere in the house. Knowing they are there, safe and protected, is all he needs.

He can then happily sit in his study room and read, play with his computer or relax in front of the TV. He doesn’t feel any need to talk and communicate. She is there. She is alive. All is well.

For a woman, however, this is the greatest insult. “What? You want me to stay at home but you don’t even bother to look at me, much less to talk to me?!?”

This accusation, born out of deep hurt and a feeling of rejection and abandonment, has caused countless arguments and is destroying marriages all over the world. Some men came to a scientific conclusion:

Women are like giant black holes.

No matter how much love you throw at them,

they suck it all up and demand still more

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Many husbands are deeply frustrated and feel unjustly accused by their wives' claim, "We never spend time together." They feel, "What? We were together the whole day! I never even left the house. How ungrateful you are!"

They might express it or not, but that anger and resentment grows on the inside with each similar remark the wife makes. The wife, on the other hand, gets more and more convinced that her husband has absolutely no love for her.

The reason for this mutual hurt and emotional estrangement is that couples neither know nor understand their God-created differences in behavior and expression of feelings.

They expect to be loved the way they love and cannot imagine that their partner could think, perceive or feel differently and yet love them with the same passionate love as they do. This leads to hurt, frustration, bitterness and a steadily growing anger.

All too often, the end result is a hurtful divorce that destroys not only their marriage but also endangers the possibility of a happy future for their children.

Once again we see here the tremendous truth of God's Word:

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children (Hos.4:6)

Lacking and rejecting knowledge is very serious in God's eyes, as you can see. Please, never fall into this trap of satan!

Please, always keep enquiring and learning from our Creator God and His wise Word!

So, what is the reason behind these differences? And most importantly, what is the purpose?

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CREATION MYSTERIES



Let us start our study at the very beginning, with the creation of man and woman. The Bible clearly states that it was the Trinitarian God who decided to make man. Father, Son (the Word) and Spirit together conferred and agreed to make ‘adam’, ‘man’.

It took the entire Trinity, the Triune God, to make this crown of His creation, humanity! Therefore we can clearly understand:

Man and woman together are created in the image of God. Man alone is not the image of God, neither is woman alone. Remember God’s first mention of mankind in the very first chapter of the Bible:

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth” (Ge.1:26)

As you see, God spoke about MAN, but then immediately, He spoke about THEM. The Hebrew word for ‘man’, which is translated in some Bibles as ‘mankind’, is ‘Adam’.

So this Adam included both the male and the female part of humanity.

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them

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(Ge.1:27)

Why should God make such a clear distinction? Was it not enough to say that He created mankind? Well, it is to make clear to us that there is definitely a lot of difference between the two. So please, don't be too surprised!

Your spouse is REALLY VERY different from you. God said it at the very beginning! I find it hilarious that He had to say it even twice, maybe anticipating that some may have trouble seeing and accepting it?!? See here:

1 This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

2 He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created (Ge.5:1-2)

Notice that He blessed them **together**, and He called them **together**! You see God blessing them in Genesis 1:28, but did you ever notice that in the separate account of Adam's creation, you do not see God pronounce any blessing on Adam alone?!?!?

Think about it! God created him, placed him, gave him his job description, gave him even naming authority, watched him perform - but we do NOT see God blessing him (Ge.2:7-8; 15-23)!!! Interesting, isn't it? That is the tremendous value our Creator ascribes to His holy institution, marriage (Mal.2:10-16)!

See God's special favor promised to a man who finds a wife:

22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD (Pr.18:22)

Why would God encourage men with such a beautiful promise to find a wife? Well, the reason is His great desire to show Himself, His love, His goodness, His salvation, His yearning for mankind to know Him intimately!

Yet only when man and woman come together and become one, God's full image becomes visible to the world. See God's crystal-clear Word:

31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the Church (Eph.5:31-32)

This is the main reason why satan, your and God's arch enemy, hates marriage with all his might and does his best to mar and discredit it. Can you see why having a happy marriage is of much greater importance than just for your personal enjoyment?

Your happy marriage automatically draws people toward Christ. What a simple, easy and beautiful way to evangelize the world!

You can enjoy your marriage and at the same time cause God to throw a party in heaven for every sinner saved through your living testimony (Lk.15:7)! Some children even found the true way to family happiness:

When Mummy is happy, everybody is happy

There is much more truth in this saying than you might expect. Considering the great difference how in the very beginning God created Adam and Eve, man and woman, male and female, it should be no surprise to us that men and women also have very different basic needs.

That in itself is a never-ending source of trouble, misunderstandings and heart-ache if we don't know it or if we don't bother to seek to fulfill these needs in our spouse.

Some husband also found out and declared:

Happy wife, happy life

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So please, for Heaven's sake, put some effort from your side into making your spouse happy. You automatically make God happy by doing so. Time invested into your marriage is never wasted time but a very wise way to wage spiritual warfare.

Defeat the devil with every laughter, kiss and embrace - given to your own spouse, of course!

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Now, what is the purpose of all these God-given differences between the sexes? Is it to upset and torture us? No way! One very obvious purpose is to avoid boredom. Imagine how boring it would be to spend your entire life with a person just like you. There would be no challenge, no need to question your own beliefs, and therefore no personal growth.

Another purpose is to complement each other with the precious, diverse gifts each one of us has received from God. Think about it. God made one human, Adam, but very soon, He saw that Adam as an ‘all-in-one’ was not happy. He needed a partner, a creature of his likeness, to be able to share life with and to complement each other.

So in His eternal wisdom, God didn’t create another person, a separate being. He just operated on Adam and took out a part of him. Wow! That part, which was now of course missing in the man, became the woman.

So actually, you are really only ‘complete’ when you find and join your missing part. Somebody said it just a tiny little bit differently:

A man is incomplete until he is married.

After that, he is finished...

What a tragedy and complete misunderstanding of God’s creation purpose for marriage such jokes reveal! Of course, if you live your

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marriage in the natural, in the worldly soul realm, surely such thoughts will someday penetrate your mind and pollute your spirit. You will start complaining about your marriage, and you may even destroy it by your poisoned attitude!

If you live your marriage by God's Word and God's Spirit, however, many precious truths will be enlightened to you, and you will live your marriage in awe and appreciation.

A spiritual person will also understand and utilize the tremendous spiritual opportunities of marriage: You have your prayer partner, the one to agree with you for your prayers to be answered, right there with you at all times (Mt.18:19)! As the two of you and even your children live together in His Name, Jesus is right there in the midst of you (Mt.18:20)!

As you live together in unity, all the tremendous blessings of Psalm 133 apply: A good and pleasant atmosphere! Anointing all the way from the Head Jesus over the head of the household down to the entire family! Dew for fresh life to sprout! Blessing! Life forevermore! Wow!!!

A marriage between spiritual people is not only a double cord between two human beings. A marriage as God intended it to be includes the Creator of marriage, God Himself! Such a threefold cord is not easily broken:

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.

10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone?

12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken

(Eccl.4:9-12)

Good reward for your labor! Your spouse will lift you up when you slip! You will keep warm! Your spiritual fire will be kindled again and again by the fire in your spouse as you share your revelations from your Quiet Time and your Bible studies (Lk.24:32)!

You will be sharpened in your discernment and in your life in general by your very best friend, your spouse (Pr.27:17)! And there is more:

30 How could one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had surrendered them?

31 For their rock is not like our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges (Dt.32:30-31)

The spiritual power of married life is undeniable. That's why satan fights with all his might against this closest life-producing union on the planet - the only union that can multiply life and fill the earth! The spiritual warfare against happy marriages is fierce and must be won in the spiritual realm, not in the natural.

See this powerful truth: If you fight your spiritual battle alone, you chase thousand of your spiritual enemies, but if you join together, you put ten thousand to flight!

Their rock, which is satan in whom they trust, has already sold them out to destruction, as any satanist can tell you. Your Rock Jesus has already surrendered all these demon powers under your feet (Lk.10:17-19).

Your calling consciousness is your uniting force! When these legions attack your mind and your marriage, set your mind on the things above, on your heavenly calling (Col.3:1-3)!

Forgive any grievances, join hands and arise in unity! All these demons will flee from you as you resist them as a couple (Jam.4:7).

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From the very beginning of creation, God's purpose for marriage was that man and woman together should rule and reign in the spiritual realm, and thereby also in the natural world (Ge.1:26-28). Some couples have at least learned to rule and reign together in the realm of their family matters and live together happily and peacefully.

That is great, but it is by no means enough. Your marriage is supposed to bless nations!!!

Please study the book of Esther and apply it to your life. Esther, the orphan, had come into her royal marriage position in order to save her entire nation! She didn't settle in her comfortable palace life.

She took the burden of suffering humanity on her heart, fasted, prayed and risked her life for her nation. Her courage was rewarded with the highest position of authority, even to the point of decreeing laws for entire nations!

Never forget: Any marriage that doesn't seek to fulfill God's spiritual purpose will be frustrating, empty and ultimately leading to death.

So please, don't allow small earthly issues to torture you, divide you and keep you and your marriage back from fulfilling God's destiny!

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And yet, there are these small differences and misunderstandings that create so much havoc in marriages and keep them from fulfilling God's purpose!

Let us see in some more detail exactly how God created man and woman.

7 And the LORD God formed (yatsar) man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (Ge.2:7)

19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed (yatsar) every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made (banah) into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

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23 And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined (cling) to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (Ge.2:19-25)

There are many very interesting points to notice in these verses. First of all, notice that God didn't just **speak** “every beast of the field and every bird of the air” into existence, but He **formed** them, just as He **formed** man.

This word ‘formed’ is the Hebrew word ‘yatsar’⁴, which means, ‘to form, fashion, frame’, through the squeezing into shape. Have you ever noticed that God uses the exact same word for the creation of animals as for the creation of man!? Well, dear sister, this fact might very well give you the answer to some longstanding questions...

When God created the woman, however, the story was different. The Hebrew word ‘banah’⁵ used for the ‘making’ of the woman means ‘to build, rebuild, establish, cause to continue’ and even to ‘build a house (ie. establish a family)’.

Her creation was much more complicated and sophisticated than the creation of man. When God wanted to make a helper comparable for His man, He couldn't just take some dust and make something out of it. He had already fully given Himself into Adam by breathing into His nostrils the breath of life (Ge.2:7).

Now He had to take something out of Adam and make or build it into another person. By that, God actually distributed Himself into two human beings - male and female, man and woman.

What a miracle! What a wonder! Truly, we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps.139:14)!

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Some ladies, however, interpret these different forms of creation a bit differently by insisting:

**Any good designer makes first a sample
and then only creates his master piece!**

Hmmmmmm....

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Anyway, dear wife, I have good news for you: You were not made primarily from dirt like your dear hubby. You were made from very refined dirt that had not only already been squeezed and formed into a fully functional human being but was also invigorated with the very breath of God. Wow! Maybe that is why it is said that Adam and Eve had this little conversation in paradise:

Eve to Adam: You know why God created you before creating me?

He wanted to create a sample before creating the master piece!

Well, maybe our dear sister Eve was a little overconfident in her reasoning. Actually, God had a very different reason for creating Adam first:

He simply didn't want anyone to tell Him how to do it!

Let me also reveal to you another very well-kept secret here. Has anybody ever told you what happened right after the creation of Adam? No? Well, then let me now tell you this ancient secret.

After creating Adam,

God stepped back a little bit, took a good long look at Adam, then scratched His head and said,

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“No way! I can do better than this!”

What? You don't believe me? You really need a proof for this? Well, just read your Bible! During all the six days of creation, we see God examining His creation. The Bible records at each inspection, **“and God saw that it was good”** (Ge.1:4,10,12,18,21,25).

Only one time God was so pleased that the Bible records, **“Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good”** (Ge.1:31). Do you know when this took place? It was at the end of the sixth day, when God had finished His Creation and brought a beautiful wife to His man Adam!

In Genesis chapter 2, where we get a more detailed record of the creation of humanity, we see that in between all the “goods” and the “very good” there was actually one time where God had to say “not good”.

Shocking, isn't it? How can that be? God Himself had to call His own creation “not good”? What was wrong in God's eyes? See for yourself:

18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him” (Ge.2:18)

We have already seen what happened right after this.

19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him (Ge.2:19-20)

Doesn't God make it just so absolutely crystal clear from the very

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beginning of creation? An animal is NOT a suitable substitute for a spouse!!!

Unfortunately, millions of people around the world do use animals, be it to fulfill emotional needs and longings with a sweet, undemanding, faithful pet animal or be it even for some perverted sexual desire.

God, however, found only one suitable way to solve man's loneliness:

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed (Ge.2:21-25)

In God's perfect creation design, there is perfect peace, oneness, clarity, excitement, union, purpose and openness. Adam didn't need to fret and worry where to find his perfect spouse. He could just go about doing God's work until God Himself made a deep sleep to fall on him, operated on him, and closed up the wound.

This done, God came to Adam with a surprise-gift: A beautiful, exciting woman, exactly fitting for Adam.

Even though he had been asleep during the operation, Adam immediately knew that this marvelous being was part of him. This shows

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his deep spiritual walk with God, daily in the Garden of Eden.

I heard many such testimonies where people immediately felt that this was the spouse meant for them. It's not what people call 'love at first sight'.

It's a deep knowing in the spirit which can be discerned only by truly spiritual people (1.Co.2:15).

CREATION ATTRACTION



In my own life, I had felt for a few months that now God's time had come for me to marry. I told some of my trusted pastor friends from different nations to pray, to keep their eyes open and to help me discern God's perfect will for my life.

After this, renowned spiritual leaders from four different continents prophesied over me that now my husband would soon come.

My main question to the Lord was, "What continent will he be from?" At that time, I was translating for different ministers from all continents in a 3-week prayer seminar.

In the last week, prophet Ezekiah Francis was the speaker. I had heard much about him during my ministry trips to South India, and I knew that he would not marry, but serve God as a bachelor.

I still remember how I told the Lord on the inside when I translated him for the first time, "Jesus, I think there is no question. It will definitely be Asia. I feel soooooo at home with this man..."

Of course, I could never have imagined that the preacher himself would be my husband, but I clearly felt this sense of total belonging. I thought it was the culture, the way of expression, the way of seeing and interpreting the Bible - but it was more than that!

Here was actually my husband! I only couldn't recognize God's plan because my brain knew he had dedicated his life to remain single!

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When I came again to India four months later, I also visited his ministry. Immediately, his family and his counselors started praying and talking about me as a potential wife for him.

Then only, I learned that he had been seriously asking the Lord about three different marriage proposals during his life, and every time God had said a big NO. For that reason, he had assumed that God wanted him to serve Him as a bachelor.

However, when God brought to him from a different continent that Eve that was so specially designed for him, both his spirit and all his counselors and family members recognized God's Hand in uniting us.

God's design is perfect, and if you walk in the Spirit, you will definitely recognize it and fulfill it.

CREATION MATERIALS



As we have seen, Adam was created directly from the dust of the earth, while Eve was created from a more refined dust, from dust that had been invigorated by God's breath and formed into a rib inside of Adam's body. Have you ever wondered why God chose to make Eve out of a rib, and not of any other body part of Adam? I can give you the answer.

In preparing to create woman, God asked Adam to describe the kind of woman he would like to have.

Adam said, "I want a beautiful, attractive woman who is intelligent and willing to work hard. She should be a good cook and good at raising kids. I want a woman who will support me and help me achieve my goals and dreams in life. And she should be very spiritual and deeply love You."

God said, "No problem. I can do all this, but it will cost you an arm and a leg."

Hearing that, Adam backed up a bit and said,

"And what can I get for a rib?"

Well, jokes aside... Why did God create Eve from Adam's rib? God chose to NOT create Eve from Adam's foot, unless he would trample upon her; He chose to NOT create her from his hand, unless she would

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become his work-slave; he chose to NOT create her from his head, unless she would rule over him. God chose to create Eve from Adam's rib, the bone closest to his heart!

What a wonderful idea! Think about it! God took the wife straight from the place closest to man's heart! That shows how much God desires for you to have the deepest, sweetest fellowship and the most romantic love affair with your own spouse, not with somebody else out there!

The rib is also a very important, strategic bone. Ribs cover fully or at least partially most of our vital organs like heart, lungs, stomach, liver, gall bladder etc. The ribs give stability to the whole structure. Imagine a human body without ribs - it would just be a wobbling jelly-like mass without structure and strength!

Don't we see nowadays many men like this, without any moral standards, zeal and aim in life because of satan's brutal attempt to create "sexually liberated singles" who wander from one woman to the next? Think about it!

There is one big problem with the rib, though. Ribs are connected to the sternum in such a way that they are highly elastic and can bear a lot of load and pressure. The rib in itself, however, is very thin and fragile.

If a rib gets bruised, the pain is excruciating. Every breath is a torture, and if you have a bruised rib, you'd better not dare to speak loudly or to laugh or cough, much less try to move. You will feel knives and needles all over your chest from the inside out.

If a rib is broken, there is even an acute danger to life. A broken rib can pinch the lung and create a so-called "pneumothorax" which can be fatal. Wow...

Have you ever had a bruised or broken rib? Maybe you know somebody who did. It is an extremely painful situation, and no doctor can do anything about it! There is no cast, no bandage, nothing you can

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do for a bruised or broken rib! The only thing you can do is to move and even to breathe with extreme caution, being very careful not to make the hurt rib move, not to damage it more.

A bruised or broken rib needs a lot of rest, a lot of tenderness and a lot of care. No running around, no sudden moves, just a constant conscious effort and care not to further hurt that delicate rib.

The good news, however, is that the rib will heal all by itself, if these small steps are taken to heart. And once it is healed, the rib will again faithfully do its job of protecting, covering, strengthening and upholding the body to which it belongs. Hallelujah!

What does all this mean for your marriage? It means that if your wife is bruised and broken, you can't expect her to support and strengthen you as she would normally do. She might grumble and complain.

She might fall into depression and even into different kinds of addictions. She might cry all the time. She might criticize you severely. She might pull you down spiritually. She might pinch you by talking to others about you. She might even threaten your life by spoiling your reputation and testimony. She is a rib, never forget that!

But, praise the Lord! If you take some time for her and show her some tenderness, some understanding and some care, this same rib that seems to be such a problem to you will once again rise up to become your best friend, your passionate lover and your greatest admirer!

Dear husband, please never consider time spent with and for your wife a waste. She is the precious treasure God Hand-fashioned and brought to you to honor her as the weaker vessel and heir together with you of the grace of life (1.Pe.3:7).

So take good care of your rib, and you will enjoy the security and stability she provides for you for the rest of your life.

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CREATION PREPARATION



I firmly believe that marriage CAN work - but HOW? First let me ask you a very important question: How did you come into this marriage? Why did you marry exactly this person?

Well, I hope that you took enough time praying, both individually and together, to make sure this was the right person according to God's will for your life. I hope you also involved your parents, family elders and spiritual leaders in the process.

As with everything in life, walking in His ways and seeking His guidance is the greatest wisdom and safety for a blessed future (Ps.25:4-5; 139:23-24). The blessing of happy parents and the support of a family that is satisfied with your choice of spouse definitely helps to master any storms of married life.

Maybe, however, your story was very different. Maybe you ran away from all counsel, cast off all restraint, despised all warnings and ran blindly into this marriage.

Even worse, maybe you did it even out of rebellion and with a hidden desire to hurt and punish those who opposed it. Maybe now you are reaping the wages of these sins in the form of death of love, alienation of relationships, and all kinds of other problems (Ps.2:1-3; 107:10-12; Ro.6:23).

Maybe this is the reason why you now hold this book in your hands. You came to the end of yourself, to the end of all your scheming,

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and you understood that only God alone can help you. Praise God, this is the very best place to be in life: Acknowledging our utter need of our Creator's love and guidance!

Maybe you were a born-again believer, even Spirit-filled, but for some reason you allowed your soul and your flesh to lure you away from obeying God's clear warning:

14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people" (2.Cor.6:14-16)

Maybe you were so convinced of your human attraction or spiritual power that you thought, "nooooooo problem, once we are married, I will easily win him/her for Christ".

Maybe you notice now only that by marrying an unbeliever, in a spiritual sense, you actually got the devil himself as your father-in-law, as my dear hubby uses to say (half) jokingly.

Maybe now you see and regret your arrogant pride that made you think you know better than the God who warned you of such unequal yokes and even fellowship, communion or accord (2.Cor.6:14). Maybe you are slowly moving towards a fall, even towards destruction, in your personal life and in your marriage (Pr.16:18).

Whatever may be your situation, don't despair! Yes, God resists the proud, but He DOES give grace to the humble (Jas.4:6; 1.Pe.5:5)! So I would very strongly recommend that at least now, you obey God's Word:

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6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you (1.Pe.5:6-7)

Why not you pray with me right now?

Dearest Heavenly Father,

You know my heart and my situation. I come to You as the Creator of my life and wise, loving Designer of marriage. Please forgive me for trying to live my life outside of Your User's Manual, the Bible. I now see that I need Your forgiveness and Your guidance.

Forgive me for hurting those around me, especially my spouse, by not walking in Your Word.

Lord Jesus, You are the Living Word. Please come and live in me. Cleanse me with Your Blood. Be my Lord and Savior. Lead and guide me to live life the way You intended me to live.

By Your Holy Spirit, make me a blessing, a joy and a comfort to those around me. Forgive me for making my spouse into an idol in my heart. I now ask You to take the position of Lover of my soul. Lord Jesus, from today onward, I declare You my first love.

Thank You for saving me and adopting me into God's family!

In Jesus' Name,

Amen!!!

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Even though I myself did this step of total surrender to God many years ago and made Jesus my personal Savior and LORD - which means BOSS!!! -, there is never a day where I don't ask Him for guidance, wisdom and understanding. Actually, I ask Him to fully 'take over' my spirit, soul and body, and to direct me in His perfect ways of truth and peace (Dt.32:4; Pr.3:17; Jn.14:6).

I guarantee you, if you adopt this lifestyle, you will be able to slowly bring your marriage into God's pattern. Of course, it won't be easy, but it will be a blessing in disguise for you also.

It will demand your time and determination in Bible study, worship and implicit obedience to God's Word (Dt.28:1-14). It will teach you to walk in God's ways and reap His blessings (Pr.3:1-8). It will break your strong ego and transform you into a Christ-like person that gives liberty to God's Holy Spirit and thereby also to those around you (Ps.19:7; 2.Cor.3:16-18).

Are you willing to walk this path? Then let me give you some Scriptures to help you fight the good fight of faith for your marriage (1.Tim.1:18-19).

10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies (Ps.25:10)

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart (Gal.6:9)

13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good (2.Thes.3:13)

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls (Heb.12:3)

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Another question: How can I so boldly say that you can still bring your marriage into God's pattern, even if its beginning was very wrong? Is there really any hope for YOUR marriage?

First of all, once you understood your own sinfulness and utter inability to live a God-pleasing life, you now are praying and fighting in the spiritual world for the salvation of your spouse.

That is a prayer straight from God's heart, since God is ***“not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance”*** (2.Pe.3:9). You have come to repentance, so why not also your spouse?!?

Secondly, now that you really are saved through repentance from your sins, God's promise given through His Apostle Peter to the repentant jailer can be claimed by you also:

31 ...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household (Ac.16:31)

If you take and speak this promise by faith, God's miracle power will work a full salvation in your household! What do I mean by a 'full salvation'? Well, the Greek word 'sozo' includes health, wealth, peace, joy, social standing and so much more. Study it! Claim it! Live it!

Thirdly, the fact that you accepted Jesus and follow Him now shows me that God's calling is upon you. God did not stop you from marrying that person. He could have stopped you unless you very ad-

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amantly closed your ears for Him. Also, both you and your spouse are still alive. That's a miracle after all your fights and arguments, isn't it?

So I believe that now after you reassured Jesus again of your first love for Him, you can claim and pray and expect one of my favorite and foundation-laying Scriptures:

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Ro.8:28)

Keep reading till the end of Romans chapter eight. I do believe that once you did that vital step of coming back into God's fold, all things will start moving into the right direction.

Our God is a God of miracles, signs, wonders and even resurrection! Believe it! Claim it! Live it!

CREATION REALITY CHECK



Here is my next question for you: Are YOU ready for a REAL marriage? It is very easy to blame your spouse for not giving you the happiness in marriage you expected.

In spite of all the jokes and teasing, please never forget that both spouses have their legitimate rights and expectations in a marriage.

Hopefully, if you married a god-fearing person, these expectations are mostly spiritual, but there are also intellectual, emotional, physical and financial expectations to fulfill.

Marriage should always be a give and take, never a selfish one-way-road. Remember the admonition of God's great Apostle Paul to the churches:

***10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this:
If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat (2.Thes.3:10)***

***8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially
for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is
worse than an unbeliever (1.Ti.5:8)***

Let me tell you a little secret. Every marriage consists in TWO people, not just in one. Have you ever considered that your spouse may have the same complaints and disappointments you feel?

Did you really strive to obey God's Word which clearly commands

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us:

2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others (Phil.2:2-4)

Did YOU really seek to do and to be the best for your spouse, or did you demand that your spouse should make you happy?

How much does your ego, your self-will, still dominate your life? To what extent did you die to yourself and resurrect with Christ (Ro.6:4; Ga.2:20)?

Please take a deep and honest look into the depth of your heart. You may find that all you really want is to get rid of that marriage that you once so much desired. You may find a deep rooted hatred against the opposite sex which had been overpowered for some time by the initial infatuation of love.

All these things may be buried deep inside of you without your knowledge and without any fault of yours. Hurts from childhood and bad role models may have created an unconscious mistrust and aversion in you.

Ask God's Holy Spirit to show you your heart through His eyes. Ask His anointing to heal and restore any damaged areas in you.

Ask Him to help you be ready and willing for the great mystery of marriage: Becoming one!

CREATION FUSION



I like very much the candle ceremony some people do at their wedding: Both future spouses come with a candle of their own. With these two candles, they together ignite one bigger candle.

The difficult part is that after igniting that big candle, both have to blow out their old individual candles. Wow. What a powerful picture of marriage!

And yet, it also portrays very well its struggles! Somebody said:

**Marriage is when a man and a woman become one;
the trouble starts when they try to decide which one**

This is a very interesting point and may very well be the biggest conflict in marriage. As the two of you are trying to become one, the big question is: Which one should you become?

I would counsel you to check all your opinions, habits and lifestyle with the Word of God. Whichever fulfills Bible standards should be adopted into that new personality you both become.

Marriage is a real challenge to our ego, but to a wise person, it is a wonderful opportunity to be improved in every area of life.

Of course, nobody likes to die to himself, but let me tell you: Only when you die to yourself, you will be able to resurrect with Christ and

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to live in Him, with Him and for Him.

Only when the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it produces much grain. If you want to keep your life, you will remain alone and even lose your very life (Jn.12:24; Mk.8:35)!

So dying to yourself is actually the best thing that can ever happen to you because it will bring you into a fulfilled, fruitful life!

This successful husband of fifty years just nails it:

On their 50th wedding anniversary, Tom was asked to give his friends a brief account of the benefits of a marriage of such long duration.

“Tell us Tom, what have you learned from all those wonderful years with your wife?”

Tom responds, “Well, I’ve learned that marriage is the best teacher of all. It teaches you loyalty, meekness, forbearance, self-restraint, forgiveness -

and a great many other qualities you wouldn’t have needed if you would have stayed single”

Sadly, because of the pruning, self-denial and self-crucifixion involved in the process of bearing much fruit, more and more people take what they consider ‘the easy way out’: They live together without marriage, and they change partners like other people change their underwear.

Of course, such behavior can never create any of God’s qualities in them as they follow their arrogant anger and flee into the arms of the next partner the moment any problem arises.

Alas, divorce is now running rampant even in traditionally monogamous nations. TV programs and serials depict divorce as something funny, trendy, cute, modern and desirable.

Could this be one more sign showing us that we are really living in the End Times? Could this be one of the factors contributing to the characteristics we see described in God's warning about the End Times?

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,

7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;

9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was (2. Tim.3:1-9)

Imagine living with such a person! Or imagine BEING such a person! Oh nooooo! Praise God, God's wise design of marriage does transform us into more pleasant people by rubbing off all our rough edges.

Remember,

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17 As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend (Pr.27:17)

If you allow it, the closeness and friendship of marriage will definitely sharpen and perfect you!

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Did you know that your loving God specifically commands happiness in marriage? See how considerate He is! He knows that marriage is a much bigger life change than what we think. He knows that two human beings becoming one is not an easy task, as we may think.

Therefore, He gave this beautiful command in the Old Testament:

5 When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken (Dt.24:5)

Isn't this wonderful? Imagine! One whole year of honeymoon! One whole year to get to know each other! One whole year to adjust to each other! And God explicitly tells the young husband to make his wife happy! Wow!

What a loving God! What wisdom for God to make time for a couple to establish a strong foundation! Did you know that a happy wife is actually a really strong foundation?

Isn't it interesting that God has to command the HUSBAND to make his wife happy, and not the wife to make her husband happy? As we will see later on, God's very way of creating man and woman made them inherently different from one another.

Therefore, their needs and likes and even their ways of expressing

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love are very different.

Someone coined a very wise counsel for mutual happiness in marriage:

If you want to be happy with your husband, love him less and understand him more

If you want to be happy with your wife, love her more and never even try to understand her

Dear wife, I know you went into your marriage fully determined to love this husband so deeply that you totally win his heart. That is normal since as his helpmate, you are created to be a love-creature that fully depends on his every wish and word.

You are sure that pouring all your love on him will make him happy and conquer his heart every day more. This is what love would do to you, of course!

How could you ever have imagined that this creature could feel bothered, asphyxiated and deeply irritated by your demonstrations of deepest love!

The more you love him, the more he withdraws from you! In panic, all you know to do is to give and demand more love. The outcome is deep frustration on both sides.

Dear wife, please don't despair. The problem is not that he doesn't love you. The problem is that he doesn't need all your love demonstrations in order to feel love for you. He needs mainly your understanding.

Once you take the time and effort to understand him, you will find many admirable aspects of his character. This will automatically lead you to trust and honor him, which will kindly his love for you like nothing else could!

Dear husband, as a true descendant of Adam, you would not have

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entered this marriage covenant expecting mainly romantic love. You would have planned a life together, children together, and expected someone to help you reach your aspirations in profession and in society.

You would have entered this covenant with the noble intention of protecting her and providing for her. You definitely wouldn't have expected a creature that would demand some diffuse kind of 'love' and riot when you don't know how to give what she wants.

Be patient. Take time to find out what makes her feel loved, and do it. Can I tell you a secret? It is mostly the small gestures that make a woman happy, not necessarily any big gifts.

Her heart will overflow with gratitude and admiration for this man who understands her so deeply. She will tell everyone what a wonderful husband she has, and you will be highly honored and respected in society.

Dear husband, you don't need to break your head trying to understand that normally so delicate creature that suddenly can rise up and fight like a tiger. Learn to love her in a way that she can understand. Make sure what you do makes her feel loved, but never even try to understand her.

Can I tell you a secret? Many times, your sweet wife does not even understand herself! Do you remember the tremendous confusion you felt in some of your arguments? Well, here you have the reason! So don't even try. Enjoy her display of varying emotions like a drama on TV and simply be happy.

Wow, what a difference! No wonder God commands a young husband to make his wife his top priority for entire year!

In one of our seminars, the Holy Spirit suddenly put a different emphasis on the well-known Scripture from Dt.24:5.

He instructed me to tell the trainees that there were some 'specialists' among them who didn't need to go to war because they had enough

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war in their own house. It was a joke, but it hit home.

Afterwards, we received the testimony of a pastor who had been beating his wife, even kicking her with his feet and treating her like a slave. This message convicted him so much that he repented with many tears.

Today, they are one of the happiest couples we know, extremely sweet and loving, and very powerful in their ministry for Jesus. Yes, a strong foundation makes all the difference!

So let us go deeper into God's loving Heart for humanity. Let us find out why marriage is so near and dear to His Heart, and so hated and hampered by satan.

CREATED FOR A JOB



God's creation marvels truly affect each and every aspect of life, as we will see in this book. Think about the very beginning of Adam's life and of Eve's life. Both were created by the same God, but both woke up to very different situations and surroundings.

When the Hand-squeezed mud-puppet Adam received God's breath of life, he became a living soul (Ge.2:7). For this man, God planted a garden of delight, the Garden of Eden, and put him there.

Was Adam supposed to just spend a nice holiday there? No way!

God Himself put him there with a purpose, with a task, with a job: Adam was to tend and keep the Garden (Ge.2:15). So the first thing Adam saw in his life was a responsibility he had to fulfill.

Adam was given full freedom and authority over the entire Garden, except over one tree: The tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The fruit of this tree was not to be eaten, although everything else in the garden could freely be eaten. God even told Adam why: He would surely die if he ate of its fruit!

This tree had two purposes: To keep man from knowing evil, and to test his obedience by that one small prohibition in midst of extravagant, unimaginable abundance (Ge.2:16-17).

As a loving Father, God saw that it was not good for His man to be alone. So He brought all the animals to Adam, stood back and watched

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Adam's reaction. Adam knew them all, named them all, but no helper comparable to Adam could be found among all the animals God had created:

19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him (Ge.2:19-20)

So God decided to make a helper comparable to Adam. For that, He had to take a rib out of Adam himself, form and fashion her beautifully, and bring her to His man Adam.

See the tremendous executive power Adam had from the very beginning of his life! Tending! Keeping! Naming! All were tasks of high responsibility and privilege.

Dear wife, this is the true background of your beloved husband. He was created to fulfill a high responsibility entrusted to him by God himself. In the beginning, it was the Garden of Eden.

Today, it is you as his bride and soon to be wife, his job, his financial responsibility to support a family, etc. It is only a natural outcome of God's creation design that your husband sets his mind and attention on achieving some goals and fulfilling his job with excellence.

Some women have found out this male specialty and ask a frustrated question:

**Why in the world should I marry
and exchange the attention of all men
with the indifference of just one?**

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What could have caused such a stunning question? I believe it was one of the typical characteristics of men, once again misunderstood by women.

So actually, here the prospect of a happy marriage is destroyed, and other marriages may be endangered as this lady remains unmarried and keeps collecting the attention of different men! The reason is the same as always: Lack of knowledge of God's creation differences (Hos.4:6)!

Adam's first calling to a job has created tears and heartache in marriages all over the world. Men are project- and work-oriented. Men see the world as a place to compete and conquer.

Men are constantly in some kind of contest, either with themselves or with some challenger or opponent. For a man, life is a constant win-and-loose-game in which he must use his skills to succeed.

When a man wants to conquer a woman, he puts all his mind and energy into this new project. He shows himself from his best side. He talks about himself so she can understand him and know exactly how she can make him happy. He asks questions about her and teaches her many things.

A woman thrives in such undivided attention and is sure she has finally found the best man on the planet.

Even after marriage, a man still takes time to talk to his wife, mostly to instruct and train her into what he expects from her. Once a man can be assured that he has won the heart of his wife, however, he will just turn and go on to the next project.

If a woman doesn't know this typical male nature, the perceived 'rejection' can cast her into deepest despair.

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CREATED FOR RELATIONSHIP



Eve's life, however, began in a completely different manner. Hand-fashioned by God Himself, she woke up to a loving, caring Heavenly Father who took her by the hand and brought her to the man of her life.

As she walked toward him, Adam couldn't help himself! He busted out into an enthusiastic shout:

23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (Ge.2:23)

None of all the animals would have caused such excitement in him, and Eve's first experiences in life were pure acceptance, excitement and love, first from God and then from her God-given husband. Is it any wonder that women are 'relationship-creatures' who crave for love all their lives long?

What a rude awakening for Eve when Adam, after his initial expression of excitement and closeness, went back to his job of tending and keeping the Garden! Yet did that mean that Adam lost his ecstatic excitement about his beautiful wife? No. It just meant that he was created first of all for a job, while she was created first of all for relationship.

Dear wife, since you are created for relationship, you are prone to clinging to your husband and freely talking to him also in public. Your husband, however, may get very nervous and even fearful about what

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you may say or how you may behave.

Don't get hurt or offended! That is a very normal and even positive male behavior! Since he is created for a job, his public testimony is extremely important to him. So please,

Never try to teach a man anything in public.

Men can learn in private; in public they have to know

Be sensitive and support your husband in this area. He will be grateful and trust you so much more, which will greatly improve your relationship. That in turn will make you 'relationship-creature' very happy.

O yes, how much we can make our lives easy and joyful by just understanding and accepting God's creation differences!

CREATED TO BE A HERO



According to the account of God's creation of man and woman, Adam is definitely at a loss. Since the creation of Eve, he is actually missing something very important. He is missing one of his ribs! Till today, men carry deep inside that nagging feeling of being incomplete until they find the right wife. And rightly so! Only a God-given wife can transform a helpless 'helper-less' bachelor into a fully functional man.

Once he found this suitable helper, a man starts feeling an intense need to impress her. He feels he has found a precious treasure, the part that was always missing in him, and suddenly his entire life changes. A desire arises in his heart to protect her, to provide for her, to pamper her as best he can. No more is he satisfied with impressing others in sports, career, possessions or the like. Now he needs to impress his helper, his very own God-given Eve.

Of course, our loving Creator Daddy knows the deepest inner needs of His creation. That's why He gives wives stern instructions and reminds them of how much Sarah honored her husband, even calling him lord (1.Pe.3:6).

1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives (1.Pe.3:1)

Of course, husbands are also admonished so that both of them may create a God-honoring marriage:

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33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband (Eph.5,33)

Dear husband, think back to the beginning of your relationship. Can you remember the deep, tender feelings and the strong urge to protect 'her', the queen of your heart? That love and care was there, God-given, but it can be hurt, hardened and even destroyed over time.

How can that happen? Well, I believe this verse gives us an important answer. Being honored and respected is an essential need in men. Every man needs his wife to respect, honor and even admire him. A lack of that honor - even a perceived lack of honor - makes him close his heart which blocks the free flow of his love.

This closing of the heart is a protection mechanism to avoid being destroyed by such cruel shaking of his very life foundation. Yes, my dear sister, feeling respected is really so important to a man. Have you seen men who are highly honored and respected in their work life? Even with all their achievements, they can only be truly happy and fulfilled if their wife appreciates their efforts.

I have seen highly honored men falling into deep depression when they were dishonored or despised by their wives. I have also seen men very happy, fulfilled and satisfied in low positions, when they found the honor and respect they needed at home from their own wives.

Dear wife, please don't try to use excuses like this one:

Respect is for those who deserve it,

not for those who demand it

God's Word clearly commands you to give honor to whom honor is due, and simply by his position as your husband, you are commanded to give him honor (Ro.13:7; Eph.5:33). Don't allow your husband to get so desperate for respect that he has to demand it from you. Put into practice powerful spiritual realities like these counsels from God's

Word:

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you (Lk. 6:38)

Give him honor, and help him to honor God, who will in turn honor him before the eyes of society. Yes, I know you also deserve honor, but see the second part of this joke:

**Every woman deserves a man who respects her,
and every man deserves a woman
who appreciates his efforts**

Don't pull him down by nagging and complaining about his maybe feeble efforts to deserve respect. Keep giving, keep prophesying, and reap your reward!

Have you noticed that in the Bible, it is always the men who fight the battles, win the wars, and protect the families and the nations? Even in the case of Deborah, Barak was the one who had to lead the army into battle. Like a few other women of the Bible, Deborah guided the leading man into victory by her wisdom.

Of course, the Word of God also commands men to give honor to their wives, so that their prayers may not be hindered:

7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered (1.Pe.3:7)

In God's Kingdom, honor is very important. Even though men's need for honor may be greater than women's, God makes sure that both do give and receive honor among one another.

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Someone said it so beautifully: Kingdom culture is a culture of honor! And yet, our Lord Jesus adds a warning also:

44 How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? (Jn.5:44)

Our faith will be much impaired if we don't learn to first of all please God, make God happy, and make sure God can honor us for the way we live our lives.

Once we seek and receive honor from the real Source, God alone, we can freely give honor to others and also receive honor without being puffed up in pride or thrown off course in our calling. So let's repeat:

Men are born to be heroes - at least they must be heroes in their wives' eyes!

So dear wife, let your husband guide you, counsel you, save you, try to solve your problems for you, and happily admire him for it as your hero!

You both will be surprised how much easier and happier your marriage will be when you understand the different basic needs of men and women.

CREATED TO TEND AND CARE



A really happy wife won't give you problems with issues like this one:

Back from honeymoon, the bride immediately called her mother. "Oh, mama, the honeymoon was wonderful! So romantic..."

Suddenly she burst out crying.

"But, mama, as soon as we returned, Sam started using the most horrible language - things I'd never heard before! I mean, all these awful four-letter words! You've got to take me home..., PLEASE MAMA!"

"Sarah, Sarah," her mother said, "calm down! You need to stay with your husband and work this out. Now, tell me, what could be so awful? WHAT four-letter words?"

"Please don't make me tell you, mama," wept the daughter, "I'm so embarrassed, they're just too awful! COME GET ME, PLEASE!!"

"Darling, baby, you must tell me what has you so upset. Tell your mother these horrible four-letter words!"

Still sobbing, the bride said, "Oh, Mama..., he used words like: dust, wash, iron, cook..."

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“I’ll pick you up in twenty minutes,” said the mother.

This is supposed to be a joke, but it is actually a real tragedy. I feel much pity for the young husband, but even more for the young wife.

It seems that her mother has not at all prepared her daughter for the reality of married life and for the creation roles men and women used to adopt in marriage and family for centuries all over the world.

How sad! How many tragedies occur, how many lives are destroyed, when parents and society fail so badly in preparing young people for a true marriage!

From day to day, both mass and social media seem more hell-bent on distorting the true meaning and purpose of marriage - even of life itself! Isn’t it just logical that the more society drifts away from its creation purpose, the more heartache and destruction the world will experience?!?

So then, what is a true marriage? It is a life of self-denial, maybe even sacrifice. It is a life of loving, accepting, esteeming and honoring another person higher than oneself - a truly Christ-like, Christ-centered life.

In short: Marriage is a wonderful opportunity to become just like Jesus (Eph.5:22-33; Phil.2:1-11)!

Let’s have a sneak peek into the lives of Abraham and Sarah, our father of faith and his precious, beloved wife. When the Lord appeared to Abraham with the two angels that would go and destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham invited them for a meal to refresh their hearts (Ge.18:1-5).

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes.”

7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf,

gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.

8 So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent" (Ge.18:6-9)

We can glean many counsels from this short passage. Abraham was outside, in contact with society and strangers, while Sarah was well protected inside the tent.

Abraham and a young male servant did the hard, dirty job of killing, cutting and cooking the calf, whereas Sarah kneaded and made cakes from fine meal, probably wheat or some well pound grain.

This pattern is still strongly followed in traditional Muslim families around the world. I had the privilege of closely moving with Turkish and Arabic families both in Germany and in Spain.

For a Westerner like me, this family setup seemed very strange and oppressive from the outside. I believe strongly, however, that it was God Himself who gave me this training opportunity even before my salvation.

To my utter surprise, the wives and even the daughters were very happy, content and self-confident - a great difference to the confusion, insecurity and instability that had grabbed Western culture already in that time.

The daughters knew they would someday marry and build families. They knew their parents would search the best match for them, and they would trustingly marry the men their parents had selected.

They easily - and to my great shock, very HAPPILY! - settled into their role as home-makers, as they had learned from their mother's example.

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They did have a very active social life, as families used to come to visit, or they would go visit other families. The men would sit together and talk issues of their interest while the women would laugh and chatter among themselves, fully satisfied with their social life. There was nothing of the confusion, competition and concern I myself suffered in my youth.

Actually, this feeling of security is a basic need of women. Women are created to tend, nurture and care, but in order to do their creation task well, women need their husband's love and commitment to provide some security for them.

Have you ever noticed that women are the ones pushing their husbands into buying houses and providing better, safe accommodations, while most men would prefer to spend this money on cars, sport equipments or other things?

What a relief to know that all these differences that create so much strife in couples worldwide actually stem in the different roles God assigned to us in the very beginning of creation!

Looking back, I now understand how much the Western media and education system have slowly but surely corrupted God's wise, eternal design in people's minds. Slogans like 'emancipation', groups like 'Women's Lib' and the like have now given way to demands like 'gender equality' and sexual confusion all the way to the social push into 'transitioning' from one sex to the other.

Please understand: Satan, the thief, murderer, master deceiver and God's chief adversary, comes only to steal, kill and destroy, whereas Jesus came to give us life, and life more abundantly (Jn.8:44; 10:10).

I myself had been pushed by our society into competing with men for academic excellence, study and job opportunities, and the like. Deep inside, however, this social pressure created much fear and anxiety in me which strongly affected my health.

When Jesus came into my life, one of the first changes I noticed

was that I suddenly felt an interest in sewing beautiful, romantic, feminine skirts and dresses, whereas I had been wearing mostly Jeans and T-Shirts throughout my school and university years.

Without my knowledge, God's Holy Spirit immediately started dismantling the confusion of social conditioning and bringing me back into God's creation confirmation! Hallelujah!

How tragic is today's society where even children are deliberately confused about their gender and forced to experiment with their sexual organs even in Kindergarten!

School teachers are forced by new UN curricula to teach young children to masturbate and lead them into 'sexual pleasure' under the deception that sexual satisfaction is 'a human right'.

Teachers are forced to ask the children to find out if they would prefer to be the opposite sex. If a child says yes, teachers are to send this child to a psychiatrist who is supposed to enforce that 'decision' in the young child.

They then are to threaten the parents telling them their child may commit suicide if they don't 'support the child in their journey towards their real self'.

Hormone treatments for 'gender reassignment therapy' are now started in children as young as six, and the age for such drug administration is constantly being lowered.

The great master deceiver satan has managed to blur the clear image of God's design for males and females to the point where people genuinely believe they can select which gender they want to be.

Modern medicine claims to have made it possible with hormone treatments and gender reassignment operations. Yet mounting evidence proves the tremendous psychological stress after such decisions⁶. More and more are those who dare voice their regret and warn others against such steps.

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Dear wife, you **MUST** watch over your child, tend and care for everything God entrusted into your hands, and protect your precious, God-given child from any such mutilations! They only result in an inability to fulfill God's first command to be fruitful and multiply!

Such destruction of God's creation purpose will definitely lead to depression and deep rage later in the child's life. Just do an online search about 'detrans stories'⁷, and you will see the deep pain and anger of such victims, as well as their difficult and often only partial road back to their God-given gender.

Such perversion and rebellion against God's clearly assigned sex, which is determined at the moment of conception itself and unmistakably visible in the sex organs developing even inside the womb, such insurgence against God's wisely distributed roles can lead to no other outcome than destruction and desolation of lives, marriages, families and ultimately entire societies.

CREATED TO BE THE HEAD



In God's wise creation order, God established man as head over the woman, just as Christ is established as head over every man:

3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God (1.Co.11:3)

23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body (Eph.5:23)

Since God Himself made man the head, every man's primary need, especially in a marriage, is honor, obedience and submission shown to him by his wife. This need is an inborn, God-given and very legitimate necessity for a man.

If his wife denies him the honor due to him as the head of the household, his initiative will be stifled, and after a short while you will see the formerly energetic man transformed into the tragic character that gave birth to so many jokes and cartoons - the 'Pantoffelheld', as we call him in German, the hero under the wife's slipper.

Some men adjust to this tragic situation by comforting themselves with jokes like,

In my house I'm the boss!

My wife is just the decision maker...

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Well, this sounds funny, but unless the husband happily accepts his wife's decisions because of the wisdom she has shown over the years, this attitude is very anti-biblical and will lead to a typical Ahab-Jezebel disaster.

Honoring one another is an extremely important spiritual act, not only required in a marriage, but in every human interaction. I might even stretch it a little more and request you, "Why not we honor everyone and everything our loving Father God has created?"

Remember, "*The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein*" (Ps.24:1).

Honor is also closely connected to our ability to live a life of faith. Dear wife, if you struggle to honor your husband, follow God's wise counsel:

44 How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? (Jn. 5:44)

Seek the honor that comes from God! Be submersed and fully satisfied in the honor He ascribes to you as His creation. You will not crave for any human's honor, and you will overflow with goodwill and love toward everyone else.

Suddenly, honoring your husband will no longer be a difficult task. It will be an automatic outflow of the honor your God pours upon you as you seek Him!

By the way, let me ask you - did you know there are two different entrances into heaven? There is a very long queue at the entrance for men who failed in being the head of their households and who gave that position up to their wives; so when only one lonely man bravely stood at the entrance for successful spiritual leaders of their home, he was questioned with great interest and admiration. "Wow, tell us! How did you make it to be able to stand here instead of standing with all of us over there?" Without any hesitation, the man answered,

I don't know. My wife told me to stand here!

This is another very interesting joke since it clearly depicts the sad situation of many marriages around the world. Ignoring that God Himself in His wisdom created man to be the head of the wife, some women usurp authority over their husbands and make them practically useless as leaders of the family.

Of course, like anything done outside of God's perfect creation order, this will lead to tragedy later on. Both wife and children need the protecting, covering leadership of a strong husband and father to safely navigate life's challenging, wild waters.

I have seen many wives deeply depressed and frustrated, complaining about 'that useless husband' who does nothing for the family. Well, dear wife, the reason may well be that you destroyed his initiative by not giving him the honor and acceptance he needs as head of the household!

Step back and let him take the lead. Yes, things may be delayed for some time, but he will soon happily pick up his God-given role as head of the household, if you allow him to do so.

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CREATED TO BE A HELPMATE



As we all know, God saw and understood that it was not good for man to be alone. So Eve was created to be a helpmate to her husband Adam.

18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him” (Ge.2:18)

This divine purpose and calling is still active in every woman on this planet, most of the times without the woman even knowing or understanding it.

Somehow, as soon as she gets into a committed relationship or gets married, every woman feels that deep desire to help her boyfriend or husband to become a better person.

Dear husband, please understand: This is nothing but God’s perfect plan and design for a woman, and it is for your blessing and benefit.

Unfortunately, most of the time this care displayed by a woman feels quite threatening, commanding and controlling to a man. Since he is created to be the head, he also has this deep inner urge to command and control. This is where many fights begin and many marriages break.

What is God’s view about this dilemma?

Sadly, many see God’s concept of a helpmate, a helper ‘meet’,

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‘comparable’ or ‘perfect’ for the need of the one benefitting from that help, only on the natural plane. Out of this misunderstanding of God’s wise creation design, jokes like this one were born:

**I got married because I was tired of cooking, cleaning,
washing...**

Amazing! I got divorced for the same reasons!

Obviously, some man here did marry out of very wrong reasons. He didn’t look for a spouse that can satisfy his deepest longings on a spiritual, intellectual, emotional, psychological, physical or even sexual level.

He only looked for a ‘helper’ in terms of a servant, a maid which he could have had for a little money without going through all the obvious heartbreak this joke depicts.

Sadly, this can happen even in Christian circles through a misunderstanding of God’s Hebrew word ‘ezer⁸’, which means ‘help, help mate, succor, one who helps’.

When God’s tremendous blessing of a ‘help mate’ is misunderstood, great frustration will result both in the husband and in the wife. Marriage is a spiritual matter, a real mystery, and must be lived by spiritual wisdom and understanding.

How glorious when a wife understands that she is first of all called to be a helpmate in the spiritual realm! Such a woman will intercede for her husband, hear God’s voice for him and for their family life, obey God’s Word and wisdom as how to submit in the Lord and as unto the Lord, and counsel and support her husband with all her heart and strength.

If this spiritual aspect of the role of a helpmate is neglected, frustration will automatically set in, both in the husband and in the wife. How many women told me, deeply hurt, “He only needs me for the kitchen and for the bedroom”!

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How many women leave a God-ordained marriage because either of them misunderstood God's wise design of a helpmate!

Dear wife, if your husband has not yet received the revelation of what a God-given spiritual treasure you actually are to him, don't despair.

Be a wise woman who builds her house (Pr.14:1). Be a spiritual Abigail who protects her man from bloodshed and grief of heart by following his carnal impulses (1.Sa.25:30-35).

Don't allow satan to whisper to you that you should run away from this marriage. Remember God's strong words through His prophet Malachi:

16 "For the LORD God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one's garment with violence," says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously" (Mal.2:16)

Dear husband, don't fall into satan's trap of using your wife only as a helper in the natural world. See her as a tremendous asset in the spiritual world. Allow her to speak to you her heart, to help your calling, and yes, even to show you areas where you can improve.

Make her happy by heeding her voice and accepting her person, as David, the wise king-in-the-making did with Abigail's rebuke, and reap the blessings of God's idea of a real helpmate (1.Sa.25:35).

And yes, washing, cooking and cleaning are part and parcel of married life, so don't murmur and complain. Don't work grudgingly, but make every task an opportunity to pray, intercede and prophesy God's plan into existence from the spiritual into the natural world! That's the kind of helpmate God had in mind, and always remember:

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,

15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children

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of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world (Phil.2:14-15)

6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly (Mt.6:6)

Dear wife, let me tell you: A helpmate that fulfills God's dream of a wife will NOT remain hidden only in kitchen and bedroom.

Be that helper comparable to your husband, and see God move on your behalf!

CREATION SUBMISSION



At the very beginning of human history, God's prototype couple Adam and Eve was living happily in God's wonderful Garden of Eden.

However, when Eve succumbed to satan's temptation and ate of the forbidden fruit, everything changed. In order to protect them from living eternally in their fallen state, God had to pronounce a curse and send them out of the Garden of Eden. See here the reason God gives for the curse:

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.

19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return" (Ge.3:17-19)

Many Christian men all over the world take this scripture as a reason for shutting up their wives, sometimes to the point of completely forbidding them to speak their opinion.

The tragedy is that all of this is done in the name of Biblical sub-

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mission! All too often, the intention of these men is not to belittle or stifle the women in their surroundings, but a genuine fear of coming under a curse by obeying a woman's words.

Sadly, the result is a great loss for both sides. The woman feels rejected, dishonored, unloved and suppressed; she closes her heart and shuts down their emotions. By this, she loses a great part of her life, joy and self-esteem. The man on the other side loses the warmth and acceptance of his wife, and he also loses her valuable input into his decision-making.

Now, is this really what God requires of a 'real man'? Does a godly man really have to be a 'macho' who controls and dominates his wife and takes all of life's decisions without even consulting her? Let us see what God told His beloved friend Abraham.

12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called" (Ge.21:12)

Please notice a very interesting detail here. This Abraham was not just any man. He had a wonderful record of obeying and following God, and God Himself testified of him, "...***he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you shall live***" (Ge.20:7).

See this! God Himself called Abraham a prophet - and yet God saw a need for this prophet and friend of God to listen to his wife in whatever she had said!

Wow! How can God say such a thing - especially after the tragic mistake Abram made in obeying Sarai and taking her Egyptian maidservant Hagar to bear a child for her (Ge.16)? Interestingly, this happened before God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah (Ge.17:5,15).

Could it be that God had to change their identity, their perception of themselves, to make them able to receive His promise by faith, in the spiritual world, instead of trying to bring it to pass by natural means?

Well, the answer is very simple. God is always a God of the second chance - in fact, the second, third, and millionth chance. Even if you have failed and given counsels that brought much pain to your lives, God will give you the opportunity to come back to His plan and counsel others, including your own husband, to step into it!

In this incident, Sarah's words were in line with God's plan. In New Testament terms we might say, she was in the spirit, without even being aware of it (Ga.5:16). That is the reason why God could back up her words and even command His prophet to obey his wife's words!

Dear wife, as a good helpmate, there is only one way to make your voice heard with your husband. Make sure your desires are God's desires; if you do so, God Himself will back up your words and grace you with the wonderful experience Abigail, a fearless woman of God, had with the fugitive David, the future king of Israel:

35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person" (1.Sa.25:35)

No matter what your marriage may look like right now - there is only one way for a woman to be heard and respected. Peter, one of the disciples and apostles of our Lord Jesus, makes it very clear:

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you (1.Pe.5:5-7)

Movements like 'Women's Lib' are born out of a God-given desire

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to be heeded and respected, but all too often, they harden the hearts of women and tend to make them almost like men in their behavior. Here again, pain and the destruction of a fulfilling marital relationship is the outcome.

One particularly dangerous opinion is found in this joke:

Man is the head, but woman is the neck

Some women try to reconcile their God-given position with the in-born fear of submission and the desire to dominate which are so typical of unbelievers. Anyone who has not had a real encounter and established a trusting relationship with his Creator will not be able to truly submit to another human being.

Such people will fear being overpowered, neglected, used or abused. Only the trust in a living, loving God allows us to trust our fellow humans, and especially our spouses.

Even in Christian marriages, women without that deep love relationship with their God may turn to manipulative means like this joke depicts. They may say, “Ok, God made this husband to be my head... but no problem, I am the neck”.

Such a thought can be enough to destroy a marriage when the wife practices such subliminal rebellion against the husband’s God-appointed authority position.

Dear wife, why should you not better take God’s counsel, walk in the spirit and in humility, and experience God’s exaltation?

Dear husband, why should you fear your wife’s input and forfeit the blessing of her God-given discernment and intuition?

A real man will never stifle his wife. A real man will listen, judge all things in the spirit and hold fast what is good (1.Co.2:15; 1.Thes.5:21).

CREATION TOOLS



The very first counsel I would like to give you for a happy marriage is to use God's own tools to create it. What is God's most important tool? Well, it is actually much more than a tool. It is the WORD, which is God Himself (Jn.1:1).

As you well know, God created in the beginning everything by His Word (Ge.1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26,28,29). Even today, He upholds all things by the Word of His power (Heb.1:3). The Word out of God's Mouth is the most powerful force in the universe.

Yes, God's precious Holy Spirit was hovering over the face of the waters, but only when God's Word went forth, creation started happening. Words are absolutely vital. They shape success or failure of a life.

Somebody said, "*You are today where the words you spoke yesterday took you, and you will be tomorrow where the words you speak today take you.*" Wow! What wisdom! What a warning!

Dear wife, please know that women are especially in danger of creating with their words things they don't really desire to see manifested. Due to women's faster, more tightly packed brains, women are more prone to speaking what they later regret than men.

In Germany, we say half jokingly:

Before a man can even pronounce the word 'meat', the woman has already eaten it!

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Please be aware of this weakness and pray specifically for God's guard over your tongue (Ps.141:3). Proverbs 18:21 shows us the importance of words in an even more convincing manner:

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit (Pr.18:21)

You will definitely reap what you sow, even in the area of words. Words are not just some empty breath. Words are containers of God's power. Each and every Word of God carries in itself the power to bring itself to pass. Truly, we serve a miracle-working God!

Our Lord Jesus showed us this power of words in a fig tree (Mt.21:18-22; Mk.11:12-24). When He found no fruit on it, He just casually said, ***“Let no one eat fruit from you ever again”*** (Mk.11:14). His disciples heard it, but probably didn't think much of it.

Unfortunately, this happens to us all too often. We speak or hear words and don't really notice the severity of what we speak so lightly. If you desire a happy, blessed marriage, please, for heaven's sake, stop all kinds of negative words out of your mouth!

Engrave deeply into your spirit and your soul God's strategy for victory, and make it your habit to practice it constantly:

10 For he who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit (1.Pe.3:10)

Please understand: It is impossible for you to enjoy your life and your marriage if you speak negative words!

Your little complaints and discontent words about your marriage do so much more in the spiritual world than you could ever imagine!

Never forget what happened to the fig tree Jesus spoke to, and PLEASE stop destroying your life and your marriage with your own words!

The next morning, Peter, surprised to see the fig tree dried up from the roots, said to Jesus, ***“Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away”*** (Mk.11:21).

Did you notice? Only after seeing the consequences, Peter understood the severity of Jesus’ words and called them by their real name: Curses! Notice also what that one negative, cursing word did to the tree: It withered away!

Does your spouse wither away? Does your marriage wither away? Do you wither away? You can turn around and start blossoming again today itself! You have known the truth, and the truth can set you FREE right now!!!

Dear husband, dear wife, please understand. Your words have tremendous power. They create spiritual reality which then manifests in the visible world. Every time you complain, every time you say something negative about your spouse or your marriage, you establish this negative fact even deeper in the spiritual world.

You may say, “But sister, I say nothing but the truth!” Well, you may be speaking what you see with your eyes, but that is not truth. Truth is something much higher. Truth is what God says. Truth is God’s Word. Truth is actually a Person: Truth is our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ (Jn.14:6)!

As long as you keep speaking what you see and hear, you act on a very low spiritual level. You are not at all using the privileges your Lord Jesus bought for you with His own Blood.

He calls you to speak not ABOUT your problem, but TO your problem. He calls you to speak what you would like to have and to believe that you receive it, and you will have it (Mk.11:23). Hallelujah!

Now let’s come back to our withered fig tree. What was Jesus’ reaction? There was no surprise in Him at all.

He just turned to His disciples and introduced them to this tremen-

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dous spiritual truth. He showed them that they could do the same things He did, and He also told them how to do it.

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God.

23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

25 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mk. 11:22-26)

Can you see it? If you speak believing, you shall have whatever you say. What a tremendous tool God reveals to us here from His creation secrets! Hallelujah!

Of course, please note: if you don't forgive anybody and everybody who hurt you, nothing will work out for you. So please make sure you live a lifestyle of instant forgiveness toward anyone who hurts you, and first of all, your own beloved spouse!

I would like to help you erase all the negative effects of the words you have spoken. If you have been complaining and speaking negatively about your spouse and your marriage, please pray with me right now.

My beloved Lord Jesus,

Please forgive me for keeping hurts and grudges, anger and

revenge against those who hurt me.

Right now, by the power of Your shed Blood, I forgive them and release them from my judgment. I decide right now to hold nothing against them anymore.

I bless them and pray that they may prosper and be in health, just as their soul prospers.

Thank You, dear Lord Jesus, for enabling me to forgive them as You on that cross forgave Your murderers and even prayed for them. Thank You for making forgiveness possible for me!

Please forgive me all the negative words I spoke about my spouse and about my marriage. Without my knowledge, I established the problems even stronger than they were before.

I now ask you to cleanse my mind, my tongue and my emotions from all these negative words.

I also ask you to cancel any effect these words had on my marriage, my spouse and my children.

Please heal them of any hurt my words have caused. I ask you to cancel their effect in the spiritual and in the natural world.

Today I decide to put my tongue under Your control. Please help me to speak only edifying, uplifting words. Help me to prophesy Your perfect will into my marriage.

Thank You so much for becoming a curse for me, so that I don't need to suffer under any curse, not even any self-imposed curses!

In Jesus' Name,

Amen!

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CREATION STRATEGIES



Now that we have cleansed our lives from the negative effects of words, let us go one step further into the positive application of the power of words. This is the highest form of spiritual action and even of spiritual warfare.

2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness (Ge.1:2-4)

No matter what kind of chaos, emptiness and darkness you may be experiencing in your marriage, there is a solution. Your God Himself has shown you this solution at the very beginning of creation by creating all things by His Word. You are created in His image and likeness (Ge.1:26-27). That means that you have the same tools at your disposition.

You can call things which do not exist as though they did (Ro.4:17). You can prophesy order, fullness and light into your marriage! You can make your marriage the happiest place on earth. You can change everything just by the power of your own words.

Remember, the Apostle Paul exhorted his disciple Timothy:

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18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck (1.Ti.1:18-19)

You can keep your faith and a good conscience! You don't need to suffer any shipwreck in your spiritual life or in your marriage! Take the prophecies from God's Word, take also the prophecies that were prayed over you and over your marriage, and with them wage the good warfare!

God Himself uses this strategy constantly. He made Jacob, the supplanter, into Israel, the prince with God. He made Simon, the reed, into Peter, the rock.

And in the case of His beloved friend Abraham, the great Father of Faith, He changed both his name and his wife's name as well (Ge.17:5,15). Both name changes are extremely interesting.

'Sarai' means 'my lady, my princess', whereas 'Sarah' just means 'lady, princess, princess of the multitude'. Could this 'I' God erased from her name point to an ego problem? Could it mean that Sarai was too self-conscious and only concerned about her own matters?

Could it mean that Abram kept his wife too much to himself and didn't allow her to bless others and become a mother of multitudes? I leave it to your discretion...

The fact is, however, that in order to bless multitudes, you must die to yourself and make sure you live for God and His Kingdom above all human matters and relationships (Jn.12:24; Lk.2:49).

For more on how to be effective in God's Kingdom and at the same time enjoy godly, fulfilling relationships, please see my book "How to Break Ungodly Soul Ties".

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In Abraham's case, matters are even clearer. 'Abram' means 'high father, exalted father', whereas 'Abraham' means 'father of a multitude, father of a great multitude'.

Again we see his focus being changed from self-gratification towards other people. The long unfulfilled vision and desire of becoming a father was not enough for him to enter into God's perfect plan.

Fatherhood is a normal, natural thing anybody can desire and achieve. Becoming a father of a great multitude, however, is a real faith project that must be prophesied into existence.

To make matters easier for His couple, God just changed their names. They didn't have to fast, pray, beg and plead. They just had to obey God and speak His Word over one another.

By calling each other by the names God had given them, they automatically and continually prophesied His plan and His will over each other.

What a wonderful strategy! What a wise Creator! What an easy solution! There is no need for any resolutions or determinations in your own strength. All you need to do is to use your God-given strategy of words to create your blessed future. Hallelujah!

In our marriage, God's wonderful Holy Spirit led me to do exactly that in a playful, joking way. At that time, I wasn't even aware of the spiritual implications of what I was doing. I was just kidding my hubby, playing around with him, enjoying and making him laugh.

I used to say things like, "What a blessed man you are to have such a sweeeeeet wife!", "I am the nicest, dearest, cutest, sweetest wife in the whole universe!", "What a wonderful wife you have!" and whatever else I could think of.

In the beginning, my hubby didn't know what to think about it. He used to laugh and say, "I have never seen a person bragging so much about herself!"

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After some time, however, the words were making effect, both in me and in him.

I started being transformed into what I was declaring about myself, and he was getting more and more convinced that I really was the very best wife every time he heard me saying it. Truly, words have power!

Dear husband, please don't let your wife run to beauty parlors in order to hear some nice words from you. In her God-given desire to please you, she might get answers like this poor wife:

Lady: When you are finished with me, will my husband think I am beautiful?

Beautician: Maybe. Does he still drink a lot?

So please, don't wait until things are as bad as you say. Prophecy over her today! Start speaking life and beauty today, and you will reap the desired results in the very near future!

I know you will have to do it by faith, not by sight, but that is okay; it is God's pattern for you to use His tools (2.Co.5:7). The righteous shall live by his faith (Hab.2:4; Ro.1:17; Ga.3:11).

This is what it means to live out the lifestyle that pleases God, applied practically in your daily marriage situation (Heb.10:38; 11:6).

We have many testimonies of sisters who adopted this little game with amazing results. The fun and laughter it brought into their marriages turned around many difficult situations and created light where there had been darkness.

Give it a try, you will be surprised!

CREATION BRAINS



There is a tremendous amount of human suffering on this planet, just because we don't understand how differently God created men and women. For example, women tend to speak much more than men do.

Women's language centers in the brain are bigger than men's, which means that here again, the reason for this phenomenon is found in our creation differences, in our brain anatomy⁹. One lady, however, found out the real reason:

Husband, did you hear they found out that the reason women speak more than men is because they have to repeat everything they say?

What...?

A man's brain is actually bigger than a woman's brain, whereas a woman's brain is more tightly packed than a man's brain. This means shorter ways for nerve impulses to rush through the brain and therefore faster reactions in a woman's brain¹⁰.

Even the composition of the matter the brain is made of differs between men and women. Men have more gray matter which is responsible for things like mathematics, 3-D-perception, speed driving and the like.

Women have more white matter which is responsible for connecting different brain regions. This is another reason why women's brains

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are faster than men's brains¹¹.

Interestingly, scientists can now follow which part of the brain is used for any given task by measuring the heat produced and the oxygen consumed in the process of brain activity.

Can you imagine that for the same task given them in a scientific experiment, men used only one area of one hemisphere of their brain, while women used five different areas on both brain hemispheres?

We are truly very different even in the way our brains are fashioned.

Do you now understand why we have so many misunderstandings and difficulties to really 'connect' between the different sexes?

CREATION CONNECTIONS



Our brains are also connected very differently which is again the source of much unnecessary pain and quarrel. Even the most happily married woman I have ever met in India came to me after one of my seminars, beaming with joy. She confessed to me that my session about the brain differences had been a great blessing and healing to her.

This purely anatomic brain difference had hurt her feelings many times and even made her question her husband's love for her! Her problem had been what millions of women all over the world complain:

**Before marriage, a man will lie awake all night thinking
about something you said**

**After marriage, he will fall asleep before you finish
talking**

This happens especially when there is some problem or some danger. Here again, brain anatomy is the reason. When stress or danger signals enter our brains, men and women show different reactions.

For a woman, the connections lead to the centers for emotions and language in both hemispheres. For a man, the connections lead mainly to the processing and action centers¹². This anatomic difference creates a totally different reaction in men and women to the same problem.

Since a woman processes information by talking, she will feel a great urge and need to talk about the problem. Somehow, just talking

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about it, exploring different ways of handling it, comforts and relaxes a woman. She feels that something is being done about the problem - "We are talking about it!"

A man, however, immediately starts analyzing the situation in his mind. His first question is, "What can be done about it right now?" If the answer is, "Nothing", he just completely switches his attention to other things.

In a man's mind, talking about a problem he cannot do anything about right now is a total waste of breath and lifetime. He therefore feels very bothered by his wife's constant nagging about it.

A Christian husband might accuse his wife of anxiety, doubt, or lack of faith and trust in God, when all she needs is to talk about it to sort it through.

Once she talked it through, she usually feels peace and can act intelligently instead of 'running around like crazy' and in total panic. Allowing a woman to talk about a problem enables her to act in a coherent way afterwards.

This is one more reason why countless wives have come to the painful conclusion that their husband is cruel, inconsiderate, hard-hearted and not to be trusted or relied on. Unfortunately, women tend to generalize and lose their trust in their husband's willingness to address problems at all.

This is a very dangerous situation which satan will try to immediately abuse. He may send 'that strong, wonderful, caring man who helps out anytime and in any problem'.

Such women then easily fall prey to the temptation of day-dreaming about that 'prince charming' instead of remaining faithful in their role as helpmate to their own husband.

The more such women start depending on that other man, the shorter the way becomes to a painful divorce.

Other women take another approach to the problem. They may conclude that their husband is simply useless, a ‘wash cloth’, as a German Christian minister called her husband.

They may see themselves forced to become true Jezebels, taking their lives into their own hands and directing the affairs of the household instead of allowing the husband to be the head, as God has designed (1.Co.11:3). If this continues, sure destruction will be the outcome.

What is the reason for this reversal of God’s established roles? It is the same reason we have found again and again: ***“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”*** (Hos.4:6).

Just because wives don’t know the different brain connections in men and women, they get hurt and react in ungodly ways. How sad... But praise God, now you know the truth, and the truth is setting you free from all these tricks and onslaughts of the enemy (Jn.8:32)!

There is another difference in male and female brain anatomy. Men seem to have a special ‘switch’ which women don’t possess. In my opinion, men are very lucky creatures. They can actually switch off their brain and think just absolutely NOTHING.

No woman in the world can believe that, because a woman’s brain is always busily working. That is why women become very suspicious when their husband answers with a sheepish “nothing” to their questions, “What are you thinking about?”

This male ability to disconnect stems in their single-focus make-up. It is a special blessing and a luxury God gave to them. So dear lady, if your man tells you he is thinking “nothing”, he is most probably telling you nothing but the truth.

Relax and be happy: he is a real man!

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CREATION COMMUNICATION



After studying the tremendous importance of words, both negative and positive, I guess you can imagine that words also play a crucial role in your marriage. The way we speak to each other makes all the difference between a happy marriage and a miserable one. Let not your marriage go the way of this sad joke:

Married life is very interesting.

In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens

In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens

In the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen

Of course, nobody marries with the plan of torturing his future spouse with words and hurting him or her to the core of their being. Unfortunately, though, all too often this is what happens in marriages.

People get deeply wounded by the well-meaning words of their spouses and often struggle lifelong to overcome the inhibitions created by such words. Learning how to communicate is therefore a vital key to survival in a marriage.

The husband in this joke seems to really love his wife and has de-

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veloped the art of avoiding to hurt her feelings to perfection:

Wife: Dear, don't you think I have put too much salt into this soup?

Husband: Not at all, darling. There is perhaps not quite enough soup for all the salt.

Now don't worry... you won't have to learn such levels of communication... just a little bit more consideration in your choice of words will work wonders. Let's see why and how.

Communication in marriage is not at all easy. As a Master of Science in the subject of Biology, I really love to study God's beautiful creation. In doing this, I came across many gender differences not only in physical size and shape, but also in hormones and even in brain anatomy.

Man and woman are really created very differently. That is the reason why God had to add the phrase, "*Male and female He created them*" to the wonderful fact, "*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him*" (Ge.1:27; 5:2). So important was this distinction to God that He spoke this statement even twice!

Unfortunately, these fundamental differences are also very marked in the way we speak. Yet good communication in a marriage is vital if you want to preserve the spiritual, mental, emotional and even physical health of both spouses.

Have you ever noticed how many formerly happy and healthy singles start experiencing different pains and health problems not too long after marriage? The main reason for this is the disappointment and disillusionment that often happens after marriage, especially in women.

Since men are created for a job, they are very project-oriented and tend to work quite hard on winning a woman before and in the beginning stages of marriage. They are willing to talk and listen for many hours, and the woman is excited and happy to have found 'a different

brand' of man, one who can and is willing to talk about his feelings.

Soon after marriage, however, the young husband feels he has now conquered his wife. He has explained to her everything she needs to know to live with him and make him happy.

He can now turn his attention to his next project, which is often his career, with the honorable intention to provide for his beloved wife. For the husband, this is completely logical and the most normal thing to do.

For the wife, however, it comes as a shock. This talkative, interesting and concerned man suddenly has no more time for her. He suddenly considers talking to her a waste of time.

He suddenly becomes impatient when she tries to talk to him like during their courtship and early marriage. What a tremendous hurt and deep rejection for a young, loving wife!

Dear husband, please understand. Your wife will take your withdrawal as a personal insult and rejection. She will definitely feel that you don't love her any more.

She will be tortured by questions like, "What did I do? Did I hurt him in any way? Am I not sexy or interesting enough? Did he get bored of me so soon? What is wrong with me that he rejects me so soon after our loving marriage and romantic honeymoon?"

This is probably where this sarcastic joke came from:

Why don't men talk about their true feelings?

Because they don't have any

Is that true? Praise God, no, it is not true! Once again, it is just a difference in the way God created men and women, and even their brains¹³.

Yes, men do have a harder time expressing feelings than women

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do. The reason might be that male brains separate language in the left and emotions in the right hemisphere, while the female's emotions are situated in both hemispheres¹⁴.

So dear wife, please be patient and compassionate with your husband when he stutters, stammers and struggles declaring his love to you. What to do - he is a man¹⁵!

Even the white matter connecting both hemispheres is less in men than in women - no wonder he struggles to express his feelings. No wonder he gets more excited about sports, race cars, technology and the like - his brain has more gray matter than that of his sweet wife!

Dear husband, now please don't lay back with a relieved sigh, thinking you found a good excuse for not giving to your wife the time and romance she so much desires.

Think about all the beautiful songs, poems, books, dramas and novels on love that were written by men! With a little patience and practice, you CAN connect your feelings and your speech and become the most romantic Romeo to your sweet wife!

Try it and watch your wife blossoming like a flower in the morning sun!

CREATION CRAVING



To create and maintain a happy marriage, it is very important that you keep assuring your wife of your lasting love, even though you go on to other important subjects, projects and jobs in life.

Your wife must feel the security of knowing that she is and always will be your Number One, the queen of your heart.

I know most married men will now sigh and say, “Sister, I tried my best to convey that to my wife, but she just won’t receive what I say or do. She is just impossible to satisfy.”

Dear husband, take heart. It is actually very easy to make a woman happy. In another chapter, I will unveil to you the secret how to make a woman happy. It is actually much easier than you would have imagined.

So just keep on reading and enjoying as you discover the built-in differences in cross-gender communication.

Interestingly, most if not all women feel a great urge to ask their husbands again and again, “Do you love me?” Somehow, women seem to have a deep craving inside of them to hear their husbands say these three magic words over and over again.

Maybe it makes them feel like that princess in that romantic love story, and they simply enjoy being instantly catapulted back into that magic dream world of their childhood plays again and again?

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Whatever may be the reason for this craving, dear husband, please be assured: When your wife does that, she doesn't actually doubt your love. She just enjoys so much to hear you telling her that you love her that she wants 'the kick' again and again.

To you as a husband, however, this comes as an insult. One frustrated husband finally told his wife,

I told you that I love you when I married you 25 years ago. If that should ever change, I will let you know

Dear husband, please understand. These three little words can mean the whole world to your wife. This one little expression, this confirmation of your love, can make her happy all day long.

I know it is an unnecessary repetition. I know it is an insult to you because you feel that she doubts your love. I know you feel that she doesn't appreciate anything you do for her. She should know that you love her by all the hard work you do to provide a comfortable life for her.

You are right - but what to do, she is a woman! Her entire system lights up when she hears you saying these three magic little words... So why not play her little game and reassure her of your love as many times as she desires it?

Think about it. All it costs you is a little patience, a little time, a little breath and the effort of your vocal cords. Is that too much to ask?

I guarantee you, if you just reassure her of your love again and again, your wife will be happier, healthier and much more efficient in life and ministry without you having to stress and strain to buy her some big gifts.

Could there be any easier way? So why not just do it, even if it seems silly and maybe even offensive to you?

Remember, the great apostle Paul exhorts us,

1 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God (Ro.15:1-7)

Can you see it? Of course, this was written in the context of eating food sacrificed to idols, but the principle remains the same. None of us should ever condemn or despise the other for any kind of weakness, in this case, the weakness of desiring to hear again and again that our husband loves us.

Note verse 2: It will lead to edification if you please your neighbor. Who is your closest neighbor? It's your spouse, of course. Who and what will be edified?

Your spouse will be edified, and through that, your marriage and you yourself will also be edified. Isn't this worth a little trouble?

See the wonderful outcome of not despising the weakness of your spouse: Patience, comfort, hope, like-mindedness and mutual acceptance!

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And the best of all is that God will be really glorified through such a marriage. Hallelujah!

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Dear husband, you have probably heard these jokes, but you have definitely experienced them in your own marriage. Actually, this principle of confirming and reconfirming is very biblical. Remember, your Jesus is the Apostle and High Priest of your confession who confirms your word in the spiritual world (Heb.3:1)!

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession (Heb.4:14)

The confession of your mouth is the basis of your salvation (Ro.10:10). You receive your promises by holding fast to our confession without wavering (Heb.10:23). You fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life by your good confession (1.Ti.6:12). Of course, the Bible talks about the confession of your faith, but you can wonderfully practice by confessing your love to your God and also to your wife.

A woman just can't get enough of hearing her husband telling her how much he loves her. In the beginning, you might find that cute; but after some time, nagging thoughts start torturing you. "How can she be so ungrateful? Why does she always doubt my integrity? Why doesn't she believe me once and for all? Doesn't she ever see all the things I am doing for her? Why can't she just trust me?"

If you are not careful, such thoughts can lead to bitterness and resentment in a relationship. Dear husband, your wife does know that

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you love her - at least she knows it in her head. Sometimes, however, she doesn't feel your love because you express it in a way she doesn't perceive as love. Just help her believe in your love all over again! It is actually very easy... and it's even biblical! Just act on God's Word and make her happy, too: ***"Faith comes by hearing..."*** (Ro.10:17).

Give her the pleasure and privilege of hearing that you love her. It will kindle her flame again and again. Please don't feel hurt or offended. She doesn't mistrust you. She is simply being a woman - a biblical woman whose faith comes by hearing! A woman's basic needs are love and security. You can easily fulfill her needs by reassuring her again and again. As your wife feels secure in your love, she will freely overflow with that trust, respect and honor that you as a man so desperately need! Do you remember this joke?

I told you that I love you when I married you 25 years ago. If that should ever change, I will let you know

It also reflects the main basic needs of a man. Why does a husband become so upset when his wife asks whether he loves her? He feels his wife doesn't trust him. He actually feels dishonored by what he perceives as a lack of trust in him.

Your God knows very well the different basic needs of men and women. That is why He commands men: ***"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her"*** (Eph.5:25) and ***"Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them"*** (Col.3:19).

Such bitterness can easily creep in if you don't know why your wife again and again 'questions' your love. Don't allow satan to play in your thought life! Just use creation principles and keep giving, keep sowing, keep reassuring, keep talking... Your God made it so easy, by simply speaking three little words! You may ask, "Why does she insist so much on these three little words?" Try speaking them, and you will find out!

Women need love, so be wise and don't give sparingly! You know

your God loves a cheerful giver, and that applies not only to finances (2.Co.9:7). The blessings of giving and the principle of reciprocation actually work in every area of life - in money, time, love, energy and anything you can think of giving. Remember, your Lord Jesus promised very clearly:

38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you (Lk.6:38)

Jesus even declared emphatically, ***“It is more blessed to give than to receive”*** (Ac.20:35). Do you want her love? Speak your love to her! Do you want to love her more, or are you in danger of losing your love to her because of the many little disturbances of marriage? Prophesy your love, and it will blossom again, both in your heart and in hers.

You could actually see this irritating habit of women as God’s way to forcefully make you prophesy your love to her, thereby multiplying it and protecting it from being lost in your everyday routine! What a wise God!

This principle of sowing what you desire to reap is actually the very best counsel I can give you for your marriage and for any relationship. Never expect any human being to make you happy. Never expect that any human being could ever be able to really meet your deepest needs of love, trust, respect, security and acceptance.

Only your Creator can reach down into the inner sanctuary of your soul. Proverbs 20:27 declares, ***“The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all the inner depths of his heart”***.

You don’t need a psychologist or any psychiatric help. Actually, I have seen lives destroyed by counsels given and medications prescribed. They tend to dull your brain and your emotions, plus they can be highly addictive. Better take the little effort, study God’s Word, and then speak it into existence to establish it in your life and in your marriage!

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With His divine power, your God has already given to you all things that pertain to life and godliness! He has already given you exceedingly great and precious promises! These make you partaker of the divine nature as you study, speak and apply them! The more you dig into knowing your Daddy God and your Lord Jesus, the more grace and peace will be multiplied to you, to your marriage and to your family! See in God's own words through His Apostle Peter:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (2.Pe.1:2-4)

You don't need to commit adultery like the people around you do! You don't need to seek gratification in things that would only bring destruction not only to your marriage, but also to your own soul (Pr.2:16-19; 5:3-14)! You HAVE escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust!!! Hallelujah!!!

Dear husband, maybe you fell into satan's trap of thinking your wife is not beautiful enough for you. Let me remind you again of this powerful creation principle:

Tell her she is beautiful - she needs it, and as you prophesy, she WILL become what you speak over her

Use God's wonderful tools and strategies, even in a joking way, and experience His creation miracles! Just by being a disciple of Jesus and continually studying God's Word, you can actually own and display God's very nature to the world around you, and first of foremost, to your own spouse!

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Well, let us come back to our subject of communication and brain science. Since a woman uses so many different areas of her brain for one task or subject, she tends to feel an urge to talk more about what she is experiencing than a man.

Somehow, the process of speaking seems to help women grasp a subject, get all the details together, sort them through and finally come to a conclusion.

Some scientists estimate that women speak two to three times more words per day than men do. This is often quite difficult for men to bear. One servant of God once told me, only half jokingly:

The Bible says there was half an hour of silence in heaven

This was definitely before my wife reached there

Now, why do women talk so much? The answer is that for women, talking is the easiest way to process information. When a woman is confused about something, or if something important happened to her and she doesn't quite know what to think about it, she needs to talk about it. While a woman talks about a matter, she is able to sort out how she feels about it. While she talks, things become clearer and clearer to her.

It is therefore a great help for a woman if you just allow her to talk.

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Have you ever noticed how many women are willing to pay tremendous amounts of money for a session with a counselor or a psychiatrist? Most men, however, would consider such therapy just a waste of time and money!

What do such professionals do? Actually, they are trained to do practically nothing but to listen. From time to time, they will throw in a question or two to encourage the person to keep talking, and then listen again to what the person has to say.

Very rarely, a psychiatrist will really offer any counsel, much less a solution. His or her main job is to make the client talk to sort out his or her confusions.

Of course, the questions are aimed at helping the person untangle the chaos in their mind and life. Did you know, however, that psychiatrists are the professionals with the highest rate of stress-related symptoms and even suicide?

Listening all day long to people with mental problems, most of whom are under medications and therefore more open to demonic influences, takes a tremendous toll on a person.

In my opinion, all of this would be completely unnecessary if we would learn how to communicate in marriage. Instead of one professional having to listen to dozens of clients per day, one loving husband and one loving wife can easily help each other cope with life through intelligent communication.

Of course, dear wife, the very first address for you to talk to should be your loving Heavenly Father! In prayer, you can fully unload, and once your heart and mind are free, you can hear God's counsel and God's solution to your problem (Jer.33:3; Mt.7:7-8)!

Only after praying about a matter, you should come to your husband and talk to him about it. It will help him greatly, because most of the chaos in your mind is already sorted out, and you may even come up with a solution in a very short time of talking to him!

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I try to do that in our marriage. Both of us carry the burdens of many people in prayer, so why should I burden my precious, soft-hearted prophet husband with any of my matters (Ga.6:2)?

If I have any personal burden, I first run to my Jesus and strengthen myself in my God, like King David did (1.Sa.30:6). I do what Hannah did and what birthed Samuel, a statesman, and through him an entire prophetic movement: I pour out my heart before my God (1.Sa.1:10-20)!

Dear wife, can I tell you a little secret? Your God loves you so much, and He enjoys you so much that even your confused chatter is pleasing to Him!

He thoroughly enjoys being taken into account, being a part of your daily life, and being asked about every little detail of your daily life. I do that... I even ask Him what to eat, what to drink, what to dress... and I can tell you, He deeply enjoys this constant communion, this fellowship with His Holy Spirit (1.Co.1:9; 2.Co.13:14).

Let me give you an example from my own life. I never spend money on buying phones or anything else for myself, but my phone had become really old and too slow to do all our Kingdom works on it.

So when we went to Germany, I started searching in EBay for a used phone. Even the used ones were expensive, and we had so many needs in our building projects! So I was about to leave it and settle with my old, slow phone.

Then I suddenly saw a nice phone, advertised as brand new, but from a private seller who asked for offers. It was a very expensive phone, and I really liked it. During the entire process, I was in my spirit chatting with my Jesus, asking His opinion every step of the way. So I asked Him whether I should enter the auction and try to get it.

When I felt Him saying 'yes' in my spirit, I asked Him how much I should offer. He answered, "Offer 333,33 Euro", as a symbol of the Trinity. It was less than half the price of the new phone, but still more

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than I wanted to spend.

Imagine my shock when I immediately got the reply that my offer had been accepted! When I complained, “JESUS! So much money for a phone!”, I just saw His smile and felt His reassurance that I had done exactly what He had wanted me to do. So I just thanked and praised Him, and I counted the days for it to arrive.

When I could finally pick it up from the post office, I laid it on my lap and blessed the unopened package while driving back home to my hubby. Suddenly, I saw a big cross in front of me which I had never noticed on that road. When I looked more closely, it was just some electric poles aligned exactly in the shape of a cross when I drove toward them.

Of course, like always, I immediately said, “Wow, Jesus, see! I have never noticed that!” I was actually still a little bit struggling with the price of the phone, and He knew my heart. So He said, “I gave you this phone. You have no idea how much I enjoy that you involve Me into every detail and decision of your life!”

Wow! Tears started streaming down my cheeks, and my hubby got a lot of lady chatter when I reached home! Praise God, it was not confused or worried talk. It was all praise and thanksgiving and joy he could participate in, and his happy, excited face mirrored the smiling face of Jesus when I had placed the order.

Dear wife, don't only come to your husband with problems and confusions. Come to him with the blessings and solutions you already heard and received from your Heavenly Husband. You can even make your earthly husband a little bit jealous...

Dear husband, don't worry! You won't become depressed or suicidal because you listen to your wife talking. Your God knows how much you can bear, that's why He gave you only one wife for life!

So rejoice and enjoy her, even if she talks for endless hours...

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Marriage is the God-given place where we can open up our hearts, show ourselves as we really are, and together find our way through life. The peace, security and contentment that come from a good communication in marriage will then extend to a good communication also with our children and others around us.

As we have already said, however, this communication is an art. Imagine the following scene. A husband comes home from a stressful day at work, looking forward to a relaxing evening at home. He had to communicate all day long with his boss, co-workers, clients or customers. The only thing he longs for is his newspaper and his TV screen.

His wife, however, has been at home most of the day, taking care of household and children. She is starving for some intelligent conversation and can't wait for her husband to come home. The first thing she wants to do is tell him all her big and small joys and sorrows.

One such day, a desperate father answered his little son's question with all the frustration many husbands experience:

**Daddy, why do they always talk about mother tongue,
not father tongue?**

**Well, my son, have you ever seen me getting a chance to
throw in a word or two?**

Poor husbands! As we have already seen, a woman talks mostly

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to process and organize information in her brain. Her talk is therefore seldom as structured, clear and precise as a man would desire it to be. She just pours out whatever comes to her mind and thereby finds her way through all the little details of her day. While she talks, she decides what is worth committing to memory and what can be discarded.

If the person listening is her husband, this can create a real problem. Men don't process information by talking; they process information by sitting alone, thinking and pondering.

If a man has a problem or had a difficult day, he will prefer to be left alone to think through it, or to just 'switch off' the problem and concentrate on something else.

This anatomic brain difference can again create great problems and hurts in a marriage. Her husband's withdrawal and silence can be extremely painful for a wife who doesn't understand this creation difference.

The greatest love one spouse may try to show to the other can be the greatest torture for that spouse if we don't know God's creation differences.

For a woman, the greatest help anyone can give her is to encourage her to talk so she can process all the information in her mind. She will therefore do her best to 'help' her beloved husband 'unload and process' his worries.

She has no idea that her best intentions only bother and harass him. He might try to give some polite answers, but on the inside, he only longs for a quiet place to 'switch off', sit and relax.

His obvious reluctance in answering her many questions will arouse her suspicion. Her suspicion will arouse his anger. If a couple doesn't understand these simple physiological differences, he will suddenly explode and accuse her of not trusting him.

Remember, every man needs to know that his wife respects him

so much that she can freely trust him! Therefore, her mistrust is very painful for him, and he will react at some point.

What will be the outcome? A crying wife who feels rejected in her love and misunderstood in her best intentions to help her obviously frustrated husband, and an angry husband who feels disrespected, mistrusted and simply tortured by all her questions.

And dear wife, let me tell you: Your tears will only make matters worse, so better peacefully retire, leave him alone to relax and ponder his problem, and pour out your heart and your tears before the God who understands His creation like no one else.

Dear wife, please don't pester your husband. You need to allow your husband that 'time off'. He really needs it, not only mentally or emotionally, but even physically. Women have 30% more fat, men have 30% more muscles. Fat provides energy for a long time, while muscles break down quickly in times of stress, war or famine.

That's why in crisis situations, women tend to rise up with unexpected strength and stamina, while men get exhausted much faster and need to rest more often.

Accusing and blaming one another is never a solution to any problem. The solution is found in prayer, research and acceptance of God's wise design in making men and women so different, and yet expecting them to become one.

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In addition to this difference, even men's and women's ways of thinking are very different. Again, creation diversity is the reason! As it is said,

A man's brain is like a wafer

A woman's brain is like a plate full of spaghetti

Do you need a proof for this saying? Well, just take a look at a man's briefcase and a woman's handbag. Any more doubts???

When a man talks about a subject, he talks about that one subject in that one compartment and nothing else, and he expects his wife to do the same.

When a woman talks about a subject, however, she talks about THAT subject PLUS about any subject that could somehow be related to the first subject. Trying to follow a woman through all these different subjects can make a man physically dizzy to the point of feeling like fainting.

At the beginning of our marriage, my husband used to cry out in despair, "Lord, what are all these German curves in her brain?" After some time, however, we found out that they are not German curves but simply female curves.

Interestingly, he had not discovered this big difference although he

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grew up with one mother, seven sisters and one sister-in-law! Enough females, you would think... and yet, only the closeness of marriage opened up this whole new universe to him.

Praise God, we learned how to communicate, and today my dear hubby values and respects my brain and thoughts and asks my opinion on almost every matter. Dear wife, let me encourage you: There is hope for you...

I have asked men and women in different nations and cultures about their experiences in marriage communication, and everywhere I got the same desperate response. This shows that these brain differences are a universal human phenomenon, created by your wise Father God.

I know they can almost drive you crazy, but please remember: Your God is a loving Creator. Whatever He does is for your best. Your only job is to find out how to use these differences for your benefit and for His glory.

Dear wife, please understand: The moment any problem comes up, your husband is only interested in talking about that one single problem. He feels that only if you talk about that one area without diverting attention to other matters, the problem can be solved.

Dear husband, please understand: your wife is hundred percent convinced that only by taking into consideration all the other factors that contribute to the problem, a solution can be found.

What can you do with such a dilemma? Well, you can simply follow God's wise counsel:

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself (Phil.2:3)

The Greek word 'eritheia' translated as 'selfish ambition' actually means 'strife, contention, contentious'¹⁶. The Greek word 'kenodoxia' is even more interesting. It means 'vain glory, groundless, self esteem,

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empty pride, a vain opinion, error'¹⁷.

Strife, contentions, empty pride and vain opinions will definitely NOT solve the problem! They may even lead to error!

So please calm down, remember God's creation differences, relax, smile and enjoy listening to that spouse that is so extremely different from you!

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Why not see yourself as a scientist? Why not make this a life mission, an expedition into a very different universe, an interesting and challenging experiment? Maybe this ancient saying will help you understand that you are not the only one with this problem. Many couples around the world struggle with their spouse talking either too much or too little. Here you got the explanation:

One man, one word

One woman, an entire dictionary

So dear husband, please understand: You can help your wife like nobody else on this planet can. Your wife doesn't need to go to expensive psychiatrist sessions. You are the very best healing agent for your wife! All you need to do is make just a few little adjustments in your mind.

I fully understand your dilemma. As a good husband and provider, when you see your wife suffering any mishap, you want to immediately comfort and counsel her.

Your way of doing that is normally by saying things like, "Don't worry. Don't take it so serious. Just forget it. Why do you even bother?" or "You should have acted completely different. Why didn't you say this or do that?" or "Why do you even get yourself into such a situation? From now onward, simply avoid these people". You do that with the very honorable intention of helping your wife.

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Unfortunately, however, this is not what she needs at that moment. Many wives feel so happy and relieved to see their husbands after missing them the whole day that they automatically pour out everything that happened to them during the day. “You know, the washing machine broke down. The children were very naughty. I tried to finish the work I had planned, but I couldn’t get around to it...” and the like.

Dear husband, please don’t misunderstand your wife. She is not complaining. She is not accusing you of being a bad husband or a bad provider. She isn’t trying to tell you that she expects you to pay a household help for her. All she needs is just some compassion and appreciation for the work she does the whole day.

A loving hug will work wonders, and much more so if it comes accompanied by a few words like, “Oh, I understand, that must have been very hard for you. Come, let’s sit down and have some tea together”. This little gesture will brighten her day and make her happy and strong again.

There are many more examples about the different dictionaries, the different meanings men and women ascribe to words. I leave it to you to find out in your own marriage.

Enjoy the exploration and have a lot of fun with the results!

CREATION TRICKS



As you have definitely already noticed, women - actually, also men! - are funny creatures. A happy woman can do incredible amounts of work and even enjoy it. If a woman doesn't feel appreciated or heard, however, the smallest task can seem to overwhelm and frustrate her.

A wise husband will therefore do his best to keep his wife happy, and everything else will run smoothly like a well oiled motor.

Some husband somewhere found a wise solution to this problem:

One husband didn't speak to his wife for ten years

He didn't want to interrupt her

Actually, if you understand that she just needs to 'unload' the burdens on her heart and doesn't even expect your help or counsel, but only a little bit of attention and compassion, you can even learn to enjoy these times.

Why not you take it simply as another kind of relaxation? You need relaxation after a stressful day at work, no? Why not you allow your wife to talk to you instead of your TV set?

Think about it. As a way of relaxation, you allow unknown people to tell you any nonsense through your TV set or PC. Listening to your wife, the closest person to your heart, your God-given companion, however, seems to be such an ordeal to you. Is it right?

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So on your way home, decide to take and even enjoy that time with your wife. Prepare mentally to sit with a cup of tea or coffee and just listen to your wife, as a psychiatrist would do, without offering any help or advice.

See yourself as an expert soul searcher. Do NOT offer solutions. Throw in a few hints to make her think and explore her problems and feelings more deeply. This little trick will work wonders!

Recently, while I was preaching in one of our seminars, suddenly the Holy Spirit gave me a very helpful revelation. He instructed me to ask the men: Did you ever ask yourself why you enjoy your TV and dread your wife? The answer is that your TV doesn't expect any action from you. TV is impersonal. You don't feel challenged or accused by it.

Now let me tell you a secret. When your wife wants to talk, you can do just the same as with your TV set. There is no need for any action from your side. Just allow her to 'unload' and sort through her thoughts. She will feel so much better afterwards and will definitely reward you for this little love sacrifice.

I am aware that in the beginning, your blood will boil, but remember: Self control is a fruit of the Spirit (Eph.5:22-23)! Everything in you will want to interrupt her, correct her, rebuke her and counsel her. Don't do it. Practice self control and keep your opinion to yourself.

If you struggle too much to listen quietly and hold back your advice, simply imagine a TV frame around your wife. If you manage to bear this for just 10 to 20 minutes, you will be surprised at the peaceful, relaxed and joyful wife you will have afterwards.

Many wives even thanked their husbands for the 'nice conversation' without ever noticing that they were the ones doing all the talking! Be wise. Just smile and accept her praises. Don't say, "Well, you never allowed me to say a word".

Keep your little secret to yourself and enjoy a peaceful, happy wife.

CREATION UNDERSTANDING



There is another problem of gender differences, however. I am sure you would have already come across it.

One man was offered to have one wish fulfilled. He asked for a highway from Los Angeles to Hawaii. God answered, “Son, this is impossible. Think about the logistics. So much steel and cement, and what about the storms and waves? Give Me another wish.”

The man said, “I want to understand my wife.”

After a few moments of silence, God answered, “And how many lanes would you like on that highway?”

As much as we may laugh at this joke, we all know it has some deep truth in it. What is the reason that understanding each other is so difficult? Again, it has to do with brain anatomy and God’s creation differences.

It seems that even the use of vocabulary varies between the sexes. Let me give you an example. One notorious word that has created countless fights in marriages is the little word ‘sorry’.

When a man actually says ‘sorry’ (which is a rare thing), he means he regrets what he did and he understands it was wrong. When a woman says ‘sorry’, she means she regrets hurting her husband, but it does not necessarily mean that she feels her words or actions were wrong.

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She just apologizes for hurting him, not for doing anything wrong.

A man can get very upset at such ‘sorrys’. He may consider his wife a hypocrite, a liar or the like. He may suspect her to repeat the same hurting behavior since he feels she is not convicted of her wrong.

A woman, in turn, will feel very hurt that her husband doesn’t appreciate her sincere regret for hurting him and that he may even refuse to forgive her at her request.

Another creation dictionary difference is actually very funny to me since I can confirm its existence in each one of the six languages I speak, and I have seen the quarrels and misunderstandings from it in marriages on different continents. It is the difference between “Can you...?” and “Would you...?”

I really don’t understand why but we ladies use to ask others, “Can you help me? Can you do this?” Have you noticed it? If another woman hears these words, she jumps in and helps. If a man hears it, he happily says “Yes”, but he doesn’t move. Again, women feel neglected and rejected.

Ladies, relax! It’s nothing but a dictionary difference! To your husband, you asked him whether he would be able to do it, which he is. He truly doesn’t think you ask him to help RIGHT NOW.

To convey that to him, you need to say, “Would you please help me? Would you do this?” Most probably, he will not only help you but directly finish the job you requested!

There are millions of other little examples like this. In general, men tend to feel accused by their wives. The way women talk makes men feel incompetent, disrespected, rebuked and treated like little kids. One husband spoke out what many feel when he said,

**I need a wife,
not a school teacher**

Creation Understanding

Dear husband, dear wife, please understand: We are as different on the inside as we are on the outside. If we don't remember that, we will struggle life-long, getting hurt and hurting one another.

When you communicate, make sure the words you use mean the same to both of you. Always remember: that person you married thinks, talks, perceives and feels very differently than you do.

Never get upset with one another. Take time to ask and discuss. This may take some time in the beginning, but it will bring you closer each time you do it, and the end will be a beautiful, loving and understanding union in all its diversity as God intended it to be.

In our marriage, we had to do that much in the beginning, and even now we sometimes find out that a word has different meanings for both of us. Praise God, we noticed and took the time to discuss and explain.

I really believe that willingness to explore and seek to understand one another's background and standpoint was key in creating the happy, loving marriage we enjoy. So please, be encouraged! Unity in mind and mission is possible!

God's great Apostle Paul admonished the Church of Philippi to "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel" (Phil. 1:27)!

If God expects the entire Church of a big city to stand fast in one spirit and strive together with one mind, how much more will He expect a little effort, shown in time and patience, from you to bring the two of you, you and your spouse, into such a blessed life!

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CREATION COVERING



One habit that destroys unity and trust immediately is when one spouse, mostly the wife, leaks out to others personal matters in sometimes quite intimate detail. Such breach of trust is difficult to heal both in men and in women. Therefore, you should better destroy this habit before it destroys your marriage!

Honor is one of men's most important emotional needs. When a man feels his honor is at stake because of his wife's loose tongue, he may start considering her his worst enemy and the greatest threat to his life. He will then suppress her in every possible way to make sure she won't talk about him to others.

One wife told me, "My husband never wanted me to have friends. He told me they would just enjoy my misery and make fun of me. He worked very hard to make sure I wouldn't be close to any other woman. I believed him and remained a lonely, frustrated housewife all my life." This husband clearly didn't know this truth:

**Did you know that women never make fools of men?
Most men are do-it-yourself types!**

Dear wife, please understand that talking private matters to others is not just some entertainment. It should not even be disguised as a prayer request to pass around to others. The Bible actually calls it talebearing.

The Book of Proverbs has a lot to say about the talebearer See for

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example here:

13 A talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter (Pr.11:13)

Your husband is right! Telling your secrets to others is in reality a spiritual problem! It is spiritual unfaithfulness! Wow!

Not only once, but twice God warns us about the habit of talebearing:

8 The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, and they go down into the inmost body (Pr.18:8; 26:22)

What does that mean? Well, it means that people will all too readily listen to your talk. Listening to such talk is actually a real temptation, because talebearers reveal secrets, and people love secrets. But see what God says:

19 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips (Pr.20:19)

God tells you to avoid people who talk too much! Why?

19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise (Pr.10:19)

If you talk secret matters, people will flock to you, but what kind of people? Definitely not the spiritually faithful, honest and innocent ones! Why do they flock around you? Well, they come to gather information that makes them look informed and interesting in other people's eyes. Again, in what kind of people's eyes? In the eyes of people who qualify for all the serious warnings of James chapter 3!

Please never forget: Words go down into the innermost being, and they stay there! You can never make people forget what has come out of your mouth, no matter how much you may desire to do so.

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So be wise and restrain your lips! See the beautiful promise God gives you for keeping your mouth shut:

20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer, strife ceases (Pr.26:20)

How many couples have experienced that after finally having some peace, somebody says something that shows that the wife had been talking. The husband feels betrayed, gets angry, and the strife starts all over again.

Dear husband, please understand. For women, talking is THE way to deal with stress. Your wife will feel happy and relieved when she can share her problems with a friend. She never intended to hurt your feelings by doing this. She was trying to save you some money by talking to a friend, not to a professional counselor. I believe, however, that God's Word would have shown her the seriousness of talebearing, and that she will do it no more from now onward.

Dear wife, you don't need to talk to any human being about your problems. The damage this can create may never be fully eradicated. Let me give you the best advice you can ever get in this life. The great kings David and Solomon give us this priceless advice:

7 In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

8 Trust in Him at all times, you people. Pour out your heart before Him. God is a refuge for us (Ps.62:7-8)

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths (Pr.3:5-6)

You really don't need to talk to any human. You don't even need to trust your own understanding, how much less the understanding of any

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other human being! You can pour out your heart before your God. He is your loving, understanding Creator. He will never condemn you, blame you or betray you as human beings might do.

I have heard many sad stories of friends, counselors and even professionals leaking out secret information and thereby severely damaging not only the marriage, but also the public testimony of people. So be wise, refrain your lips before people and open them only before your God!

If you have this problem in your marriage, I would advise you to take a special time to talk and pray together. Freely express your hearts, but always be careful not to hurt your spouse by the way you communicate. Pray before you start talking. Freely make use of God's invitation:

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him (Jas.1:5)

Decide to stop talebearing right now and here. Make a new covenant of faithfulness to each other, even in your words. Then go right on and enjoy your life together!

CREATION MEMORY



Different studies seem to indicate that even the way men and women store memories varies. Especially important is the trigger, the situation that makes a man's brain or a woman's brain to tag the event as important.

That physiological fact would explain why men and women put such different emphasis on situations they have experienced together.

Actually, the perception of men and women seems to be so different that at times I used to ask myself, "Did these two really attend the same event? And did they attend it together? How come they give such an opposite report or description? How could they perceive it so differently?"

Well, part of it has to do with personal factors, like being a person of faith or an unbeliever, or having a positive or negative predisposition. Much of it, however, is simply male and female brain differences.

When a man stores a memory in his brain, he usually stores mainly the facts. A woman, due to her many very active neuron connections and greater involvement of both brain hemispheres, stores the facts, the smell, the sounds, all the facial expressions, the colors and very importantly, the emotions involved in that incident.

Not only that, she stores all these data in many different areas of her brain. This means that her memories can be 'triggered' more easily and via more pathways than men's memories. Remember,

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**If humans were cars,
men would be the standard edition,
and women the luxury model!**

When scientists measured the brain activity, women's brains showed more regions involved in the process of remembering than men's brains.

That is the reason why a woman goes right back into the same mood when she remembers a fight. The sheer memory can make her cry and even fall physically sick!

A man, however, remembers the situation, but since he is emotionally more detached, he can see the matter more clearly and process it without so much mental, emotional and physical turmoil.

Both have advantages and disadvantages. Women have a more colorful perception and are usually able to enjoy life more deeply than men. I heard many husbands say that only their wives brought color and depth of feeling into their lives.

On the other hand, women also experience hurts on a deeper level and struggle more to let go of painful memories. Men, however, are less enthusiastic but more stable in their emotions and can stand life's storms more easily.

Women tend to 'live in the moment' emotionally and - at least in men's eyes - really blow up even the smallest, most unimportant matter.

As we already found out, women are God's 'masterpiece', His 'luxury-model', and therefore a little more complicated¹⁸; but don't worry, dear husbands, we will find the way to deal with them.

When a woman experiences an emotional hurt or an injustice, that event opens up the past for her in a way that is simply unimaginable for men. The hurt of the moment triggers all the well-encoded memories of

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old hurts, and the woman ‘re-lives them in vivid colors’, just as real and painful as they happened long ago. How can that be?

Well, a woman’s brain encodes memories differently than a man’s brain. Her brain adds stronger tags to mark emotional events as important.

She also uses more different areas of her brain to encode the memory than men do and can therefore access the memory more easily and through different routes.

That means that more different words, smells or events can trigger that memory and take her right back to that moment long ago.

Experiments have shown that women remember emotionally laden events better and more clearly than men, but they tend to forget information given to them just before the emotional event more easily than men do¹⁹.

The greater importance a woman’s brain places on emotional memories seems to make the brain overwrite or omit information that is considered less important.

A woman doesn’t just remember the old hurt. She really feels the pain of it all over again. She feels as though she were in that same situation and reacts to it just as strongly as she had done before.

That is the reason for women’s confusing tendency to live very much in the moment as well as very much in the past. Some frustrated husband, however, found a different explanation for this phenomenon:

A woman’s brain is like an elephant’s brain.

Even after decades, an elephant may

kiss, kick or even kill you,

according to the memory he formed of you

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Dear husband, now that you know this anatomic difference your God has created in your wife's brain, please try to be more compassionate with the wife God entrusted to your care.

She doesn't want to attack or accuse you. She really suffers terribly because she literally feels the pain of that same old hurt all over again.

No amount of you telling her how irrational, over-emotional, unfair or unreasonable she is will help her come out of her agony.

In this moment, all she can see and feel is the tremendous hurt. Could this anatomic difference be one of the reasons for the Apostle Peter's admonition to husbands?

7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered (1.Pe.3:7)

Just as your wife many times has to wait silently till you come out of your hurt so she can talk to you, please just bear with her for some time. Don't justify. Don't excuse yourself. Don't tell her how bad she is for not having forgiven you for something that happened so long ago.

Be compassionate. Use this explosion as an opportunity to once again ask her to forgive you for having caused her pain long ago.

I know, most probably you would have asked for her forgiveness already, maybe even repeatedly. Please don't remember that in this moment, and don't remind her of it right now. Just see her pain and suffering and assure her of your love. Right now, just try to comfort her and help her out of this immediate pain.

Your patience will be rewarded greatly. In just a few minutes, her feelings will calm down, and she will be her loving self again. She will love and appreciate you even more for standing with her in this painful 'flashback'. Now you can talk to her, and together you can reach even deeper levels of forgiveness, inner healing and even deliverance.

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Don't forget the old saying: A family that prays together stays together! Whenever you see old hurts pop up in any of you, do take the time to ask and offer forgiveness, pray together and commit that painful memory into God's hands. Once the inner healing is complete, no such outbursts will happen anymore.

So actually, such situations are wonderful opportunities to go together into greater depth of completeness. Whatever satan tries to trigger to hurt and separate you, with a little wisdom, you can turn around into greater blessing.

Dear husband, please understand: the fact that in moments of hurt, your wife can see only negatives and suddenly remembers things you did years ago does NOT mean she hasn't forgiven you. It does NOT mean she always keeps those things in the back of her mind. It does NOT mean she is a hypocrite when she expresses her love to you in normal times. It just means she is a woman!

In moments of high emotion, her brain, with its much white matter, many connections and many emotional tags, takes her back into a past she normally never even thinks about.

Dear wife, this having said, I still would encourage you to aspire a higher life. These painful flashbacks point to memories that have not yet been 'painted over' with good, healthy, loving and healing memories.

You can and should reach a point where old hurts can no longer harass you. You can and should live a life without these flashbacks.

You can and should live out God's wonderful counsel for spiritual, emotional and physical health and even maximize your brain capacity in the process (see my book "How To Maximize Your Brain").

You can and should become a living epistle, a living example of God's medicine:

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever

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things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things (Phil.4:8)

Dear wife, please do show more compassion and don't feel hurt when your husband doesn't see or feel the seriousness of the past problem as you do. He actually may not even remember it, while you are writhing in pain at the sheer memory of it!

Since his brain has stored the event in fewer places than yours, he can more easily lose the 'access link' to it!

Rejoice! At least it is easier for him to fulfill God's command in Philippians 4:8 and be a truly biblical husband!

CREATION CLEANLINESS



A wife who was a nurse wrote an urgent message to her husband at home:

Urgent: Chloroform is out of stock in the hospital

Can you please send a pair of your socks?

There is a very interesting phenomenon I have observed by living with families in many different nations, even continents. Cleanliness seems to be a much greater desire, even need, for women than for men. We observe in our schools here in India that ladies batches use around three times more water than gents batches. What a curious coincidence!

Well, maybe the reason for this lies in God's creation order itself. Have you ever noticed that Adam was made from the dust of the earth, which is simply a noble, polite way of saying, from dirt? Is this the reason why men enjoy so much playing in the dirt and getting themselves really messed up???

Eve, however, was made from a much more refined material. She was Hand-made by God Himself, wow!!! And the material she was made from was Adam's rib, a material that had been first created from dust, but then had been refined by God's very own touch and breath of life (Ge.2:7; 3:19; 2:21-22). So ladies, be happy: You have God's double touch on you since the time of your very creation!

Ok, jokes aside - let's come to a serious point here. Cleanliness is

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actually a very important thing, especially for husbands. It hurts my heart to see so many women all over the earth suffer from frequent urinary infections, terribly itching fungal infections, or some kind of burning, itching discharge - not to mention the many sexually transmitted diseases.

Dear husband, this should not be the case! Just by good personal hygiene, you can save your wife much pain, fever, heart strain, physical suffering plus all the negative side effects of the antibiotics she has to take again and again!

Dear husband, please thoroughly educate yourself on how to cleanse your private parts before approaching your wife. Do her and yourself this favor.

Think about it - how can you expect your wife to show any interest in sexual activity if she has to worry about suffering afterwards? Your wife will definitely love you more for this kindness you show to her and reward you with increased responsiveness to your desires.

Let me tell you a funny experience. I firmly believe in God's wise Word that speaks also about how we should keep our bodies, which are His temples, blameless:

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1.Thes.5:23)

Wherever I see open doors for satan and areas that can bring much suffering to people, I therefore boldly address subjects others may prefer to avoid. My poor translators suffered quite a lot with me in the beginning, blushing and trying to find polite words!

The effort was well worth, however. In one in our Ladies' Schools of the Holy Spirit, a sister had come in desperation. Her husband had been very hurt by Christian ministers and had practically rejected Christianity.

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He was not happy that she wanted to come to our ‘School of the Holy Spirit’, but in her desperation, she saw no other way and came.

He didn’t talk to her and wouldn’t even reply to her text messages. Her marriage was on the verge of breaking! Trying her best to save her marriage, she just kept writing anyway. When she heard me teaching on cleanliness, her message finally got a reply! When she told us, we couldn’t stop laughing...

She had actually asked her husband’s forgiveness for mocking him for his - in her eyes - exaggerated fussiness, and thanked him for loving her enough to take the time to meticulously shower and thus protect her before coming to her.

His reply was something like, “Wherever you are, stay there. Next time I also come”! This happened many years ago, and they are still a happy honeymoon couple!

By the way, science has proven again and again the great benefit of circumcision, the removal of the foreskin in a male child. Growth of bacteria is very much decreased by this small operation which God actually commanded as a sign for His covenant people (Ge.17:10-14).

Circumcision has been proven to reduce the spread of AIDS by 50 to 60 percent²⁰!

See here again: Your God knows best, and your God loves you and wants to protect you from harm, pain and heart-ache!

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CREATION LIFESTYLES



Years ago, I saw a very interesting article about first-time-mothers. Scientists had studied women's brains and had found out that pregnancy and child birth actually changes even the physical structure of the brain! More surprisingly, though, these changes were found to persist for at least two years after delivery!

Of course, these physical changes in a woman's brain will cause changes in her mind, her mentality, her emotions and even her willpower. No wonder a desperate young father had to request professional help for his despair:

Doctor, my wife just delivered our first baby.

When will her emotions return to normal?

Probably when the last kid left the house for college!

There is definitely some truth in this joke. Just for a moment, picture in your mind the typical life of a man and the typical life of a woman.

A man is born, goes to school, goes to university or learns a job and usually works in this job or a similar one all his life. There is actually very little change in a man's life. First his mother takes care of him, cooks for him, washes his clothes and provides a home for him.

After marriage, all these jobs are taken care of by his wife. Of

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course, a man now has the responsibility to provide for his household, but in most jobs, this is not a very big difference from his responsibilities at school and college.

He still needs to keep learning, perform well and comply with what is required of him. Instead of demanding teachers, he now has a demanding boss or, if he is self-employed, a demanding job. Instead of getting grades and exam results, he now gets a pay check for his efforts.

A man is not very much aware of all the little daily matters that go on at home. Even his time with his children is quite limited, since he is most of the day out of the house and has little opportunity to interact with them. When the children leave home, it doesn't mean too much change for a man, except that his wife has again more time and attention for him.

For a man, the real big life change comes with his retirement. Suddenly, all these hours spent commuting back and forth and all the hours spent at his job are free for him to use in whatever way he desires.

This actually creates a great opportunity, but also a great stress for a man. We all have heard of tragic cases where healthy men suddenly and unexpectedly died in the first six months after their long awaited retirement.

Actually, retirement can and should be the best time in a man's life, a time to spend with his wife and family, a time to finally serve the Lord with all his heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk.12:30).

Now think about a woman's life. Up to marriage, things are similar to a man's life; but then the roller-coaster starts! Maybe straight out of school, university or a job, used to being taken care of by mummy, suddenly a woman is forced to become a homemaker herself. Nobody to cook and wash for her anymore!

Now she is the one who has to prepare the meals, keep the house clean and take care of her husband. She has to plan ahead and make shopping lists.

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She has to adjust to a completely different lifestyle, suddenly being responsible for the health and wellbeing of a husband and later on also of children.

The next big change in a woman's life is pregnancy. A pregnancy totally transforms a woman. The many hormone changes in her body make her focus inward, on that new life growing inside her womb. As much as he may try to be involved, her husband can only follow the happenings from outside without enjoying the real experience.

Well, and then childbirth! This again has a tremendous impact on a woman. She will never be the same after going through such a crucial experience.

And suddenly, there is another life that is actually part of her. Again, she is the one to breastfeed the child and to spend every waking hour with the child.

The father has to cater to his daily responsibilities. As much as he may desire, he can only catch glimpses of that deep bond between a mother and her child. His life is enhanced by the child, but not changed as dramatically as a woman's life.

A mother will always be a mother. Day and night, her ears will be open and attentive to her child's smallest need. All the joys and pains of the child will be shared by the mother who often becomes also the child's home teacher, comforter, counselor, trainer and former - all of this while the father has to cater mostly to his job and career.

Have you ever noticed that women tend to build their lives around their children and even grandchildren while men tend to build their lives around their career?

When the children finally leave home, the father doesn't notice much change since he never spent as much time at home and with the children as his wife did.

So here again, the woman's entire life is thrown into another big

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change. After so much hectic activity, suddenly the house appears strangely empty and quiet.

Many women experience depression at this stage, which many times coincides with their menopause, another huge and oftentimes quite traumatic hormonal change in their own bodies.

Taking care of aging parents that may experience failing health is another duty normally done by women. The physical and emotional toll this takes is tremendous.

What a painful thing it is to witness the steady deterioration of the people you love, the people who brought you into this world and cared for you for so many years! Diseases like Parkinson's, dementia and Alzheimer's are extremely difficult to bear for the daughter or daughter-in-law who is trying to care for the patient and is confronted with their plight every day.

Of course, this can create also great fear of the future in a woman who is so much more involved in the cycle of life than a man is.

As you see, a woman's life is very much more agitated than a man's life. It consists of many changes and new challenges at every step. Do you still wonder why your wife's emotions go 'up and down' so easily?

Maybe we can find here the reason for the well-known proverb that says, 'A dog is a man's best friend'. Some frustrated husbands may have found it too complicated to try to understand their wives and resorted to enjoying their dog's fellowship more than their wife's. What could be the reason? Well,

A dog's disposition stays the same all month long

However, since we have seen in the very beginning of creation that your God didn't make animals as the fitting counterpart for His humans, we should better study this subject a little more deeply and find out how God intended for us to use all these differences for our joy and for His glory.

CREATION CYCLE



There is still another reason that is often overlooked. Here once again, God's Word is all too true: "***My people perish for lack of knowledge***" (Hos.4:6)! It is really shocking to me how much ignorance about God's creation order and how many resulting fights and hurts we see in Christian circles and even among the leadership!

To our Indian village folks, God's Holy Spirit made me to explain in a very beautiful way why men and women differ so much in their emotions. We have already seen that a man's life in general is much steadier than a woman's life. To this fact, we must add another big difference, which is the hormonal difference.

Both boys and girls experience great changes in body, mood and even character during puberty, which is when the sex hormones start preparing their bodies for multiplication. In a man, however, these hormones, once activated, maintain quite steady levels throughout life and decline only very slowly, until their low concentration creates what is known as 'male midlife crisis'.

Of course, daily work, stress and other factors induce some changes in a man's hormone levels, but the difference is not very big and doesn't influence his emotions too much.

In a woman, however, things are very different. Think about it this way. Every month, a woman's body works hard to prepare a comfortable 'nest' for a baby. This building process is a very complex matter and requires the working together of many hormones and other sub-

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stances. Then the body waits. If no baby is conceived, the body decides that the ‘nest’ has become old, and kicks it out. This is the reason for your wife’s monthly bleeding.

Of course, for this ‘kicking out of the nest’ and cleaning of the entire area, other hormones are needed, always at the right time in the right concentration. It is a very sensitive mechanism, perfectly designed by our perfect Father God.

As soon as the area is nicely cleaned up, the building process starts all over again, getting ready to accommodate a baby for full nine months. What a miracle!

Unfortunately, this building up and tearing down and all these different concentrations of different hormones also affect a woman’s mood. I think this is where this joke comes from:

Do you know the real meaning of PMS (Pre-Menstrual Syndrome)?

It means, Pretty Mean Sister!

So let me tell you here very clearly, dear husband: You don’t have a moody creature without any self-control for a wife. Your wife is actually a real miracle of God’s creation and should be treated with utmost care and sensitivity. That is what our great apostle Paul means when he says,

7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered (1.Pe.3:7)

Wow! See God’s sweet and special heart for women! If a husband refuses to treat his wife with honor and care, his prayer will be hindered! Wow... Dear husband, isn’t this a nice incentive? God Himself encouraging you with the prospect of answered prayers, just for a little care and understanding given to your wife?

Well, understanding... This is a whole chapter in itself. But let me comfort you: You are not alone with your feelings. Others expressed what you have probably already suspected:

What is the thinnest book in the world?

“What Men Know About Women”

This brings us straight to the question that many men have asked in despair, “O my o my, just WHY are women so complicated?”

Well, the answer is very simple and lies in God’s creation order itself. Look at the creation of Adam.

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (Ge.2:7).

Sounds very simple and easy, doesn’t it? Now look at the creation of Eve.

18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man (Ge.2:18,21-22)

Quite complicated, isn’t it? First of all, God had to observe Adam and notice that something was wrong, something was missing, something was lacking.

Then He had to give him a good anesthesia. Then He had to do a quite complicated operation, taking out the rib and closing up the flesh

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again.

Then He had to form and fashion this piece of bone into a woman. And yet the process was not complete. He still had to take her and bring her to the man.

Wow... Can you now understand why women seem to be more complicated than men?

So dear husband, the next time when you feel dizzy to the point of fainting in your attempt of understanding your wife's arguments and explanations, take heart. Nothing is wrong with your wife. She is simply a completely normal female representative of the human race as God created them.

So just sit back a little, observe and enjoy this marvelous display of God's creativity and humor.

One good husband had invested time and money in a book called "How to understand your wife".

When he approached the end of the book, he was very excited at the prospect of finally being able to understand his wife - until he read the small line at bottom of the book's last page which said,

"To be continued in volume 2"!

I personally don't advocate even trying to understand each other between the different sexes. If you look even from the outside, your eyes can tell you how very differently men and women are created.

This outward difference continues inwardly, too - it actually starts from the inside out. In fact, men and women are created differently in the genetic make-up of each and every cell of their bodies!

Let us take a little look inside the cells of your body and see how life actually begins.

CREATION CONCEPTION



It has taken science centuries to develop the technology necessary to look inside of God's creation. In His infinite wisdom, God has designed a surprisingly perfect and beautiful double-helix structure of molecules called DNA (**D**eoxyribo **N**ucleic **A**cid). This DNA contains the genes which carry all the information about a living being.

Each of the approximate 20,000 genes in the cell contains a piece of genetic information which guides our growth, development and health. Interestingly, genes can be 'switched on' and 'switched off', that means, they can be copied onto RNA (**R**ibo **N**ucleic **A**cid) and their information can be carried out in an organism, or they can be suppressed, so that their information doesn't appear in the organism.

Many factors including life-style choices play together in this delicate balance of gene expression or suppression.

These genes are located on chromosomes which have very particular shapes and sizes and can easily be distinguished. The human genome is made up of 46 chromosomes in 23 pairs. 22 of these pairs are called autosomes; they determine everything that makes up a human being. One pair of chromosomes is called sex chromosomes and determines the sex of a person.

Biologically, women carry in every cell of their bodies two so-called X chromosomes while men have two different sex chromosomes called X and Y. The Y chromosome looks like an X chromosome with a missing leg.

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Just to keep our teasing tone, allow me a little side-thought... Dear wife, in case you have always been wondering and pondering, thinking, "There is just SOMETHING missing in my husband..." Now we have the scientific proof that there IS something lacking in men! It is not only the famous rib... in each and every cell of his body, even a leg is missing in one of his chromosomes...

Now, how and when is the gender of a person determined? The answer to this question always makes me worship and wonder at God's marvelous wisdom and creativity. So let us just have a quick look at reproductive biology.

Little Suzie was just learning about birds and mammals in school when her Mummy brought to her the good news that she would have a little brother or a little sister. With keen scientific interest, Suzie enquired how that would happen.

Not wanting to thwart her interest, Mummy explained how an egg from her ovary had been fertilized by her Daddy to bring forth a new baby.

Hearing about the egg, Suzie asked in utter astonishment, "Mummy, that means that on the inside, you are a HEN!?"

When a man and a woman consume the act of marriage, the husband releases around 40-50 million sperm cells into his wife's vagina. Each one of these sperm cells carries just one set of chromosomes including the sex chromosome, 23 in total.

Some sperm cells carry the X, others the Y sex chromosome. Whichever sperm reaches first and fertilizes the woman's egg will determine the biological sex of the child.

Think about it! That means that the baby's sex is actually decided by the sperm, which means, by the cell coming from the father!!! A woman has absolutely zero to do with the baby's sex. She has no in-

fluence on it whatsoever. Her egg contains only one sex chromosome which is always the X chromosome, the female sex chromosome.

If a male baby is to be born, this egg must be fertilized by a sperm with a Y chromosome. If a sperm with an X chromosome ‘wins the race’ and reaches first to fertilize the egg, the baby will be a girl. The mother can do absolutely nothing about it.

To my great dismay, however, in some backward, uninformed societies and nations women are still despised and tortured, even to the point of murdering them, if they fail to produce male offspring. As you can see from this small scientific study, such practices are nothing but a shameful display of utter ignorance and foolishness.

This is just one more proof of the tremendous accuracy and truthfulness of God’s Word. Right after the fall of mankind, God said to satan:

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel (Ge.3:15)

Of course, this is talking about the coming Messiah, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; but this enmity between satan and women is still very active even now.

The devil, the great destroyer, hates women with all his might because from a woman was born the One who defeated him and destroyed his dominion forever.

Now, what does that mean for your marriage? It means that as a husband, you should never side with satan in blaming your wife for things she has no control over. Even a man can’t control which one of his sperms will win the race and reach the egg first. So here we see again: **Life comes from God! It begins with God and it ends with God.**

Why am I telling you all these things? The reason is that I want to

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anchor very deeply in your mind and understanding the fact that men and women ARE different and always WILL be different, no matter what modern psychology, medicine or society may try to tell us.

And men and women SHOULD be different, because this is the plan and idea of our wise, loving Creator God from the very beginning:

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them (Ge.1:27)

2 He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created (Ge.5:2)

I don't think we will ever be able to fully understand the opposite sex, but don't worry! A little bit of suspense will keep things spicy and interesting in your marriage and protect you from the boredom of total predictability.

And please never ever forget: It was God, your wise, loving and almighty Creator, who decided to make you so different. He didn't do that to torture you with life-long quarrels, misunderstandings and frustrations. He did it so you could complement each other, fill up what is lacking in the other person, and together display the full spectrum of God's wisdom and power. What a marvelous design!

Truly, we can only stand in awe and wonder and exclaim together with the great Bible King David:

13 For You formed my inward parts. You covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them (Ps.139:13-16)

Please take some time right now to praise and worship your loving, caring Creator God for His magnificent wisdom. Praise Him even for making your spouse so completely different from you.

As you praise God in all things, you will start enjoying His marvelous design and plan for your married life. You will be much more able to appreciate your spouse for who he or she is instead of constantly finding fault, correcting and trying to squeeze him or her into your pattern.

As you grow in this art, your life together will become smoother and lovelier day by day.

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CREATION STATISTICS



Our God created marriage for us to enjoy heavenly bliss together. Never forget that our marriage should display Christ and the Church (Eph.5:31-33). Only in the perfect union of two single people, the fullness of God's character can really be displayed.

Marriage should be a joy and relaxation for both partners. If you look at it scientifically, statistics say that marriage prolongs life expectancy in both partners²¹, especially in men²².

A research conducted by the University of Louisville, Ky., examined 90 previous studies in the last 60 years that involved about 500 million people. The study found out that the risk of mortality between unmarried men (those who have never married at all) and those who have been married throughout their lives was 32% higher for the unmarried.

Further, the researchers found out that unmarried men are likelier to die 8 to 17 years before the married ones²³. Additional studies are finding that married couples experience lower levels of heart disease, cancers, flu, Alzheimer's, depression and stress²⁴.

Marriage also reduces the risk of stroke and heart attack in otherwise comparable life situations. Here again, the benefit is mostly on men's side, as God said at the very beginning of creation: ***"It is not good that man should be alone..."*** (Ge.2:18).

Some reasons for these health benefits might be the healthier meals

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married men get at home compared to their unmarried counterparts who have to manage with restaurant meals, better social assistance (towards married couples than towards singles), faster access to health benefits, and the support system that married couples enjoy by default.

Researchers even speculate that married men are likely encouraged or nagged to do something for their own health and tend to take lesser risks than the single ones²⁵.

Another very important stress buster in marriage is the possibility to share our problems and burdens as well as our joys. In Germany, we have a beautiful saying: “Shared sorrow is half sorrow, shared joy is double joy”. This is confirmed by God’s eternal Word, which says:

2 Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Ga.6:2)

Even the sexual relationship in marriage is a real blessing from heaven. It is proven that it eliminates tension by releasing hormones into the bloodstream that counteract stress hormones and cause a general feeling of satisfaction and well-being.

Praise God, all these and many more benefits clearly debunk someone’s frustrated argument:

Unmarried means unhappy

Married means miserable

Praise God, this joke will never apply to you! You can and you WILL make your marriage the greatest joy and jewel of your life!

You will make God, men and yourself happy by applying His wisdom and enjoying His wonders of creation.

CREATION PLEASURE



Let us now go to a very delicate subject - the subject of sex. I can imagine the look on your face right now... Well, the whole world talks about sex, but in Christian circles, there is often a stigma about it. All too often, parents shy away from educating their children about this God-made matter. What is the result?

Christian children need to learn from TV, books, internet or unbelieving friends. How can they hear about the sanctity of sex from unbelievers? How can they understand God's intention by the perverted pictures they get on the internet?

Unfortunately, still today many people feel that sex is something dirty, something shameful, something that has to be done in a dark room and only for the procreation of the human race. Many believe that sex is just something the body demands but that has to be done as quickly as possible so we can again dedicate ourselves to other holier occupations. Especially believers tend to feel 'dirty' and want to quickly get it done and forget about it.

What a tragedy! What a misunderstanding of the loving heart of our Creator! He created sex as a wonderful, healthy enjoyment, emotional bonding and stress reliever - of course, always inside the protective boundaries of marriage. In humans, the sexual relationship is completely unique. Have you ever noticed that human beings are the only creatures that face each other during the act? Why is that?

Well, I believe God wanted us to see and enjoy the ecstasy in our

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spouse's face. He wanted us to see what tremendous pleasure we can give to each other. He wanted us to see the deep love and trust in our spouse's eyes. He wanted us to be totally open and vulnerable before each other, allowing our spouse to see our deepest emotions. He wanted us to bond deeply and permanently by this experience.

As you probably know, the book of Songs of Solomon is one of the spiciest descriptions of longing, desire, pleasure and fulfillment you can find in world literature - and it is found in no other book than the Bible! Wow!

If you think about it, however, that is very logical, since our God, the author of the Bible, is also the inventor and creator of sex. He is the One who created us as sexual beings with an urge to reproduce according to our kind. As always, He didn't do that to torture us but to bless us and make us happy.

We see this in a beautiful reaction of Sarah, the wife of our Father of Faith Abraham. When God announced to her husband Abraham that Sarah would bear him a son, both laughed.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" (Ge.18:11-12)

WOW! Pleasure! This verse is a very big surprise to me since most of the time, especially in Christian circles, reality looks very different.

To my great shock and dismay, I have seen with my own eyes pastors' wives rejoice when their husbands got diabetes which crippled their sexual strength and desire, so that they finally could 'have a break' and 'get some peace' in their lives. What a bad testimony for these pastors! It really makes me question their character...

Some women even found a spiritually-sounding explanation for

such behavior:

**Men were created from dirt like the animals...
no wonder they behave like animals**

Dear husband, let me ask you a question. What would be your wife's reaction at such a statement from God? Would she say like Sarah, "Wow, really, Lord? Will I have PLEASURE again"? Or would she say, "Oh Lord, please leave me alone! I am so glad this time is over and my husband is too old now for such things"?

Sarah's reaction to God's promise is for me a great revelation. It shows me the beautiful character of Abraham, our great Father of Faith. Abraham was not selfish. He endeavored and succeeded in making his wife happy even in this sensitive area! Wow!

Now I can hear many of you sighing in hopelessness, "Well, sister, probably Sarah must have been of a different kind... but you don't know MY wife... Nobody could ever satisfy HER. The moment I approach her, she already hurts me with her attitude. She knows the Bible, so she knows she is not permitted to reject me openly, but she really does her best to discourage me and kill any desire I might have towards her."

Dear husband, probably the problem is that you don't know or understand the mental, emotional, hormonal and even physical make-up of women. Even women's brains are connected differently than men's brains are.

A woman cannot be easily and quickly aroused like a man. You know from experience how just one look at a beautiful lady, a sexy picture or even just a thought can immediately arouse you.

Let me tell you, this is NOT the case in women. A woman needs to feel so safe and secure with you that she can completely relax her mind, soul and even her body.

A woman needs to feel loved and appreciated as a person, not just

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as a 'sex-object', an object for your self-gratification. A woman needs time to 'get into the mood', mentally, emotionally and even physically.

If you don't give all this to your wife AHEAD of time, not just in the moment of your desire, the sexual act will very much hurt her because her body didn't have time to produce the lubrication needed.

Many couples use creams for lubrication, but that won't be needed if you spend enough tenderly loving time until you both are ready. Only then, also the wife will be able to relax and enjoy.

If you closely look at the physical facts, expecting your wife 'to be ready anytime' is a cruelty and torture even in a physical sense.

Think about it! What a difference the sexual act is for a man or for a woman! A man just easily inserts, but a woman must allow something to penetrate deep into her very own being. A man just releases, but she has to accept something to be deposited inside her.

Dear husband, tell me, how would YOU feel if somebody wanted to penetrate into your innermost being and even deposit something there?

So dear husband, please show some understanding for your wife and help her patiently and lovingly if she is afraid, especially in the beginning of your married life.

Why do I talk so openly? It's because doctors have told me that too many married women come to them, torn and bleeding, unable to sit and in great physical pain and emotional agony. The reason is that their husbands didn't bother to take the time to prepare their wives as it should be, probably simply because of ignorance of creation differences.

Do you know what this is? It is actually nothing but legalized rape! Do you want to be guilty of such a crime against the person God entrusted into your hands?

CREATION PERMISSIONS



Let me touch another subject here. Many times, couples ask me what is ‘allowed’ and what is ‘not allowed’. Well, there are no written rules. The rules are written in our conscience, as Romans 2:14-15 explains.

‘Allowed’ is anything BOTH spouses feel comfortable with. ‘Not allowed’ is anything that violates the conscience of one of them. It is very easy, isn’t it? So please talk about it and never force your opinion, likes or desires on your spouse.

I once heard a preacher give a very funny counsel to husbands. He said, “Brother, if you want to enjoy a real special meal in the night, start working on it in the morning itself. Shower your wife with small signs of love and appreciation. Show her that you remember her during the day by just a phone call in between your busy schedule. Bring some flowers home. Make her to know that she is precious and special to you. Be careful not to hurt her with harsh words. Give her a small, sweet hug when you come home. You can be sure of a wonderful dessert in the night...”.

This is definitely a wonderful counsel that will have its reward. Yet I would go still one step further and ask, why not make EVERY day of your married life into a day where you show love and appreciation, even without expecting ‘a special dessert’?

Dear wife, probably you are just as surprised at Sarah’s exclamation as I was after hearing hundreds of wives complaining with words

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like, “Why did God even create ‘that’? It is anyway only for the man,” and similar questions. Unfortunately, especially many Christian women see the sexual relationship as a dirty thing.

Dear wife, let me tell you: this is a thought the devil planted into your mind to keep you from enjoying the greatest closeness, intimacy and ecstasy possible on this planet.

There is another funny fact about females also in this area. A woman who has not had sex for some time will not feel any need or desire for it. She might be tensed, feel stressed and overworked. She might get angry easily, but she will not see any connection between her tensions and the lack of her God-created stress-reliever.

For a woman, it is not easy to start again enjoying the relationship with her husband. Many women try their best to avoid their husbands.

They hide behind tiredness, headaches or other ailments. They are extremely relieved when their husbands start losing interest, but they don’t know that they deprive not only their husbands, but also themselves of a God-given blessing.

Sex is actually very healthy for both of you. It releases your husband of so much stored-up stress that it could actually be a life-saver for him.

If a man suffers from erectile dysfunction, he should immediately do a good physical check-up. Unless he is a very timid, traumatized individual or has a very unhealthy lifestyle, a serious cardiovascular condition, blocked arteries and the like might be the reason for the sexual problem.

Don’t wait. Change your lifestyle and your food habits to enable a better blood flow. Do a blood clotting test. See a doctor. It might save your life.

Dear wife, now that you know the health benefits of sex inside marriage, don’t you think you can gift yourself to your husband, espe-

cially when you see he had a hard day? You have no idea what it will do to his self-esteem to know that his wife desires him also in this area. Someone said:

Men are sensitive in strange ways.

**If a man has built a fire and the last log does not burn,
he will take it personally**

Many men are hard, harsh and rude because their wives make them feel like failures, especially in this area. They think they need to exert their authority to make their wives obey.

Such men easily fall prey to seducing women that make them feel like heroes, mostly with very bad, selfish and often financial motives.

Biblically, your husband could just demand that you oblige him. Why not you gift him the joy of coming voluntarily?

After some time, you also will start to enjoy when you see how happy you can make your husband. As you know, the Bible says,

4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control (1.Co.7:4-5)

Of course, there is a Scripture verse before this. See:

3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband (1.Co.7:3)

Render the due affection! What does that mean? The Greek word

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for ‘affection’ is ‘eunoia’²⁶, which means, ‘good will, kindness’, the word for ‘due’ is ‘opheilo’²⁷, which means to ‘owe, be in debt for’. What a clear word! Good will and kindness will never hurt the other; it will never force or overpower the other; it will always seek the good of the other.

Did you know that this is the secret behind a happy marriage? Let me just show you some Scriptures that apply very much also to the sexual area of our lives:

4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus... (Phil.2:4-5)

38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you (Lk.6:38)

If you apply your heart and mind to making your spouse happy, you will be surprised at how much enjoyment you will receive without even seeking it. It is a spiritual principle, and it works in every area of life.

Please never forget this one truth: It was actually your loving, wise Father God who created the sexual relationship, not the devil!

The devil only perverted it and is using it for his purpose of defiling people. The devil loves to tempt people into sin so he can put curses on them and torture them for many generations!

You can find out more on curses and how to receive your liberty from them in my book “How To Break Cruel Curses”.

CREATION PERVERSION



Have you ever noticed the strong push to sexual activity before marriage? In Western nations, young people are mocked and kicked out of their group of friends if they refuse to be sexually active before or outside of marriage.

The reason is that satan, the arch enemy of God and of our souls, knows he can destroy us with this sin of fornication, as God's Word calls it.

Please understand this one important truth: satan, God's and your worst enemy, hates your happiness. He just can't bear it to see you fulfilled and fully satisfied with your life.

He especially hates for you to enjoy a healthy sexual relationship with your spouse which displays the greatest unity you can find on this planet.

It is actually the one most powerful blood covenant on this planet and the most potent act you can do on this earth, since it is the only act that can produce life. Wow!

More than that, it is also an act of spiritual warfare! You declare your deepest unity against satan's increasing attempts to destroy marriages all over the world. You again and again seal the covenant you entered with your spouse in marriage. No wonder the devil hates it!

Satan has therefore done a very strenuous propaganda work all

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over the earth. He makes sex look so exciting, enticing and desirable in all the wrong places, and so dull, boring and despicable in the only right place, which is inside the safety and protection of marriage. Therefore, once you are married, this strong push often gives way to boredom or disinterest.

Boss and secretary went to a hotel. The boss asked, “Do you want me to treat you as a secretary or as a wife?”

She said, “As a wife.”

Boss: “OK then, good night.”

Here again, satan is deceiving people. He knows the spiritual, emotional and physical power and benefits of the sexual act. He knows that it will keep us relaxed, healthier, happier and more united and increases our possibilities of having a ‘happily ever after’ marriage.

It is a great tragedy that we so often allow satan to steal this privilege God gave only to us as humans. Think about it! All animals ‘get the mood’ only when the female emits signals, mostly scents, showing that she is ready to conceive.

The sexual act serves only for procreation of the race, with the exception of some higher animals where the leading alpha male may subject younger males through the humiliation of a homosexual act.

Only humans use sex for pleasure and for the deep bonding of two spouses. How then do many people lose interest once they are married? Well, here again, the main culprit is a lack of knowledge (Hos.4:6).

Young couples might go into marriage without the needed physical and physiological knowledge and therefore create or experience pain. The resulting fear can act like a love-killer for years to come.

Spouses may feel shy to talk about their feelings, likes and dislikes. Please understand: Even in this area of marriage, there is no concord without communication.

Creation Perversion

There is one physiological difference between men and women that can deeply hurt a woman if she doesn't understand it. A woman opens up her deepest innermost being during the sexual relationship. She allows her husband to enter her body.

During intercourse, activity in the cerebral cortex decreases while it increases in the limbic system. That means, the conscious processes like thinking, analyzing and memory formation are decreased, and unconscious processes are increased. This gives a wonderful break and relaxation to our brain.

Hopefully, both spouses experience together the peak of emotions, an orgasm, which releases various beneficial substances into their bloodstream.

It is known that the neurotransmitters Oxytocin and Vasopressin are hormones that stimulate emotional bonding. Some scientists believe that the Oxytocin released during an orgasm increases the probability of conception.

So husband, if you want your wife to conceive, make sure you are like Abraham and make her experience a real pleasure!

Both the release of hormones and the physical exertion deplete the muscles of energy-producing glycogen. This effect is much more marked in men who have more muscle mass than women and are usually the more active part in intercourse.

Sadly, this purely physical phenomenon has caused great strife, pain and even separations over the years.

'Afterwards', a woman is wide awake and wants to talk, bond and cuddle due to the high levels of Oxytocin in her bloodstream. Some scientists even call Oxytocin the 'cuddle hormone'.

A man, however, feels drowsy because of glycogen-depletion and simply goes to sleep. The wife is left disappointed with all her loving emotions boiling.

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Dear wife, do you now understand why your husband acts like this? It is not a rejection. It is not that he doesn't really love you. It is not that he just used you for his pleasure. It is simply a physical reaction to a wonderful experience you provided him with.

So don't be hurt. Relax and enjoy his happy snorting...

CREATION CONFUSIONS



For decades, social engineers have been working secretly to steer society into more and more confusion and rebellion against God and His perfect, eternal design.

The sudden worldwide push for LGBTQPS+xxxxx has caused great havoc in the tender minds of children and youths. Do you even know what these letters stand for? They stand for groups of people that demand very adamantly equal rights with what they call ‘heterosexuals’.

‘Heterosexuals’ are people that adhere to the Biblical pattern of Adam and Eve, one man and one woman, as a couple that can start a family by having children.

So what are all these other letters? They are Lesbians, Gays, Bi-sexuals, Transgenders, Queer, Pedophiles, Satanists and who knows what else may come up in their darkened minds (see Romans 1:18-32).

Brothels for sex with animals are already legal in some European nations, and the many xxxxx are placeholders for more things to come. The purpose of all if it is to completely confuse the very basic inborn creation understanding of male and female and the ultimate sterilization of humanity.

This is how jokes like this one have become a tragic reality:

Once upon a time, girls used to cook like their mothers

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Now they drink like their fathers

There is great confusion today especially about the role of women. Many women feel pushed into roles that they don't really want to fulfill.

Deep down inside, there is a desire to just be a wife and mother, but modern society has belittled this role so much that many women feel almost ashamed to be 'only' a housewife or 'only' a mother.

A rising cost of living and an ever increasing desire for comfort often require two salaries and don't allow the woman to stay at home.

Men also struggle to find their place in modern society, as this joke shows us:

Father: When I was a young man, girls knew how to blush.

Son: What did you say to them?

Actually, this blushing is a normal, God-given reaction in a young girl who should be shy and like "a garden enclosed, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed" (Song of Solomon 4:12).

What a blessing to still see such girls in Asian nations! How glorious when both man and woman keep their 'gender identity' pure and undefiled until the day of their marriage!

In 1998, when I first came to India, I heard beautiful testimonies of such biblical innocence. Several husbands and wives told me that they had to ask their married friends how to uncover this garden enclosed, this spring shut up, this fountain sealed.

What a blessing! Such marriages will last, since satan couldn't pollute the spouses' minds with images and memories of other people from former relationships.

How tragic that in this joke, the son also shows the corruption and

perversion of his mind by the question he asks. Nowadays, all over the world media and especially the internet are destroying this God-given protection.

Pornography, so easily available and pushed even by cellphone service providers through unsolicited pop-up messages, plays a great role in this destruction of God's perfect plan and design for the human race.

In my life, something funny happened when I was born again. I didn't even understand what had happened to me at that time. I just committed a kind of 'spiritual suicide' and gave my life into the hands of Jesus.

Shortly after that, I suddenly developed a very different music taste than before. I also found a sudden taste in designing clothes and sowing them. I felt so ashamed for such 'weird, time-wasting' desires!

What a comfort it was for me to read in Proverbs 31:10-31 God's idea of a virtuous woman! It was such a relief for me to see that once Jesus had come into my life, He automatically created in me His desires and His vision of what a woman should be!

Please take the time to deeply study this beautiful chapter in your Bible. Don't think, "Ah, that's just a women's chapter".

For a woman, it will challenge you to become a woman as your Creator intended a woman to be. For a man, it will show you what kind of woman to choose as a wife, or how to challenge and develop your wife and daughters into God's design of womanhood!

God's idea of a woman is not at all that weak, shy, gray little mouse in her husband's shadow. This woman, this wife, this mother, was powerful!

She had responsibility and authority over many employees. She was a wonderful, successful administrator. Her household never had to fear the future because of her wisdom and kindness. She had economic

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liberty. She was free to take decisions that involved a lot of money, like buying and selling lands. But she was a good wife and mother, praised and blessed by her own family members.

Because of her godly life, her husband was honored in the city gates, which means, in government positions. Wow!

This is God's idea of a woman. Your Jesus never downgraded women. In a culture where a man could not talk to a woman, much less a Jew to a despised Samaritan, He spoke to the woman at the well, a very immoral cast-away of society, and made her the first evangelist, carrier of Good News (Jn.4:6-42).

Both the angel and Jesus Himself sent women to give the Good News of His resurrection to His apostles (Mt.28:5-10). Jesus honored women like nobody in His time and culture would have dared to do! Wow!

Sadly, very few people know that, which is a real tragedy. Deep inside, every woman knows that she is created to rule and reign. She just doesn't know how God had planned this to happen. So she instinctively rebels against anything that could suppress her.

Out of this God-breathed desire to be heard and accepted grew movements like 'Women's Lib' and the like. Unfortunately, most of them try to liberate women to the same position as men. This, however, creates great stress in women's body and psyche which are created for different kinds of tasks than men are.

We can never stress enough the importance of walking in God's ways and doing things God's way if we want to be happy and fulfilled in life. He is our Creator. He knows every cell of our body. He knows the make-up of our mind and emotions.

So why not follow His ways? You will be surprised how much fulfillment you will find in His plans!

Dear wife, you don't need to allow the world and the society around

you to dictate your behavior. Think about it. Has this world ever seen so many suicides, so many murders, so many mental diseases, and so much depression? Not even in wartimes has there been so much mental disease and suffering in humanity.

I often wonder how with all our modern achievements, still the emotional quality of life seems to decrease. What could be the reason? I believe that the reason is found in Psalm 2:1-6:

1 Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

3 “Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.”

4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall hold them in derision.

5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

6 “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion” (Ps.2:1-6)

God has the last say, no matter what the nations may plot against Him. His principles are the only ones that work. We will see His Word being fulfilled before our very eyes.

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CREATION REBELLION



Nowadays, some people and even mainline denominations have gone as far as to question whether God is male, female or anything in between.

Money is spent to print ‘gender-neutral bibles’, and centuries-old churches suddenly refuse to refer to God as ‘Father’ and ‘He’.

The rebellion against God and against His creation order is truly staggering!

Years ago, I saw a ‘joke’, scribbled on a toilet wall in Germany: “When god made man, SHE was only practicing”! It seems that people were struggling with all these confusions already decades ago!

Let me give you 100% proof that God simply CAN NOT be a woman:

If God were a woman, the next words after

“Let there be light”

would have been,

“What is all this mess here!?!”

God is Spirit, the Tri-une Father, Son and Holy Ghost. When this Trinity created mankind, He took from His own breath and made Adam.

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Later on, He took one of Adam's ribs and fashioned it into a woman.

So very clearly, God contains in Himself both male and female aspects, but He divided and distributed these aspects into two clearly different physical bodies, the male body and the female body!

So please, let no-one confuse you and try to cheat you out of your calling and destiny. Proudly confirm and live out the creation role God has given you. You will be satisfied and fulfilled, your spouse will be able to develop into his or her God-given role also, and your children will be protected from all the mental and emotional onslaught of modern society. Never forget,

12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death (Pr.14:12; 16:25)

Let the eternal Word of God, your Bible, be your guide through all the confusions and rebellion of modern society.

Another form of rebellion against God's perfect creation order is the refusal to fulfill God's very first command and blessing to humanity: The refusal to be fruitful and to multiply. Remember God's very first words to His humans:

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Ge.1:28)

In the last chapters of the Old Testament, just before 400 years of silence, God spoke very clearly through His prophet Malachi:

15 But did He not make them one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth (Mal.2:15)

Refusing to live in this God-given oneness and refusing to produce

godly offspring is a clear rebellion and violation of God's very first command to humanity! God's command and desire that His humans should multiply and create godly offspring are clearly visible in His Word.

Both the Old and the New Testament give abundant instructions on how to raise such godly offspring. God even encourages couples by saying:

3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward (Ps.127:3)

A heritage! A reward! Directly from the LORD! Wow!!! Media and modern society have succeeded in almost eradicating this viewpoint from young couples. Decades ago, I saw statistics about the viability of European nations.

How great was my shock to learn that in order to just maintain an ethnic race, people needed to reproduce at 2.1 percent. Anything below that would mean the extinction of that ethnic group.

Imagine my shock when I saw most European nations having between 1.2 and 1.9 children per couple - not even enough to maintain the population!

The extinction of Western populations was underway long ago, and according to these statistics, most had already passed the 'point of no return', which means, it was too late already to maintain the indigenous white ethnic group alive into the future.

Population numbers are maintained mostly by mass migration, by receiving mostly Muslim nationals from war zones into Europe. How tragic to see the supposedly Christian nations so blatantly rebel against God's command to multiply while immigrants have twelve children or more with up to four wives at the cost of Western welfare states' tax payer money²⁸.

This rebellion against God can cause harm in every area of society.

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How many times I am reminded of God's warning for not heeding His voice when I have to witness age-old German companies and family businesses going bankrupt while foreigners blossom and take over:

15 But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

43 The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower.

44 He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail (Dt.28:15,43-44)

As always, following God's ways is the greatest blessing on earth. No matter how much society may mock and shun large families, the joy and mental as well as emotional health in such families proves God's Word true.

Never fear having children! Your God will feed and clothe them and give you the strength and wisdom to educate them.

Remember: Having two children is NOT multiplying! It is not even maintaining the population. In order to fulfill God's command, you should have a minimum of three children!

You may have to let go of your dream house or dream car, but I guarantee you: the joy you reap daily from your children will by far outweigh any sacrifice you make.

How grateful we should be for God's powerful, all-sustaining Word in these confusing times where media and medicine try to engineer humanity further and further away from God's divine design (Heb.1:3; 11:3)!

Note that Malachi 2:15 is a Scripture from the Old Testament which sadly even some born-again denominations are willing to abol-

ish and even ban! And yet, how relevant, what a life-saving anchor for our troubled times today! Remember,

16 ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work (2.Tim.3:16-17)

That means, ALL Bible Scripture equips and completes us for EVERY good work - how much more for the good work of living a godly marriage and family life that displays the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church (Eph.5:32-33)!

Hold fast the Word of Life!!! Obey it and become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation!!! Shine as lights in this dark world, no matter how much others may mock you for your 'antiquated views' or 'long out-fashioned lifestyle' (Phil.2:14-16).

You simply enjoy your life in God's Creation Purpose and make them jealous by your happiness! Maybe your daily display of Christ and the Church will even win them for eternity?!?

Then there is also the spiritual aspect. To you as a New Testament believer, God's command to reproduce after your kind means not only physical offspring. God expects you to fill the earth with spiritual children, with believers that came to salvation through your life.

Always remember: Reproducing after your kind is the very first principle of God we see in Genesis chapter one.

So as a born-again believer and citizen of heaven, can you populate heaven also with your spiritual offspring, not only with your physical children? O yes, definitely!

That is actually the very purpose of your marriage!

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CREATION SATISFACTION



What could be the reason for all the confusions and rebellion concerning ‘gender’ which modern society, and especially its youth, is suffering?

Well, of course, all such ideas don’t just suddenly spring up out of nowhere. There is an agenda at work that seeks to discredit and finally destroy ‘human reproduction God’s way’ in order to replace it with technology. The plummeting sperm count worldwide and the many fertility clinics springing up everywhere are steps toward a ‘Brave New World’, as Aldous Huxley called his horror vision for human future already in 1932²⁹!

Maybe you have seen the enticing advertisements of companies that offer you to ‘grow your baby in a pod’ instead of in your or your wife’s uterus and monitor the progress via an app from the comfort of your own home³⁰. Heavy social engineering is deployed worldwide to push society toward an asexual, technological future.

Why would any reasonable person even consider falling into such a trap? Well, maybe frustration about a perceived impossibility to satisfy a spouse could be the reason. Maybe children grew up watching their parents dissatisfied in their marriage, and they want to ‘find different ways’ to a happy life. With all the perfectly done media propaganda, they may easily fall prey to confusion and rebellion against God’s ways.

Satisfaction in your marriage is much more important than you ever thought! Some people think it is a virtue to just silently sigh and

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suffer instead of rising up to explore God's solutions! No way! Remember God's strong warning to His people:

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children (Hos.4:6)

As a believer in Christ, you have been made a king and a priest to God by the sacrifice of Jesus (Rev.1:6; 5:10). Being rejected from that priestly privilege and position because of negligence concerning God's Word is a very serious matter that can definitely destroy your future generations!

In our ministry, we see a marked difference between parents who earnestly seek God in His Word and those who only seek God's blessings through prayer, but without taking the effort to dig out the treasures from God's Word (Ps.119:162). So please, for your own and for your children's sake, seek satisfaction in your marriage, both for you and for your spouse!

The problem is that we don't know what our spouse really needs or desires. We therefore give what we would desire to receive, without knowing that this will not satisfy a person of the opposite sex. Just note: Even the expression 'opposite sex' shows it so clearly! This person is really 'opposite', very much different from you, so please don't try to give him or her the treatment you would like to receive. Endeavor to find out what he or she likes and needs, and offer that, no matter how weird it may feel to you.

Dear husband, let me encourage you:

Satisfying a woman is actually very easy:

All you need to do is to be

- ✓ Her most romantic Romeo

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- ✓ Her always beaming sunshine
- ✓ Her most trustworthy elder brother
- ✓ Her most understanding friend
- ✓ Her most patient listener
- ✓ Her most resourceful counselor
- ✓ Her best psychologist and gynaecologist
- ✓ Her most capable organizer
- ✓ Her most resourceful bug exterminator
- ✓ Her most charming lover
- ✓ Her most passionate admirer
- ✓ Her most intelligent provider
- ✓ Her most attentive driver
- ✓ Her most innovative cook
- ✓ Her most creative gardener
- ✓ Her most reliable carpenter, plumber, electrician
- ✓

Of course, you also need to

- ✓ Gift her flowers and sweets regularly
- ✓ Call her multiple times a day

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- ✓ Show great excitement every time you see her
- ✓ Listen to her talk for hours without falling asleep
- ✓ Compliment her on every new dress
- ✓ Notice every change in her hairstyle and admire it
- ✓ Handle the children with divine patience
- ✓ Deal with their teachers wisely
- ✓ Fix any problems in the house immediately
- ✓ Love cleaning kitchens and bathrooms
- ✓ Regularly compose love songs for her
- ✓ Sing and dance while vacuum cleaning the house
- ✓ Give her lots of space
- ✓ Give her lots of attention, but expect very little yourself
- ✓ Give her lots of time, especially time for herself
- ✓ Obey all her orders
- ✓ Grant her full access to your phone and all your electronics
- ✓ ...

In addition to that, you must

- ✓ Never stress her
- ✓ Never look at other women

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- ✓ Never forget her birthday
- ✓ Never forget your wedding anniversary
- ✓ Never forget any of the birthdays and anniversaries of her friends and family
- ✓ Never forget the children's birthdays
- ✓ Never forget the pet's birthday
- ✓ Never forget her favorite color, flowers, jewels...
- ✓ Never forget her favorite food, drink, restaurant...
- ✓ Never forget to bring home what she asked for
- ✓ Never neglect giving her your full salary
- ✓ ...

I'm sure I forgot a few points, but no problem... just ask your wife, she will happily add her own points to this list!

Dear wife, let me also encourage you:

Satisfying a man is also very easy:

- ✓ Just leave him alone!!!

Of course, this is a joke - definitely invented by some frustrated husband! -, but there is a deep truth in it. Dear wife, I know you are God's luxury model. I know your creation was complicated... but please, for heaven's sake, don't make your poor hubby's life complicated with all your demands! In one word: Don't torture the poor guy!

I have seen in couples all over the world that men use to be much more easily content and satisfied than women. Please learn from your

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dear husband these definitely biblical values:

6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content (1.Ti.6:6-8)

Dear husband, having said this, please don't forget that women are created to be mothers and homemakers. Your wife will have a very natural desire for a home, a safe haven, a nice place to raise her children. This desire is noble and God-pleasing.

The Apostle Paul's warning goes even further:

9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (1.Ti.6:9-10)

I don't think your wife falls into this category, and I hope you don't either. As you both seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, He will make sure that all things you need for life and godliness are added to you (Mt.6:33).

And as you practice satisfaction in what you have right now, He will shower with you His riches and never add sorrow (Pr.10:22).

As you both find your delight first of all in the Lord and then only in one another, He will surely give you the desires of your heart (Ps.37:4). He will give you richly all things to enjoy as you keep your priorities right (1.Ti.6:17).

CREATION PRIORITIES



A very important ingredient to a happy, blessed marriage is keeping your priorities right. Sadly, Noah failed in this area, although God Himself repeatedly tried to direct his attention to the right order of things.

Can we deduct that because of Noah's negligence in heeding God's promptings, he finally fell to the temptation of alcohol, lost his prestige, and even had to curse one of his three sons - the only survivors of the great deluge who were to repopulate the whole earth? Let us study.

In midst of great corruption and worldwide evil, Noah and his generations found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Ge.6:8). Seeing all the violence, God was forced to decide the destruction of all flesh together with the earth. In order to preserve humanity, He started giving instructions to His righteous man Noah.

Luckily, Noah obeyed and started building the Ark that would save humanity (Ge.6:13-22). When the waters started rising, Noah and his household entered the Ark according to God's command (Ge.7:1):

7 So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood (Ge. 7:7)

13 On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark (Ge. 7:13)

After the waters had receded, God's word came again to Noah, this

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time with clear instructions about the order and priority by which they were to leave the Ark:

15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

16 “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you.

17 Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” (Ge.8:15-17)

Here, God gives clear instructions that Noah should come out with his wife, then only his sons together with their wives. A fresh new world needed a fresh new start into the right order of priorities in relationships, especially in marriages!

No longer should men go ahead together and their wives follow behind. Man had to leave his father and his mother and cleave to his wife.

Tragically, Noah and his sons failed in paying close attention to God’s words and kept living just like before the flood:

18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him (Ge.8:18)

This is the last time we hear about the four wives. From now onward, we see God dealing only with Noah and his sons.

Could it be that God gave up on His attempt to teach them the right priorities? Could it be that Noah would have been protected from getting drunk and losing his dignity in the eyes of his sons if he had given higher priority and greater closeness to his wife (Ge.9:20-22)?

Could it be that the curse on Canaan, the son of Ham who uncovered his father’s nakedness, could have been avoided? Could it be that

by availing his wife's close fellowship, the curse on a third of mankind could have been avoided?

Definitely, the possibility cannot be denied. Ham's sin must have been so serious in Noah's eyes that he didn't even mention the name of his son anymore! The curse of servanthood and slavery was pronounced directly on Canaan, Ham's son.

Oh, the serious consequences of wrong priorities! And oh! The seriousness of routine! How easily do we just live in our old patterns instead of paying close attention to God's new instructions! How easily we assume that we know what to do! How easily we simply overhear God's guidance into victory!

Routine made Noah do things the way he always did. Isn't it shocking that even in Old Testament times where God's personal communication was much more rare than today, Noah didn't take God's word very serious?!?

How blessed are we New Testament believers to have God's Holy Ghost living directly inside of us, leading and guiding and counseling us every second of the day! Oh, how much does our Daddy God desire for us to heed His wise counsel! See His heart cry through His prophet even in the Old Testament:

18 Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea (Isa.48:18)

Your loving God's desire is always your peace and your righteousness, your full well-being. All His commandments and instructions aim solely at YOUR blessing and YOUR benefit! Remember His heart cry to His Old Testament people:

I Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

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2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God (Dt.28:1-2)

Keep reading the entire chapter 28 of the Book of Deuteronomy. See God's heart in it and His desire to bless each and every area of your life! Use it as a check list to see if all these blessings are manifesting in your life:

13 And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

If not, check your heeding ability and your obedience to God's daily instructions. As you adjust your lifestyle to His word, you will reap the consequences according to your decision to take His word serious or not:

19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

20 But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword". For the mouth of the LORD has spoken (Isa.1:19-20)

15 But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you (Dt.28:15)

Clear enough, isn't it? YOU choose your blessing or your curse, your trouble. Nowadays, however, people's priorities become more and more messed up. There was a lady who told her best friend:

I got rid of my husband. The cat was allergic to him

No words...

CREATION SWEETNESS



Maybe you feel you are not being treated rightly in your marriage, and you allowed a root of bitterness to grow in you. If so, life together can become a real torture. The Bible warns us very strongly against allowing any kind of bitterness in our hearts. Once permitted, a root of bitterness will never go away by itself; it will spring up quickly and, if left unchecked, it will grow very fast and defile not only you, but many others also. Therefore our wise Creator admonishes us to:

14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled (Heb.12:14-15)

The first step to being delivered from such a horrible root of bitterness is to consciously decide to forgive whatever wrong was done to you. This may seem impossible to do, but if you picture in your mind your wonderful, loving Lord Jesus Christ being beaten, tortured and nailed to that cruel cross, you will see that nothing that was done to you can compare to the cruelty and injustice done to Him who was pure love and never did any harm to anybody. And yet, hanging there on that cross, He could not only forgive but even pray for His murderers:

34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots (Lk.23:34)

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See this! Even after such a heart-rending prayer, they kept mocking and abusing Him! With all this, He never allowed any bitterness to creep into His heart. In fact, if He had allowed bitterness, death would have had a grip on Him! Allowing bitterness might have endangered His resurrection by giving death and the devil an inroad into His life.

Let me encourage you. You CAN forgive. Don't allow satan, the enemy of your soul, the joy of destroying your life from the inside. Once you forgive, you close the door to death and the devil! You open wide the door for your God to reach into your heart and help you out of that trap of grief, accusation and bitterness.

Only the wonderful comfort of the Holy Spirit can wash away that deep, intense pain and grief. If you allow God to really access and touch that area of your life, you will see that He not only makes you overcome the pain, but He even makes you a healer of others who suffer as you once did. The great apostle Paul says it so beautifully:

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God,

7 And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation (2.Co.1:3-4,7)

So dear husband, dear wife, be encouraged if you are fighting right now to save your marriage. All the pains, rejections and injustices you go through now will make you a mighty comforter and healer of others.

If you stand steadfast in your decision to keep your marriage happy and joyful, and if you wisely use God's spiritual weapons of warfare against satan, you will emerge purified, full of peace and good fruits, and save multitudes from death and destruction by satan's weapons (Pr.14:1; Heb.12:15; Ga.5:22-23; Ro.16:20; Phil.4:9; 1.Thes.5:23).

CREATION CRISIS



Some women have a very wrong notion about men:

Why don't men have mid-life crises?

They stay stuck in adolescence

Dear wife, this is absolutely not the case. For a man, the real big life change comes with his retirement. Suddenly, all these hours spent commuting back and forth and all the hours spent at his job are free. This actually creates a great crisis in a man's life.

Many men feel suddenly useless, unproductive, bored and frustrated. The worst thing is, they may feel even unwanted in their own house! Some very unwise women even go so far as to trumpet out far and wide:

Help!!! My husband retires...

Did you know that many men die in the first year after the retirement they had been anticipating with joy and many plans for so many years? What a tragedy!!!

A husband's retirement is a great stressor for both husband and wife. She is used to doing things her way, having her privacy, being able to administer her time as she likes; suddenly, there is somebody around all the time, poking his nose into 'her' business, trying to correct and control her.

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He, used to a competitive work environment, sees areas that should be streamlined and wants to help make his wife's life easier. Her rejection of his loving efforts and counsel can make the feeling of uselessness deeper than anything else could ever do.

Most probably, he will react to her rejection with frustration, anger or silent withdrawal. All are very dangerous for his health, especially for his cardiovascular system.

There is only one way to overcome in this difficult time, and it is, like always, by obeying God's wise Word:

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself (Phil.2:3)

Esteeming your spouse better than yourself will automatically make you try to understand his or her struggles. Instead of feeling hurt by his corrections or her complaints, you will put yourself into your spouse's position and thus understand and support instead of withdrawing and suffering.

Now more than ever, keep reminding yourself that the motivation is what counts, not the action. If the motivation is love, even the most irritating deeds will look sweet to you since they come from your loving spouse who is trying to help you.

By living out in your daily life the wise counsel from God's eternal Word, you will overcome victoriously each and every crisis!

4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You. Selah

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

6 As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring; the rain also covers it with pools.

7 They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion (Ps.84:4-7)

Remember, you always dwell in His house which is the Church - but it also is your own body, His temple (1.Co.3:19). Since you thus live constantly in His Presence, you can keep praising Him and experiencing Him as your strength.

You can accept the changes and seasons of life, since your heart is set on your pilgrimage, on your way with your God and with your spouse. You can make any valley into a spring and enjoy the added blessing of heavenly rain creating pools for you and for others (Ps.84:5-7).

You can constantly be growing, constantly be strengthened, as you live before your God until your glorious end.

Never forget: Your mind can be the devil's workshop or God's strategic planning center. YOU choose, so choose wisely!

Whatever you allow your mind to think and your mouth to speak will create the atmosphere you will live in for the remainder of your married life, so THINK LIFE and SPEAK LIFE!

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CREATION SEASONS



Hormones do play a major part in life. They dominate bodily functions, mental performance, emotional responses, immune response, vigor, vitality, sex drive - practically everything concerning our physical life.

The main male sex hormone, testosterone, increases steadily during youth, peaks around a man's mid twenties, and then slowly but steadily declines.

A woman's hormones peak at her first menstruation and then go through a cycle month for month, until - often quite suddenly - menopause sets in.

Menopause seems to be a dreaded event, both for women as also for men. Maybe both of you have been enjoying a satisfying sex life together, but suddenly, everything changes.

Mood swings, confusions, brain fog, hot flashes, night sweats, irritability, aches, pains and maybe even extreme bleeding or clotting of blood can make a woman's life miserable for a time, in some cases even for years.

Dear husband, this is your time to be more loving, caring and understanding than ever before. This is your time to show the love and protection of Christ for His Bride, the Church, to your eternal bride, no matter how many children and grandchildren you may have (Eph.5:23-28).

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Your wife will never forget your true, undemanding love, even if at the moment, nothing may seem to please her.

Do you know the real meaning of menopause?

It means “Men!!! Oh!!! Pause!!!”

This dreaded menopause has its counterpart in men’s ‘midlife crisis’, a time when decreasing testosterone levels may add some aches and pains, and suddenly, physical limits seem to appear in the life of the once invincible hero.

Self-questioning, a mental inventory of past achievements and uncompleted tasks and a general sense of insecurity concerning the young, pushy, upcoming aspirants at his post may even lead a man to depression.

Dear wife, here is your opportunity to love, honor and respect your husband as God demands from you (Eph.5:22-24).

Your approval, your admiration, your unchanging love will help your husband through that difficult time and make him keep his eyes on you instead of on your neighbor!

Very much contrary to Bible truth, Western culture tends to denigrate old age. God’s Word clearly tells us to honor our elders (Lev.19:32).

31 The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness (Pr.16:31)

A life lived in God’s righteous ways is a great treasure in God’s eyes, something to be proud of. Encourage one another with this knowledge. Find ways to share your wisdom and experience with the younger generation.

Avoid satan’s trap of living for yourselves, looking at one another and your fading youth. Lift up your eyes and see that the fields are ready for harvest (Jn.4)!

The spiritual joy and excitement in God's work will easily overcome the hormonal disturbances in your physical body.

Think about it! Eternal youth, a subject that seems to be so desirable in the world's eyes, is not even mentioned in the Bible! All the opposite, you find Scriptures like this:

30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised (Pr.31:30)

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day (2.Co.4:16)

Use this time in life to focus on the true riches - your inner life, the heavenly person which is your spirit man, your inward man.

Enjoy living every day in the strength Christ provides as you make Him your life like never before. And yes, do have some fun like for example shocking your grandchildren:

A little boy sees his grandpa kissing his grandma. With eyes wide from surprise, he asks:

What, you are doing that? I thought only beautiful people do such things?

Maybe all around you people, society, even your own body tell you that things go from bad to worse. Maybe you have settled to accept that 'fact' just like everybody else. Maybe you think that your best times, even as a couple, are over and will never return.

Yet let me remind you, and please never forget this tremendous truth: As a believer in Jesus Christ, you live under totally different spiritual laws and realities. You even live in a totally different kingdom:

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one (1.Jn.5:19)

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We know that we are of God! Just like our Lord Jesus, we know that we come from God, and we know that we go back to God (Jn.13:3)!

No matter what people, society, circumstances, science, medicine or anything or anybody else may say - these negative things don't apply to you! You are from above, you are not from beneath. You are in this world, but you are not of this world (Jn.17:16). As a child of God, you live under very different laws.

Marriage in the autumn of life is like good old wine, as our Lord Jesus has promised: The best wine is kept till the end, and the path of the righteous shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day (Jn.2:10-11; Pr.4:18).

So please, for God's sake and for humanity's sake, ENJOY your marriage each and every day!

And as a believer in Jesus Christ, you can be sure once this life on earth is over, your love relationship is NOT over:

A widow wrote on the tombstone of her husband:

Rest in peace - till we meet again...

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH:

You might still have some questions I didn't deal in this book. I would be interested in knowing your questions and happy to answer them in my next book.

Please also allow me to rejoice with you in your new liberty, and share your marriage bliss with me!

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ENDNOTES

1 05647 `abad {aw-bad'}

a primitive root; TWOT - 1553; v

AV - serve 227, do 15, till 9, servant 5, work 5, worshippers 5, service 4, dress 2, labour 2, ear 2, misc 14; 290

1) to work, serve

1a) (Qal)

1a1) to labour, work, do work

1a2) to work for another, serve another by labour

1a3) to serve as subjects

1a4) to serve (God)

1a5) to serve (with Levitical service)

1b) (Niphal)

1b1) to be worked, be tilled (of land)

1b2) to make oneself a servant

1c) (Pual) to be worked

1d) (Hiphil)

1d1) to compel to labour or work, cause to labour, cause to serve

1d2) to cause to serve as subjects

1e) (Hophal) to be led or enticed to serve

2 08104 shamar {shaw-mar'}

a primitive root; TWOT - 2414; v

AV - keep 283, observe 46, heed 35, keeper 28, preserve 21, beware 9, mark 8, watchman 8, wait 7, watch 7, regard 5, save 2, misc 9; 468

1) to keep, guard, observe, give heed

1a) (Qal)

1a1) to keep, have charge of

1a2) to keep, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, save life

1a2a) watch, watchman (participle)

1a3) to watch for, wait for

1a4) to watch, observe

1a5) to keep, retain, treasure up (in memory)

1a6) to keep (within bounds), restrain

1a7) to observe, celebrate, keep (sabbath or covenant or commands), perform (vow)

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1a8) to keep, preserve, protect

1a9) to keep, reserve

1b) (Niphal)

1b1) to be on one's guard, take heed, take care, beware

1b2) to keep oneself, refrain, abstain

1b3) to be kept, be guarded

1c) (Piel) to keep, pay heed

1d) (Hithpael) to keep oneself from

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probably identical with 03334 (through the squeezing into shape),
([compare 03331]); TWOT - 898; v

AV - form 26, potter 17, fashion 5, maker 4, frame 3, make 3, former 2,
earthen 1, purposed 1; 62

1) to form, fashion, frame

1a) (Qal) to form, fashion

1a1) of human activity

1a2) of divine activity

1a2a) of creation

1a2a1) of original creation

1a2a2) of individuals at conception

1a2a3) of Israel as a people

1a2b) to frame, pre-ordain, plan (fig. of divine)
purpose of a situation)

1b) (Niphal) to be formed, be created

1c) (Pual) to be predetermined, be pre-ordained

1d) (Hophal) to be formed

5 01129 banah {baw-naw'}

a primitive root; TWOT - 255; v

AV - build 340, build up 14, builder 10, made 3, built again + 08735 2, repair
2, set up 2, have children + 08735 1, obtain children + 08735 1, surely 1 (inf.
for emphasis); 376

1) to build, rebuild, establish, cause to continue

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1a) (Qal)

1a1) to build, rebuild

1a2) to build a house (ie, establish a family)

1b) (Niphal)

1b1) to be built

1b2) to be rebuilt

1b3) established (of restored exiles) (fig.)

1b4) established (made permanent)

1b5) to be built up (of childless wife becoming the mother of a family through the children of a concubine)

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from 05826; TWOT - 1598a; n m
AV - help 19, help meet 2; 21
1) help, succor
1a) help, succor
1b) one who helps

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perhaps as the same as 2042; TDNT-2:660,256; n f
AV-strife 5, contention 1, contentious + 1537 1; 7

1) electioneering or intriguing for office

1a) apparently, in the NT a courting distinction, a desire to put one's self forward, a partisan and fractious spirit which does not disdain low arts

1b) partisanship, fractiousness

17 2754 kenodoxia kenodoxia ken-od-ox-ee'-ah
from 2755; TDNT-3:662,426; n f
AV-vainglory 1; 1

1) vain glory, groundless, self esteem, empty pride

2) a vain opinion, error

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from the same as 2132; TDNT-4:971,636; n f
AV-benevolence 1, good will 1; 2
1) good will, kindness

27 3784 ofeilw opheilo of-i'-lo or (in certain tenses) its prolonged form
ofeilw opheileo of-i-leh'-o probably from the base of 3786 (through the
idea of accruing); TDNT-5:559,746; v
AV-ought 15, owe 7, be bound 2, be (one's) duty 2, be a debtor 1, be guilty
1, be indebted 1, misc 7; 36

1) to owe

1a) to owe money, be in debt for

1a1) that which is due, the debt

2) metaph. the goodwill due

For Synonyms see entry 5940

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HELP !!! I Am Married!!!

Your Navigator through Windy Waters

*Marriages are made in heaven – but they are lived out on the earth
...and that's where the trouble starts!*

- ♥ “Lord Jesus! I did it! I married to India! HELP ME!!!”
- ♥ These were my first words as I opened my eyes on my first morning as a newly-wed wife.
- ♥ This prayer continues being the foundation and fountain of our blessed, blessing marriage.
- ♥ Follow me on our exciting spiritual journey of uniting East and West into a loving, joyful, anointed marriage.
- ♥ Learn with us the lessons we have learned from God, from His Word and from one another.

**In this book, you will find out the secrets
to a happy, fulfilled and fulfilling marriage**



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