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Sources

- The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him" (Genesis 2:18).
- So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.
- The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said, "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken" (Genesis 2:21-23).

Sources

- God said, "*Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.*"
- God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.
- He blessed them, saying: "**Be fertile and multiply; *fill the earth and subdue it.*** Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth (Genesis 1:26-28)

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- A man clings to his wife and *vice versa*: "That is why a man leaves his father and mother" to be joined to his wife (Matthew 19:5 and Ephesians 5:31)
- But pay attention please:
- Jesus was asked, ... She was married to all seven of them. At the resurrection, whose wife will she be? (Matthew 22; Mark 12). In the afterlife, she is free.
- ... Till death do us part (self-donation; the marriage covenant)
- Jesus teaches: ... He who loves father or mother than me is not worthy of me ... (Matthew 10:37-39).
- Saint Augustine says, ... you have made us for yourself O Lord. Our hearts are restless until they rest in God (Confessions, book 1).
- Jesus said to Saint Theresa of Avila, who are you? She replied, "I am Theresa of Jesus." Meaning, I belong to Jesus. And Jesus replied, "..."

