

Readings from the Word of God

Sunday, 23 August 2020

Genesis 2:21-24

And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which Jehovah God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

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.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Matthew 19:4-6

Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning “made them male and female,” and said, “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh”? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.

Genesis 1:26, 27

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; ...” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Married Love §100

Male and female were created to be the very image of the marriage between good and truth. That is because the male was created to be an expression of the understanding of truth, thus a picture of truth, and the female was created to be an expression of the will of good, thus a picture of good, and implanted in both from their inmost beings is an inclination to conjunction into one (see above, no. 88) Thus the two together form a single image, which imitates the marriage model of good and truth.

Married Love §80

The human inclination toward marriage goes hand in hand with religion at every step.

Married Love §69

In addition, angels have reported wonderful things about these delights, saying also in regard to the varieties of these delights in the souls of married partners and as they descend from their souls into their minds and from their minds into their hearts, that these varieties are infinite, and also eternal.