Woman*

Genesis 1:27-28 (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
(28) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
The word replenish means to fill or to make full. Now turn to;
Genesis 2:4-7 (4) These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,
(5) And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.
(6) But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.
(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 soul.
In the first book of the Bible, Genesis chapter one, is the recorded account of the creation of heaven and earth and everything therein. This is the history of the beginning without specific details. Genesis chapter two, beginning at verse 4, records the generations of the heavens and the earth in the day the Lord made them with details. Both chapters one and two are about the same creation week, chapter one is history, chapter two the generations. Concerning mankind, chapter one states that; God created man in his own image. *Chapter two reveals that;* God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. *Also chapter two provides another piece of information not in the*

first chapter, how the woman came to be, for that interesting turn of events, turn to;
Genesis 2:21-24 (21) And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
(22) And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto 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 shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.
These are the generations of mankind characterized by a regular sequence of development during the creation week. Some definitions of generations are; begetting, bringing forth, formation, genesis, and origination. These definitions make it easier to understand that the first two chapters of Genesis are about the same creation events, chapter one: history, chapter two: generations. Chapter one ended with the conclusion of the sixth day and chapter two begins with the seventh day on which God rested from all his work. The seventh day, the last day of the creation week completes the same seven day order that continues to this day, turn with me to;
Genesis 2:1-4 (1) Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
(2) And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.
(3) And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.
(4) These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,
The original creation in chapter one, confirmed in chapter two

by their generations in the day they were created, is a procedure known in the literary methodology of antiquity. In chapter one we learn only that God created man, male and female, and then in chapter two we learn that God made the man from the dust of the ground. In chapter one we learn that God created a woman and in chapter two we learn that God made her from Adam's rib. One final but forceful point should be made. In Matthew 19:4-5, the Lord Jesus combined quotations from Genesis 1 and Genesis 2. Listen to Him; He who made them from the beginning made them male and female *[quoting Gen 1:26],* and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh *[quoting Gen 2:24]." The complementary nature of the subject-distinction between a skeleton outline of all creation of Genesis chapter one, and the concentration in detail on man and his immediate environment of Genesis chapter two is acceptable literary methodology of antiquity. As for Adam, I can only imagine the jubilation that he must have felt when God brought to him, his wife. There is, by the order of God, a more intimate connection formed between a husband and wife, than can subsist even between parents and children. Adam's wife Eve was honored with a special honor;* And Adam called his wife's name Eve; **because she was the mother of all living** (Gen 3:20). *Our great grandmother is Eve. She was the first woman on earth and by necessity, the first mother. Those who opt for an old-Earth scenario believe, of course, that man is a "recent addition" to the Earth—a "johnny-come-lately" who has been here only 3 million years or so out of an alleged Earth history of 4.6 billion years. Apparently, however, they are not obtaining their information from the same source as the prophet Isaiah who asked the people of his day;* Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? (Isaiah 40:21). *Isaiah understood that man had been on the Earth "from the beginning," or, as*

he stressed, "from the foundations" of the Earth. The Saviour spake of the "johnny-come-lately" theory with very explicit wording. He knew the "johnny come lately" theory of "science falsely so called" that the Apostle Paul gave warning about in his ministry. Of all the people that have ever trod the earth, Jesus above all knows the creation of man is not a johnny-come-lately.

And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, (Mat 19:4). *And again,* But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female (Mark 10:6). *God created mankind and made them male and female at the beginning of the creation. If one is unable to trust the words of Christ, then that person is surely doomed to wander in the ignorance of unbelief;* ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (2 Timothy 3:7). *"Science falsely so called", is ever learning, but wandering in the ignorance of unbelief. Jesus declared concerning Adam and Eve:* But from the beginning of the creation, Male and female made he them. *Christ thus dated the first humans from the creation week. The Greek word for "beginning" is arché, and is used of "absolute, denoting the beginning of the world and its history, the beginning of creation." The word in the Greek for "creation" is ktiseos, and denotes "the sum-total of what God has created." Mankind was the crowning achievement of God's handiwork and the earth was made to be inhabited by him because it is said in His word;*

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, **he formed it to be inhabited**: I am the LORD; and there is none else (Isaiah 45:18). *Even after the downfall of mankind, God was not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Perhaps too often one may lay the blame for the downfall of mankind upon the woman. But one must remember that she was deceived.*

She was lied to. Listen, the devil is going about seeking whom he may devour. Have you ever been deceived by the devil? If so, then you may touch upon the difficulty Eve must have gone through. But I do not think it possible to know the extent of grief she must have felt for her part in bringing about death. However the woman has been selected for a wonderful purpose, the birth of children into the world. But she does so at a great price. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee (Genesis 3:16). *The purpose of declaring the beginning of creation and the original bringing forth of mankind is to bring to remembrance the purpose of God. In His scheme He brought forth a woman to be with the man. To be an help meet for him, to be his best friend, his companion, his wife and his lover. There was however one relationship Adam could not enjoy with a woman, Adam did not have a mother. In each of our lives there has been one special woman that was to become your mother. Be kind and gentle to your mother. I propose the first person you ever fell in love with, was your mother. For it was your mother that went down into the pit of death to give you life, for she loved you that much. On occasion a mother will not come out of the pit of death giving birth to the child she loves so much. On occasion she will relinquish the joy of raising her child to someone else. As did Rachel, the beloved wife of Jacob. Turn your Bibles to;*

Genesis 35:16-20 (16) And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.
(17) And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.
(18) And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, for she died that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

(19) And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.
(20) And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.
Jacob loved Rachel so much, but was helpless as her life slipped away. The silver thread of life Rachel enjoyed with her husband and her sons was broken. As for a young man, the second woman he falls head over heels in love with will be that pretty little gal tugging at his heartstrings.
Turn your Bible to;
Song of Solomon 4:7-12 (7) Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.
(8) Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.
(9) Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.
(10) How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!
(11) Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.
(12) A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.
I have no doubt that is how Jacob loved Rachel. Let's return to one of the greatest love stories ever told, turn to;
Genesis 29:16-20 (16) And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.
(17) Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.
(18) And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven

years for Rachel thy younger daughter.
(19) And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.
(20) And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.
Oh what a man will endure for the joy of love.
But Jacob was in for a surprise, the younger could not be given in marriage before the elder. However the love Jacob had for Rachel was so great that he worked another 7 years for her. Jacob married both Leah and Rachel but he loved Rachel more. However God was to bless Leah, she would be the woman to become the ancestral grandmother to Jesus Christ. Jesus was from the tribe of Judah. And the mother of Judah was Leah. Love stories like this makes me to wonder about people of today. I once read of a couple that separated on their wedding day and later divorced because they could not agree on a location to spend their honeymoon. This is an extreme example, but, what were they thinking? What is important in life's journey is a Christian home with ones beloved. A husband and wife should be in love like the description given by Solomon. The Song of Solomon is a wonderful book about the love a husband and wife should have for each other. I would recommend every married person and any that are about to be, to read Song of Solomon and Proverbs. The Song of Songs is a beautiful ballad about the joys and pleasures of romantic love between a husband and wife. The God who made us male and female provides us with specific instructions on how we can respond to each other as husband and wife. God used Solomon, a great and wise King of Israel, to write a marriage manual guaranteed to spark a romantic fire in your relationship. In this "song for lovers" (6:13) she is called "Shulammite", a feminized name of Solomon's own name. He calls her "my darling", she calls him "my lover." The Song of Songs is a poetic conversation between a man and a woman, lovers that trace the development of their romance from

courtship through marriage and beyond.
But what's this about mixing it up with metaphors:? Here's a sweet thought to try out on your wife or girlfriend. "Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from Mount Gilead." If you have ever had a close encounter with a goat, it is not a particularly romantic experience! They are unruly and foul smelling. Or how about this one; "Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon." Your significant other will probably have some words to describe you too, and "Romeo" will not be one of them! All through the book of Song of Songs, Solomon and his bride praise each other with metaphors designed to evoke certain emotions, certain feelings. We do the same thing. On a cold winter night, wrapped in a blanket, sitting in front of a nice warm fire, we say, "I'm snug as a bug in a rug." Now most of us are not too crazy about bugs in our rugs! But the metaphor is designed to communicate how we feel. We feel warm and secure. So the key to the metaphors in the Song of Solomon is to ask, What feeling is prompted by this image? When Solomon says that his beloveds hair is like a flock of goats descending from Mount Gilead, we should imagine ourselves standing at a distance as a flock of black Palestinian goats cascade down a sand-colored hillside in the golden sunset. The peacefulness around us and the flowing movement of the flock are captivating, almost hypnotic. And that's the point. Solomon was captivated, playfully entangled, by his lover's dark flowing hair. The greatest fulfillment is within the safe, God ordained boundaries of marriage. And within those boundaries a bond is formed that is unlike any other. Within those boundaries a bond is formed that makes a man and a woman, husband and wife. It is said; For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh (Eph 5:31). *The cultivation of a growing marital romance requires personal involvement and time spent together. A deepening relationship doesn't happen by accident. Turn the*

M in me upside down to a W to spell we. Physical love and affection in marriage are gifts from God and are to be enjoyed to the fullest in a God ordained union, turn your Bibles to;
1Corinthians 7:3-5 (3) Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.
(4) The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.
(5) Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.
The true love a husband and wife should have for each other as they grow older is a reality that should abound more and more, for the word says; Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth (Pro 5:18).
Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered (1Pet 3:7).
What a great treasure indeed, if ones spouse is of the faith.
***W**--stands for that wonderful woman in the life of a husband, His wife. The basis of the idea of family, as consisting in and springing from the union for life of one man and one woman in the holy estate of matrimony is the sure foundation of all that is stable and noble in our civilization.*
***O**--stands for ornament. If she is a Christian wife and mother, her person will make the family better. She will do anything within God's providence to provide for her husband and children, both physical and spiritual.*
***M**--stands for mother. A very special person worthy of honor. Hi Mom, how often have you said it? Most likely, someday, you will not be able to say Hi Mom, I love you. Most likely, someday, you will not be able to hear, Hi Son or daughter, I love you. Even in the hour of His agony, Jesus made provision*

for and was assured of His mother's welfare before His death. His love for His mother was flawless.
***A**--stands for assistant. This would be a person of high regard. One who is trusted with your most treasured possessions. A wife assisting and helping her mate for the benefit of family. I'm glad God saw the need;* It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him (Gen 2:18).
***N**--stands for name's sake. It is proper for a woman upon being united in marriage to take the name of her husband. This is an outward expression that she is his wife. And it is only fitting that they becoming one flesh should be known by one name, just like Mr. and Mrs. Adam;* Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created (Genesis 5:2).
Now there is another name sake to be considered. The name "Christian." And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26). *Why this name?* For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Gal 3:27). *The gift of grace is by faith in His Son: Therefore, Faith in Christ is the effect of belief in His Son, and baptism is the effect of faith in His word; only those who first believe the testimony of God unto faith, and by faith repent of their sins, and by faith confess Jesus is the Son of God, and by faith are baptized into Him for the remission of sins have the full and explicit testimony of pardon. This is the gospel design for sin removal and addition into His Body, the Church. Come and obey while there is time. Or if there is prayer request for other reasons, come while we persuade with song.*

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