

“Genesis of Love: Secret of the Blueprint”

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□ The Physical Blueprint

- Genesis 1:1-31
 - Otto H. Christensen: “There is a sense in which the fact that God is love requires that he be more than one person. Love must have both a _____ and an _____. Thus, prior to the creation of other persons, humans, God could not have really loved, and thus would not have been truly love. If, however, there have always been multiple persons within the Trinity itself, among whom love could be mutually exercised, expressed, and experienced, then God could always have been actively loving. . . . Because God is three persons, rather than two, there is a dimension of openness and extension not necessarily found in a love relationship between two persons, which can sometimes be quite closed in nature.” (*Getting Acquainted with God* 58, 59)
 - The “Let Us” of Genesis 1:26 is profound evidence that God is indeed very much a God of _____.
- Genesis 2:1-3
 - The _____ is the quintessential gift of God’s friendship to His earth children.
 - If we focused more on “_____ to” rather than “having to” we would make the Sabbath a whole lot more popular, wouldn’t we?
- Genesis 2:15
 - The Copenhagen Heart Study—begun back in 1976—that has been tracking 20,000 people between the ages of 20 and 93 announced this week that men and women who jog—defined as “feeling a little breathless, but not very breathless”—between one hour and 2.5 hours a week live an average _____ years longer than non-joggers! (<http://health.yahoo.net/news/s/hsn/...>)
- Genesis 2:16
 - A study released this week by Duke University and the CDC declares that by the year 2030 _____% of us Americans will be obese.

□ The Relational Blueprint

- Genesis 2:18
 - *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (Nov 2010)/Debra Umberson, Jennifer Montez: “Captors use social isolation to torture prisoners of war—to drastic effect. Social isolation of otherwise healthy, well-functioning individuals eventually results in psychological and physical disintegration, and even death. Over the past few decades, social scientists have gone beyond evidence of extreme social deprivation to demonstrate a clear link between social relationships and health in the general population. Adults who are more socially connected are healthier and live longer than their more isolated peers.” (http://hsb.sagepub.com/content/51/1_suppl/S54.full)
 - “For example, [one study] showed that the risk of death among men and women with the fewest social ties was more than _____ as high as the risk for adults with the most social ties. Moreover, this finding held even when socioeconomic status, health behaviors, and other variables that might influence mortality, were taken into account.” (Ibid)
 - “Social ties also reduce mortality risk among adults with documented medical conditions. For instance, [another study] found that, among adults with coronary artery disease, the socially isolated had a risk of subsequent cardiac death _____ times greater than their more socially connected peers.” (Ibid)
- Genesis 2:18-25
 - “. . . as the Creator joined the hands of the holy pair in wedlock, saying, A man shall ‘leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one,’ He enunciated the law of _____ for all the children of Adam to the close of time. That which the eternal Father Himself had pronounced good was the law of highest blessing and development for man. Jesus [the Creator] came to our world to rectify mistakes and to restore the moral image of God in man. . . . They were making of none effect the sacred institution of marriage. . . . Christ came to correct these evils, and His first miracle was wrought on the occasion of the marriage. Thus He announced to the world that marriage when kept pure and undefiled is a sacred institution.” (*Adventist Home* 341)

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MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

I would like to commit all my relationships into the nail-scarred hands of my Creator.

I will look for someone this week who is "alone"—who needs the benefits of a meaningful relationship—and seek to be a friend to that person.

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