



# SANCTIFIED SEXUALITY

GOD'S DESIGN,  
DISORDER,  
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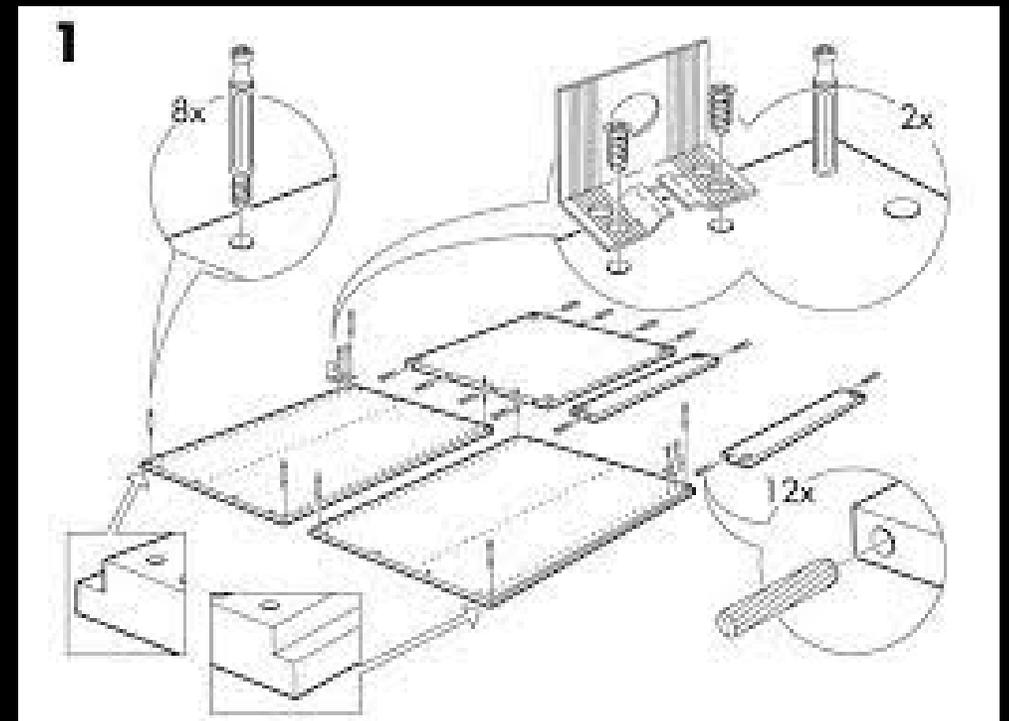
# Secular Humanism

Secular Humanism: a religious and philosophical worldview that makes mankind the ultimate norm by which truth and values are to be determined; a worldview that reveres human reason, evolution, naturalism, and secular theories of ethics while rejecting every form of supernatural religion.

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Genesis 1-3



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# The Designed Sexes

<sup>26</sup> Then 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 birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, ...”

Genesis 1:26–28b

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## Crown of Creation

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Genesis 1:26–27

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Genesis 1:27

Denny Burke  
What is the  
meaning of sex?.

“...we dare not miss that God created sexual differentiation. The terms male and female are not cultural constructs. They are not social roles foisted upon mankind by the accretion of culture and tradition. Male and female designate the fundamental distinction that God has embedded in the very biology of the [human] race.

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**Our distinct sexuality together helps us better image God**

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## Procreation multiplies image bearers of God

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Abdu Murray  
Saving Truth

Human sacredness leads us to see why human sexuality is sacred and worth protecting. When we fawn over a baby, we're not coldly observing a mere organism. We're beholding ... one who bears divine fingerprints. Sex between a man and a woman is the only means by which such a precious being comes into this world. And because a human being is the sacred product of sex, the sexual process by which that person is made is also sacred.

# The Designed Sphere

<sup>18</sup>Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

Genesis 2:18

# The Designed Sphere

<sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man..

Genesis 2:21-22

# The Designed Sphere

<sup>23</sup> Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

Genesis 2:23

"At last!" Adam exclaimed. "She is part of my own flesh and bone! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken out of a man."

NLT Genesis 2:23

# The Designed Sphere

## **Maturity & Commitment**

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

Genesis 2:24

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**ONENESS --- sex is designed to bond men and women**

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Genesis 2:24

One of the most powerful aspects of sex is its ability to bond people together. ... When a couple has sex, something changes in their relationship. They have entered into a deeper unity that is not only spiritual, but also emotional, relational, and even biochemical (which is one reason it is especially difficult for teenagers to break up after they have been sexually active).

Sean McDowell  
Chasing Love

# The Designed Sphere & Purposes

**ONENESS --- sex bonds and is meant to be pleasurable in the right context**

Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.

Proverbs 5:18–19

# The Designed Sphere & Purposes

**INTIMACY --- sex bonds and is meant to be pleasurable free of guilt within God's design**

And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 2:25

# The Design Not Trusted

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

Genesis 3:1

# The Design Not Trusted

And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

Genesis 3:2–3

# The Design Not Trusted

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:4–5

# The Design Not Trusted

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Genesis 3:6–7

# The Designer's Hope & Help for the Sexually Broken

<sup>9</sup>Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>11</sup>And such **were some of you**. But you were **washed**, you were **sanctified**, you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9–11