Genesis 1
"God"

Genesis 2
"LORD God"

Not 2 pictures but 1

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God **had not sent rain on the earth** and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground
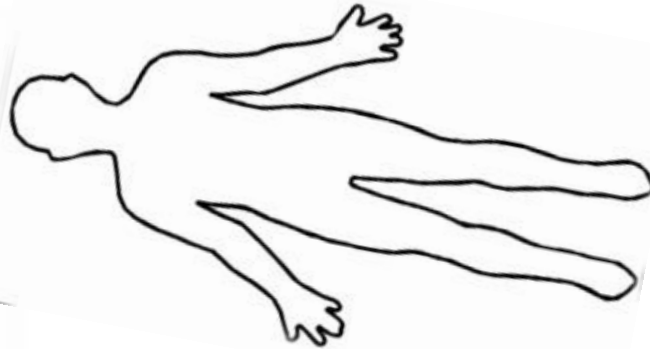
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Implications for human biology

Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

3 stage process
Body – Soul – Spirit

God made the man first

Now the LORD God **had** planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food.

Beautiful and Useful

In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

2 trees with promises attached
Free will – love and obedience

The Head source

that flows through the Bible

from there the river was separated into four headwaters. The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.)

The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur.

And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

All changed after the flood
Suggests original Author: pre- flood?

The LORD God took the man
and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Good Work = purpose, responsibility

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for **when** you eat from it you will certainly die."

This is a Command – not an option
Warning of unknown consequences
Faith and trust are needed

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone."

Not good !

What does " Alone" mean ?

(also acting independently ?)

The LORD God said,-- "I will make a helper suitable for him."

A Suitable Helper

One opposite (corresponding)

1. not a slave

2. not a sex object

3. Co-operative relationship

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky.
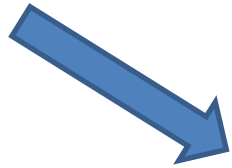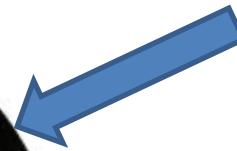
Man needs more than a pet !

He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to **all** the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

What's in a name?

Brutus

dog

But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

God's verdict – something better in mind
Suitable helper = a match, complete

So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man,

God did it first !

Anaesthetic Surgery,
Healing process – bone re-growth
Genetic engineering X and Y
Out of him – not a separate creation

How old did they look?
Birthmarks?

and he **brought** her to the man.

God was the minister at the wedding ceremony
(contrast John 4:18)
It was an arranged marriage

and he **brought** her to the man.

This is God's definition of marriage
1 man + 1 woman
This excludes same-sex, polyandry, and polygamy

The man said,
"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called 'woman,'
for she was taken out of man."

How did he know?

**He gave her a 'name' - woman
"man-ess",English = womb-man**
describing her nature –
of man, from man

The perfect match – God made

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

An explanation – a new family unit formed (society's foundation)

Leave first – United second

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God invented sex not just for procreation, but for bonding
Blessed **within** marriage – not outside

Jesus endorses Genesis 2

"at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."
Matthew 19: 4 - 6

Perfect Environment

Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame

No SIN ➡ No Shame

Clear conscience
–
pure internally
–
Right with God and each other

The Bible's Teaching around Marriage

1,This was Ideal Marriage

2, Adultery hits the heart of union

3, Divorce fractures the union

4, Death brings an end of union

Now we live in an imperfect world and so the apostles had to deal with complex issues of relationship
Eg. 1 Corinthians Ch. 6 & 7

Prophetic Parallels with Jesus

This why the Bible's view of marriage is central to God's plan

Adam	Jesus
Deep sleep	Died on the cross
Bride formed from his side (not head or foot)	Pierced in his side (blood and water flowed)
Husband and Wife	Jesus and his Church bride

Resurrection – consummation of spiritual union with Christ

A Marriage Made in Heaven

God's plan

We enter a spiritual union with Jesus through faith

He calls us to be faithful to Him as He is to us

Resurrection – consummation of spiritual union with Christ
Revelation 19   the Marriage Feast of the Lamb

This Marriage isn't something you drift into