



## **The Right Hookup**

"The most common form of despair is not being who you are." Soren Kierkegaard

"We have made a fetish of the Bible long enough. The time has come to read it as we do all other books, accepting the good and rejecting the evil it teaches." Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Genesis 2:7: "Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

Genesis 2:18-24: "The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.' <sup>19</sup> Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. 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. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> 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.' <sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."

"Curiously, the extant literature of the ancient Near East has preserved no other account of the creation of primordial woman. The present narrative is therefore unique. Moreover, whereas the creation of man is told briefly, in a single verse, the creation of woman is described in six verses. This detail is extraordinary in light of the generally nondescriptive character of the biblical narrative and as such is indicative of the importance accorded this event. With the appearance of woman, Creation is complete." Nahum Sarna

"Children who grow up without a father are five times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime; nine times more likely to drop out of school, and twenty times more likely to end up in prison." President Barack Obama

Isaiah 2:3-5(CEV): "The Lord will teach us his Law from Jerusalem, and we will obey him. <sup>4</sup> He will settle arguments between nations. They will pound their swords and their spears into rakes and shovels. They will never make war or attack one another. <sup>5</sup> People of Israel, let's live by the light of the Lord."

"The devil can cite scripture for his purpose." Shakespeare

It's Time to \_\_\_\_\_.

"In the first chapter, which speaks about the birth of the universe and the slow emergence of order from chaos, man is part of nature. That is the (partial) truth in the discovery that we share much of our dna with other life forms. This is why God is described here as Elokim, the Author of nature. In chapters 2 and 3, man begins to use language. He becomes, in the words of the Targum, 'a speaking being' (Genesis 2:7). God brings the various forms of life to him 'to see what he would name them, and whatever the man called each living thing, that was its name' (2:19). But thus far he only uses nouns, first for the animals, and then for his wife, whom he calls ishah, 'woman.' He has moved from nature to culture – of which language is the first step – but he has not yet understood the concept of a person. It is only after he gives his wife a proper name that the Torah uses the name Hashem on its own. It is only after he has become aware of his wife as a person that man is capable of understanding God as a 'person'." Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

### Resources

The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work by John Gottman  
Anatomy of Love by Helen Fisher  
Love: A History by Simon May  
How to Get a Date Worth Keeping by Henry Cloud  
The Dating Project

*All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.*