

Adam Was Not A Hermaphrodite?

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I was “shared” on social media into an article authored by a well-educated fellow touching on a matter that was thematically consistent with his occupation but curiously dealt with the advent of Adam and Eve. The gist of the article was that when God made Adam he made Adam both male and female and prior to Eve being made from Adam’s rib Adam had all of humanity’s femininity within him. And then when God made Eve, the femininity from Adam became Eve.

This is certainly not scriptural and cunningly fits into what non-Christians and those who accept extra-biblia teaching would muse to be – a grey area. So, being prompted by the risk of this idea gaining any traction I thought a frank article for the benefit of everyone would be the best response.

My initial thoughts on the matter were not as congenial as a Christian’s should be, but in due course I realised that the author was missing some vital information about the advent of Adam and Eve and also about the Creation account in the Book of Genesis, and I therefore concluded he was not doing this for its humbug.

In recent times there have been a handful of anthropogenists who have taken unction from God and re-enquired of Him about the authenticity of Genesis in the face of a tidal outflow of disbelief in this section of the Bible – and I say this because not only are we observing this in the general societal view, but also in particular from within Christian scholarship.

God’s response has been swift and powerful and I can’t help but think that this is because of the massive fall away of believers; about whose fall can be traced to the failings of our Christian leaders not teaching the totally understated importance of Genesis and the creation account.

I grew up as a “baby-boomer” going to Sunday School, Youth Club (MYF) Church Tennis Club, and in later married life made my conviction to God and his service. I say this because I understand that during that whole period there was an alarming dearth of teaching and understanding about how the whole Creation/God/Jesus thing came together. And even today this is still the case, but now dark forces have gathered as Science takes full flight with its anti-God attitude which is having a serious, and very concerning, impact on the Christian demographic that is rudderless in this very fast running river. What more can I say? So let’s deal with this matter.

The first question: “Is the Book of Genesis a true account of the world’s beginning?” Let me unequivocally answer this knowing that God is looking over my shoulder – so to speak. “Yes! The whole Book of Genesis is even more true than you could imagine. Even Science will be dumbfounded in due course by its accuracy and the extent of its detail”

Second question: “Did the terrestrial realisation of the universe’s creation take six Earth days?” “Unequivocally No!” God put in place every “law” within the universe so that the formation of all the planets and other cosmic structures would naturally occur over a period of time. God did not “Bim-Balla-Bim” create the world in six rotations of the Earth around the Sun – besides which the Earth and its Sun Solar System did not exist in any form for a very long time after the universe was created.

So let’s start off at the very beginning. Only Genesis Chapter One Verse One (Genesis 1:1) deals with the creation of the universe, all of the remaining verses in Chapter One are Earth centric. So when we read in Genesis 1:1 that God created the heavens and the earth, this is a literal “one off” event where everything in the universe ie, its matter, its energy, its laws of science – that is “everything” literally was formed over an unknown and very lengthy period of time. The rest of Genesis Chapter One deals with how God waited until his natural laws had formed the planets, including planet Earth and our own solar system, then it accounts in detail how God “furnished” planet Earth for habitation by living creatures.

Now we need to split hairs here about Creation and your attention is essential because error and confusion is at hand as many before me have discovered. The act of God creating is called in the Hebrew language BARRA and this means that something is brought into existence out of nothing. This is a unique word and is very specific in that only God can do this. Man cannot BARRA if that is a better way to get this meaning across. Then we have two other words that frequent Genesis Chapter One, and they are Formed and Made. These two words are totally different to BARRA because things that are formed and made are done so out of something that already exists. Adam was “formed” from the dust of the ground (Gen 2:7), and Eve was “made” from the rib of Adam (Gen 2:22). If you carefully work through the Genesis Chapter One account of Creation you will notice that some things are created and others are made and formed from pre-existing materials.

Why I mention all of this is that the act by God of BARRA is in my opinion near to instant and can be likened to envisioning. But the full cycle of how this creative vision comes into existence is the area of huge debate. If we tap into mainstream Science we can accept that their best endeavours have estimated the

age of the universe to be approximately 14 billion years old and planet Earth 4 billion years. So this establishes that for some 10 billion years the earth was without form in a solar mega cloud of cosmic dust and chemicals and it was shrouded in darkness. (Refer Genesis 1:2) This indicates for us that just in the period covering Genesis 1:1 to Genesis 1:2 the time span is a beyond-human-concept at 10 billion years. And similar revelations have unwrapped the steps and the approximate timeframes that are detailed in the rest of the Genesis Chapter One passages.

Okay, we now need to look at how these details of the Creation came to be in the Bible of today. If we were Jewish we would say that Moses and his scribes were the authors of the Book called Bereishit (from their Tanakh) meaning Beginnings and so it was from this Jewish source that we Goyim accepted the Tanakh as canon that became known by its Anglicised name, the Old Testament, hence the first Book of the Tanakh became the first book of the Bible and so Genesis (Eng) became the foundation script for the Christian Bible also.

But what is not commonly known and taught is that Moses was not the author, and whilst it has been more-or-less an understanding that God conveyed the details of His Creation directly to Moses, this has turned out to not be true. God gave Moses several tasks to undertake of which one was to introduce the written modality of language communication to the Hebrew nation. In doing so he reproduced what every Hebrew person would have been taught as they grew up in those early years – the memorised prose and poems that were originally devised by Adam and passed down the thousands of years to the time of Moses; and as the times moved, so the oral compendium of prose and poems containing important information grew in size.

I am not suggesting at all that Moses' contribution to the Hebrew language was anything less than a heroic and mammoth achievement, and this was in addition to his leadership role in managing a tent city with a population exceeding one million souls. My thoughts are that we should be even more appreciative of Moses' work because of what has come down to us today from six thousand years ago that is proving to be very-very accurate. This means that Moses must have been excruciatingly particular in his written modality construction to faithfully carry the words and meaning of the oral based Genesis prose and poetry over into the Holy Book.

What we read in Genesis today is what God spoke directly to Adam in the Garden of Eden.

The provenance of Genesis is also very interesting and not well taught in any of today's Christian forums. Because of the dearth of teaching about it, the general societal view has no reason but to disbelieve it entirely. But how wrong they are! The fact is that the entirety of the Book of Genesis is singularly the most important piece of work that exists in the world today. The journey of how it holds this unrivalled title is as sensational as the information it carries.

The correct description of what the Book of Genesis consists of is that it is a "compendium of ancient song lines reaching right back to Adam in the Garden of Eden when he communed with God directly". It was Adam who (possibly under guidance from God) devised a system whereby very important information could be retained in a system of memory retention and passed down the generations until God inspired Moses to introduce the written modality of language to the Hebrew tribes.

The remarkable aspects of this Genesis Book of ancient song-lines is that in its entirety it was learnt by rote in the form of prose and poetry and could be accurately passed down the millenniums by the elders of the fledgling Hebrew nation.

Remember that Adam was a high functioning human that had articulate speech, a large brain capacity and an impressive range of skills. It is not taught anywhere that I know of that the Metal Minerals Age (copper/tin), and the Bronze Age and Iron Ages only occurred *following* Adam and Eve's advent. But Adam also developed a system of remembering prose and poetry through memory retention using rote learning. This is an amazing revelation and changes completely how we view the Book of Genesis.

But we are getting ahead of ourselves here. Having identified that Genesis is a compendium of very ancient song lines made up in written form that became the undergirding structure of the Hebrew Tanakh, we must resolve that Adam's grasp of his oral faculties and vocabulary was as advanced as any we would find in the world today. We can cite his nomenclature skills – an art that indicates a mature intellect, his grammatical prowess and his very focussed insight to know how to construct prose in a form that could be accurately remembered through the millenniums.

So why am I making so much of all this? Well here's the clincher. Genesis Chapter One Verse 27 does not refer to Adam and Eve who advented on Earth approximately 6,000 years ago. Oh no! Genesis 1:27 occurred somewhere around 500,000 years ago according to mainstream Science and the passage refers to Hominin Man, perhaps better known by his last two forms, Cro-Magnon Man and Neanderthal Man (and more recently this millennium,

Denisovan Man). This is one of those “ah-Ha!” moments when the Genesis script meets Science, and all of a sudden the Creation/God/Adam connection comes into focus.

If we look to Science we can extract the background to what Hominin Man might have been like. For instance, Science tells us that hominin man was a hunter gatherer and was not prone to community living in large numbers. Science also tells us that Neanderthal and Cro-Magnon man did not have articulated speech because they had functional issues with their voice box construction and were missing three of the four genes necessary for them to articulate in language. They had small brain capacity, were very limited in their skill sets, and to round all this off were still trapped in their primitivism of hand-to-mouth hunter gatherers with all of their deficits even after some 500,000 years. What we can extract from this information is that Genesis 1:27 occurred somewhere up to 500,000 years ago. Now do you see a different picture appearing?

We find the account of where God created Hominin Man at the very end of the creation period and in fact from that point in time God did not create anything else in the universe. The creation of Hominin Man is accounted in the following song-line.

Gen 1:27 *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

Gen 1:28 *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.*

Gen 1:29 *And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.*

First up we see that the form of Man was in the outward image (or in the physical likeness) of both God and the angels. Note not in the likeness of any other heavenly beings, ie cherubim, and also because it is not mentioned in the song-line, that likeness did not extend to soul or spirit. Next we read that God created two of the specie, being a male and a female and then blessed them and commanded them and, hard-wired into their physiology that they would be vegetarian.

So before we go another step, and I realise it has been a bit long-winded, but when God created man, he created them male and female. This I believe dispels any notion of man having all of mankind’s femininity at creation. But of course

we now realise that this account in Genesis 1:27 is a different event to what Adam's song-line refers to in Genesis 2:7, and as far as the gentleman is concerned who mistakenly confused passage 1:27 with 2:7 he too would immediately see that his assertion of the male of the specie having all of the femininity from the female could not be correct.

But for the sake of clarity let's move up from the creation of Man some 500,000 years which brings us to Genesis Chapter Two when God put Adam on the Earth. At this time there was already a substantial population of Hominin Man present and this is key to why God needed an Adam. Hominin Man did not have the capacity to do that which God needed humans to do, and this brings us to the purpose for which man was created.

There is a definite division in the song-lines at this point that delineates the Creation period of six revelations from the rest of the script that is accounted next. In the passage Gen 2:4-6 we are given an introduction to the next group of song lines and it may be that this is where Adam starts "recording" his own history – distinguishing it from (say) a dictation methodology direct from God. And so Adam provides a summary of where the history of the world is up to before he introduces himself.

Gen 2:4-6 *These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made¹ the earth and the heavens, 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. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.*

Now I have been fussed about this passage for some time and it was not until I came to an understanding that the early translators had struggled with the seeming duplicity of 1:27 and 2:7 and had not been able to discern the subtle parallel use of the word "Man" (Hebrew: Adam) that the song line came alive. Adam chose to use the same word to describe himself as God had used to call hominin Man(kind), and we need to be sensitive to when we employ the word to mean God's man on the ground – Adam.

So Genesis 2:4-6 is almost a list of facts:

1. This is a summary of the heavens and earth when they were created
2. This was when God made:

¹ The word Made here is correct. Ref Gen 1:7 "made" the firmament and Gen 1:9 in relation to the dry earth. These events are subsequent to their creation earlier in the script.

- a. the earth and the heavens every plant of the field before it was in the earth
- b. every herb of the field before it grew
3. There had never been rain on the earth up to this time
4. There was no capable Man that could till the ground (alternatively, Adam was not yet put on Earth)
5. In lieu of rain a mist arose from the earth to water the whole ground.

You can see from point (4) that depending on how we translate that verse, and I might add it is legitimate to use either, determines whether we commence to use the proper-noun personal name referring to Adam, or we continue to use the generic name Man to refer to Hominin man. And this brings us up to where Adam commences recording his own history.

Genesis Verse 2:7

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.

Here the translation should correctly be “Adam” in both cases of use and the continuing song lines would therefore also read:

- Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed Adam of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and Adam became a living soul.
- Gen 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put Adam whom he had formed.
- Gen 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- Gen 2:10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.
- Gen 2:11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;
- Gen 2:12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.
- Gen 2:13 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.
- Gen 2:14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.
- Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took Adam, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Of interest to some will be the word “till” in Verse 2:5 being exactly the same word as “dress” in Verse 2:15. In Hebrew it is ABAD and means:

A primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.: - X be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, + husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man), bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve (-ing, self), (be, become) servant (-s), do (use) service, till (-er), transgress [from margin], (set a) work, be wrought, worshipper.

This is something way more substantial than occasionally kicking over a sod of dirt. It is about serving God as much as anything else, but perhaps best encapsulated by saying serving God’s proprietorship of mankind. And as we have discussed, Hominin man just was never going to get to that place. From this we see the principal purpose of Adam’s advent. Adam came into the world where there was an existing mankind (similar to when Jesus/Y’shua came into the world of sinners without a spirit) and Adam was unique because he had the knowledge that there was God and could witness this to the world. This is an enormous quantum leap in the Redemption Plan that God had set forth for mankind.

I will add a note here to say that the fall of Adam and Eve to sin was not the reason why God had a Redemption Plan. There was always going to be a redemption of man from this terrestrial life to an everlasting life in heaven. The end game still requires us to depart this earthy body whether there was sin or not. Sin through disobedience added to our life’s path that we now have to repent of that sin and move to a relationship with God that originally existed between He and Adam before the fall – albeit we are still flesh and blood and that means we have this prickle always present in our lives – and also because flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God (1Corinthians 15:50).

Our focus now is to understand the Plan around Eve. In the intervening verses we can read where God commanded Adam to not eat a fruit of a particular tree and we could debate if this was a real tree or just symbolic of an act of disobedience. My take on it is that Adam reported everything that was real and important. This is the intrinsic nature of his song lines. They are very real indeed, so if he reports that there was this tree of fruit – we must believe it. Why you may ask? Because subsequent information from later passages tells us that it is a very important lesson to mankind. This fruit was very appealing in looks, it caused a desirability that overtook sensibility, responsibility and obedience, and hence became the quintessential representation of evil in the world that exists in our flesh.

But we need to not stray too far off the theme of this article and this brings us back to Genesis Verse 2:18.

- Gen 2:18 *And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*
- Gen 2:19 *And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.*
- Gen 2:20 *And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.*
- Gen 2:21 *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;*
- Gen 2:22 *And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.*
- Gen 2:23 *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.*
- Gen 2:24 *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

We are now on the subject of Adam (not Hominin Man) having a help meet, and there is far more to this than Adam just having a wife. We see that God determines that Adam needs a help meet but after a search of all land dwelling animals “*there was not found a help meet for him*”. And this search would have included Hominin Man from whom the female gender of the species also would not fulfil the role of help meet. This is pretty well self-explanatory. God determined that there was not existing any human being (ie hominin man) or any other animal on Earth that could do service for God.

And chief importance about this whole matter was that Hominin Man had not a living soul and in the form of what he had developed into even after 500,000 years, had no concept and was not able to direct his mind to forming concepts – of God. It is a truism (my terminology) Hominin Man was truly Godless.

So there is more to the role of a help meet other than for the purposes of mere procreation. Of course God had figured into Adam’s purpose on Earth to contribute to the gene pool of mankind but there is much more to this story than just population.

In a comparison with Hominin Man, Adam was clearly a super human with turbo-charged attributes, but perhaps closer to mark is that he had new genes and a different DNA than anything that existed at that time. It was necessary

that Adam be of a different genetic make-up which would become very evident in time as we now know it was the introduction of the pure blood line that would eventually carry the Royal seed of Eve right down through the generations to Miriam (Mary) through whom God brought forth His only begotten son, Jesus (Y'shua). And just to jump sideways for a moment, that pure blood line was the marker from where Adam of Genesis is referred to in scripture as the first Adam, and Jesus (Y'shua) is called the last Adam. Indeed, Miriam was the last maiden on Earth to carry the seed of the pure unadulterated blood line.

But we have digressed. So Adam is in the Garden of Eden and he has no helpmeet. God causes a deep sleep to fall upon Adam (Gen 2:21) and from Adam's rib God brings forth Eve. Now in itself this is pretty amazing stuff. But, consider that Eve then carried the new gene set and DNA of Adam. This is why no other creature could have fulfilled this role.

Gen 2:23 *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.*

By doing this, God built into his Redemption Plan a fail-safe mechanism that would resist any interference from other life forms. I refer to celestial beings. And if we can throw in just one more gem, the punishment of the sin of the first Adam was prosecuted on the last Adam. (*God shall provide all of our needs*)

So now we have come to the end of this discussion. The femininity of mankind was always and only with the female gender as God created them male and female in Genesis 1:26. And even with Adam and Eve some 500,000 years later, Adam was made after the male form and Eve the female form. At no stage nor in any scripture is there any suggestion that Adam was hermaphrodite – either in physical form or inwardly in his psychological make-up. The function of taking DNA from Adam to bring forth Eve and in some added twist have Adam's psyche split into two is the stuff of myths. The coming forth of WoMan from Adam is not all about gender, but about a wife, a companion, a mother to billions of souls and, henceforth “*shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh*”.

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The importance of Eve is that their relationship was new to mankind. We can take from this that there are spiritual implications (*and they shall be one flesh*) which was not present in the case of Hominin man and therefore without God taking the rib of Adam for his DNA expressly for the purpose of imprinting it onto the cellular structure of Eve's DNA the establishment of a spiritual relationship could not have been made and this would have had ramifications many millenniums hence when Y'shua/Jesus gave us an indwelling spirit. Without the new man which God gave us in Adam and Eve, we would never have been able to receive the spirit of man for nurturing by God's Holy Spirit into what would become our being for everlasting life.

Modern Science may like to contemplate if Adam and Eve's DNA would have been identical as is found in twin siblings. And if this was the case it would help to explain how modern DNA markers trace back to a positive single source. Science has made some important in-roads into tracing the history of man's generations and it is a very interesting to follow this through. These studies confirm that mankind came through "throttle points" and confirm that the DNA from Hominin Man came through Noah's Flood, meaning that at least one of the sons of Noah married a hominin female.

But the miracle for Christians is the journey of the pure blood-line seed of Eve from the Garden of Eden to Bethlehem in Judaea. Miriam (Mary), the wife of Joseph the carpenter, is certainly the natural mother of the man Jesus, and the true fact is that we should credit this young girl's chaste life and all those females in her lineage to have preserved God's blood-line over six thousand years. Was she a God? No! She has however been made into an icon and a god by one religious sect and this is just their odd opinion. Overall, we Goyim should never forget this great and wonderful accomplishment by the Hebrew nation in the face of every evil that was thrown at it to spoil Jesus'/Y'shua's advent.

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