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THE HELP MATE

"And The LORD God Said, It Is Not Good For The Man To Be Alone; I Will Make A Help Meet For Him." Genesis 2:18. Bible.

The LORD (CREATOR) Spoke Volumes In That One Bible Verse.

Does The LORD God Know The Human Condition. Or What?

HE Walked With Adam In The Garden, And HE Knew Adam's Needs. HE Wanted Everything To Be "Good" For Adam.

GOOD: Well, Beautiful, Best, Bountiful, Cheerful, Pleasant, Loving.

The LORD God, Self Exist-ent and Eternal, Did Not Create Adam To Exist To Himself Alone.

ALONE: This Word, Used In The Original Hebrew Language Is "bad." It Literally Means "Separation" and "By Self, Apart." The Close Word "badad" Means "To Divide" and be "Solitary"

MAKE: CREATOR does Fashion, Prepare, Bring Forth, and Provide A Mate.

HELP MEET: Hebrew "naged" "Aid" "Counterpart" "Part Opposite, or Mate". The Close Word "nagad" Means "To Front" "Stand Boldly Out Opposite" (as in opposites do attract).

CREATOR Could Have Just Created One Adam, On A Billion Planets. Each Adam Being All Alone To Rule His Own Particular Planet.

But The LORD God Wanted One Planet To Express A Little Heaven.

The LORD God Wanted A

"Family Planet," Covered With A Billion Families And Their Children.

HE, Being A Father, Himself, Wanted Human Family That HE Could Call HIS Own. Family That Could Run And Play On HIS Earth And Return HIS Love In A Variety Of Ways.

"Who Can Find A Virtuous Woman? For Her Value Is Far Above Rubies. The Heart Of Her Husband Can Safely Trust In Her...She Will Do Him GOOD And Not Evil, All The Days Of Her Life." Proverbs 31:10-12. Bible.

VIRTUOUS: "Worth" "Moral Strength" "Chaste" "Good Qualities And Features" "Excellence In General"

VIRTUE: In Men Would Be "Worth" "Manliness" "Power In Doing Good" "Moral Excellence" "Right Thinking And Right Action."

So In These Verses From Proverbs We See The Heart Of Man, His Inner Being, Feeling Safe In Trusting His Wife. Earlier Creator Said Adam's Condition Was "NOT GOOD." But Here The Scripture Says That The Virtuous Wife Will Do Her Man Good, And Not bad.

BAD: (mischief, displeasure, grief, hurt, misery, sadness, sorrow, trouble, wrong). SHE WILL DO HIM GOOD!

"So Ought Men To Love Their Own Wife, As Their Own Body. He That Loves His Wife Loves Himself." Eph 5:28. Bible.

LOVE: The Greek Word "agapao" Literally Means "TO LOVE MUCH." Not just to love.

BODY: "The Sound Whole (body)" A Wife Is Part Of The Husband's Whole Body! For Him Not To Love His Wife, Is The Same As Not Loving Half Of His Own Body.

"For No Man Ever Yet Hated His Own Flesh (body), But NOURISHES And CHERISHES It, Even As CHRIST Does HIS Church." Eph 5:29 Bible.

In This Spiritual Sense, The Wife Is Like The Husbands Own Flesh, Which He Cares Much For.

NOURISHES: Greek is "ektrepho" "To Rear Up To Maturity" "Feed, Bring Up, Train."

CHERISHES: "thalpo" "To Warm, To Brood Over, To Foster, And Cherish."

Christ Is Doing This With HIS Church!

HELP: To Surround, To Defend, Protect. Any Form Of Assistance. To Help Make Things Easier Or Better For A Person. To Give One In Need, Or In Trouble, Something Necessary. To Serve, To Wait On. To Do Part Of The Work Of.

To Ease Or Share The Labor Of. To Make It Easier For Someone To Exist, By Adding Joy and Cheer.

To Lift A Load With, Cooperate With. Promote The Growth Of, By Encouragement.

Cause Improvement In Someone. Assist Development In Capacity, Potential And Effectiveness.

The Help Mate God Gives To You, Will Help Build Your Character And Expand Your Potential In Living more fully.