

Gender Bias

(Definitely)

Nature Interface

Warning!

You are approaching politically incorrect quicksand.
Prayer and caution are highly recommended.

Okay; having done that, let me walk it back a bit. To do that, let me say that I am indeed a firm believer of the following Scripture.

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

(Galatians 3:27-29)

. . . However, let me also say that I am a firm believer of this next Scripture, in its fullest impact on the world.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

(Romans 12:1-9)

Please note these words from that Scripture: *all members have not the same office.* This

means that specialization is a part of the church, in the world. We were introduced to the specialization in the church, in the world, when we opened the cover of the Bible. At that time, our lesson in specialization was focused on nature. These are some of the areas of specialization in nature.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

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*And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.*

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And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

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*And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*

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And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

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*And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.*

(Genesis 1:3-5, 1:6-8, 9-10, 11, 20, 24)

After the world had its feet firmly planted in specialization, the next enhancement was for it to understand the concept of integrity of production. This is seen in a few words of the LORD: *after their kind*. It was necessary for the world understood that, so that it could trust the participants in the world. Now, the world was at the place where it needed each unit's cooperation. Therefore, to add to that understanding, the world needed to know that there would be proper distribution of the work that had to be done. To give a clear sense of this part of His Design, God focused reality's attention on the division of labor that we see at the Genesis. Among these divisions of labor are the following portions of God's Design.

*And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

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And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the

waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

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*And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

(Genesis 1:12, 21-22, 25)

And, of course, we must not ever neglect to mention this, very special, division of labor, as set in the world.

*Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children;*

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(Genesis 3:16a)

At this time in the Genesis, the world was aware of the basic distribution of labor that illustrates the specialization that is in God's Design. The beauty of God's Design is in that, the specialized things both, know what they must do, and are constant in doing it. The Prophet, Jesus Christ, told us about the application of these two principles of the Design, as revealed at the Beginning, in Creation.

*Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.*

(Matthew 12:33-35)

Okay, since we are humans, we may not have much interest in how nature works, as applying those concepts to our life in the world. To bring this closer to home, here is the first evidence of specialized purpose in the world.

*And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

(Genesis 2:15)

Though, there was a hint of specialization at this time, too.

*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him;*

*male and female created he them.*  
(Genesis 1:26-27)

Now, as we look back to our introduction to the Garden, please do not take this the wrong way, but; a world with only gardeners could become a dampener on motivation, rapidly. Well, maybe not that rapidly, when one considers this gardener's experience.

*And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.*  
(Genesis 9:20-21)

Okay, so there can be some excitement in being a husbandman. Even so, God added another function to our set of possible interactions with the world. At a certain time, God solidified, somewhat, the hint that we referred to above.

*And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

*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. 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.*  
(Genesis 2:18-20)

Up to this point, things were going along just fine, in a gender neutral kind of way. Then, God had to disrupt the totally politically correct environment. God did so by adding a specialization of a different kind. This specialization was introduced before we were introduced to any other of our specializations. It is the one that we see here.

*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.*  
(Genesis 1:28)

*Be fruitful, and multiply:* in that early introduction, there is no recorded hint of what this specialization meant. In other words; as we sat at the Genesis 1:26-28 point in history; from that statement alone, it could have been a specialization that occurs in a microbial, or even plant-like fashion. (It is interesting that we now know that it has aspects of both the germ and the seed.) Fortunately, it did not take long (in text) for us to understand what God had done, as pertains to this specialization. In a few more pages, we received another hint, but still without itemization of duties.

*. . . and thy desire*  
(Genesis 3:16b)

So far, there is nothing that is specifically stated as being irreversibly biased in our presence

in the world, or in our service to God. At this point, we do not know that a man cannot, generally, ever be said to have *conceived, and bare*, as using the original equipment that God delivered in Adam: though, we are probably comfortable in thinking that the woman's brow could sweat. To remove the slight cloud, the LORD God released this event.

*And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.*

*And she again bare his brother Abel.*

(Genesis 4:1-2a)

Okay; now we knew that we had to deal with irrevocable difference between these two items of Creation: man and woman. I will pause here and let that soak in.

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