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THEREFORE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND CLEAVE

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December seemed to me to be a good month of the Year to address this important transition in the life of Mankind.

The LORD God, our Creator, Maker of Mankind, knows Man inside and out. Let's go now to Genesis 2:⁷**God formed Man out of dirt from the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. The Man came alive—a living soul!** -TMSG.

What separates Mankind from Animal-kind is that we carry the very Breath/Spirit of Creator. This is the Life-Spring of the Soul. When the spirit leaves the body, we are pronounced "dead!"., not "Liberated!"

2:15 God took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order.

Before Creator gave Adam Someone to Care for, He tested his Ability to be a Responsible Worker, and Orderly over his life Garden. 2:16 **God commanded the Man, "You can eat from any tree in the garden, 17except from the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil. Don't eat from it. The moment you eat from that tree, you're dead."**

Creator had to teach Man that Responsible Living was more

important than the irresponsible Pleasure of carnal knowledge. I believe Adam took this seriously from day one.

Knowledge of good and Evil, would submerge the Soul in the awareness of evil. The tree of knowledge would defile his pure Conscious, smothering his Soul (mind, will and emotions). And cloaking, overshadowing, the life of his spirit, his connection to Creator. 2:¹⁸**God said, "It's not good for the Man to be alone; I'll make him a helper, a companion."**



So often, while a man is working and organizing the world around him, he is neglecting himself to the point that the Soul (mind, will, Emotions) are growing cold and indifferent. He is becoming disconnected, neutral, and more Emotionally poor and needy.

Adam needed a Soul Nourish-er, a Soul-Mate! A Soul Cherish-er and intimate encourager-A **Wife!**

God saw Adam's isolation, and He prepared him for a big Transition, pure delight in Eden!

Creator brings Adam a Present:

2:²¹God put the Man into a deep sleep. As he slept he removed one of his ribs and replaced it with flesh. 22God then used the rib that he had taken from the Man to make Woman and presented her to the Man.

^{2:23}The Man said,

"Finally! Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

Name her Woman

for she was made from Man."

24Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife. They become one flesh. (verses from TMSG).

²⁵The two of them, the Man and his Wife, were naked, but they felt no shame.

While rare men can be gifted to walk Complete in themselves, all of the rest of Mankind will have to leave father and mother., and Creator will have to Fashion a Soul Bride!

