

AN EARTHLY DIMESION

Topic 1: Finding True Love: A Blueprint for Finding Love on Earth

Before feelings or emotions can enter the picture there has to be an attraction towards someone. You are not going to fall in love unless you first feel an attraction toward that person. Attraction is not always based on how a person looks. Let us look at the definition of attraction. Attraction means *to draw to itself or oneself; implies the exertion of a force such as magnetism to draw a person or thing and connotes susceptibility in the thing drawn*. To fully understand this definition it is important to look at some of the language used. Connotes means *to imply or suggest*. Susceptibility means *to be easily affected emotionally*. We know from science that magnets can be so strong that we cannot keep them apart. The emotional state comes into play when we talk about human beings. Adam's response to Eve shows the attraction he felt for Eve, with all the sincerity that any girl would love to hear.

Genesis 2:20-24: The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. 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; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 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. Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Let us revisit for a moment, some of the language used in the above passage from Scripture. We find the creation of Eve as a helper fit for man. Fit means *to be suited or*

adapted to. This takes us back to the meaning of “good.” Good *means suitable to a purpose.* Eve was made for a purpose, suited to Adam. Man realizes the “helper fit for him” as a gift, made in the image of God. We are reminded that God creates the “gift” for him – to exist beside him. The words “at last” signify Adam’s heart felt acceptance of Eve with dignity. With this acceptance we find the celebration of the gift culminating in the union of the two, becoming “one flesh.” Here we find the total communion of persons. We see the mirror image of Christ with his Church. (Christ the bridegroom of the Bride, His Church.) Here in this basic state of existence we find no possessiveness or dominance over the other. We find trust. Trust is defined *as a firm belief in the honesty, integrity, reliability and justice of another person.* Justice is an interesting word to use in this definition. Justice means *the quality of being righteous.* We are taken back to “the beginning” where **“God saw everything that he made and it was good.” (Gn 1:31)** The state of existence for mankind was “as it should be, worthy and virtuous.” We find, “right from the beginning the nuptial attribute – the capacity of expressing love, the love in which the man-person becomes a gift and – by means of this gift – fulfills the very meaning of his being and existence.” (TB 63)