

Judges Series

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**Function Drives Form;
Sin Corrupts Our Constitution
Judges 4–5; Genesis 1:26–28
Genesis 2:18–25**

JUDGES

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When Chaos Was King

Judg. 21:25, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

“The ethic of our age has been aptly called expressive individualism. That term suggests not only a desire to pursue one’s own path, but also a yearning for fulfillment through the definition and articulation of one’s own identity. It is a drive both to be more like whatever you already are and also to live in society by fully asserting who you are. The capacity of individuals to define the terms of their own existence by defining their personal identities is increasingly equated with liberty and with the meaning of some of our basic rights, and it is given pride of place in our self-understanding.”



Yuval Levin

Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God with the lie, and worshiped (reverenced) and served in a worshipful manner the creation rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” ~RD

κτίσις (*ktisis*), creation, creature (NIDNTT); the sum total of everything created, *creation* (BDAG)

Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25:

**“There is a way that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.”**

Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

1:1–3:6

Introduction

**How Israel went from
spiritual victory
to being worse than
the Canaanites**

Incomplete obedience

Compromise

Failure

Cycles of discipline

3:7–16:31

Paganization of the Leadership

Othniel (the best)

Ehud

Shamgar

Deborah

Gideon

Tola, Jair

Jephthah

Ibzan, Elon, Abdon

Samson (the worst)

17:1–21:25

Paganization of the Priests

Chap. 17–18

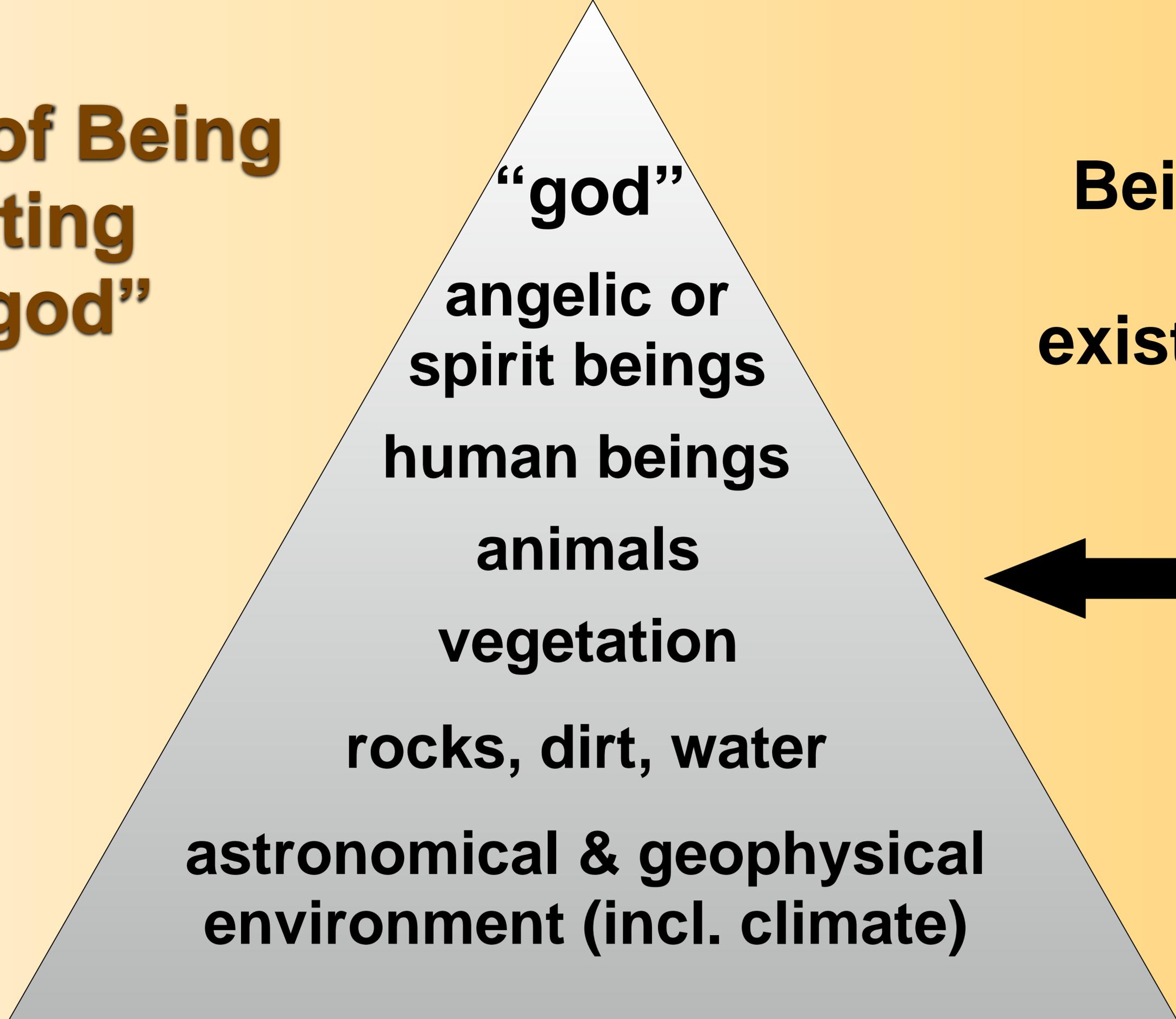
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People

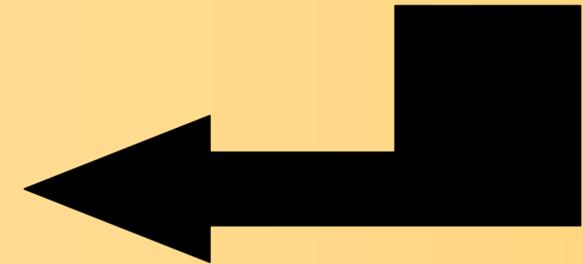
Chap. 19–21

Bible or Babel?
Jerusalem or Babylon?
Biblical Worldview or Satan's?

**Chain of Being
Emanating
from “god”**



**Being or
raw
existence
itself**



In monism, all reality shares the same essence or essential nature or “being” to one degree or another.

Pagan monism denies that real barriers exist.

Biblical Christianity believes that God created the barriers, the kinds, the distinctions. Only biblical Christianity provides the solution for unity and diversity, which is in the Trinity.

GOD

Personal-Infinite

CREATOR

FINITE UNIVERSE

Man

Animals

Vegetation

Matter/Energy

**INFINITE-
IMPERSONAL
Universe**



What the Bible Teaches About

Manhood and Womanhood



1. Review of Genesis 1:26–28.

2. Does “equal” mean “interchangeable”?

**The hidden agenda of interchangeableness
The differences between men and women**

3. What we learn from Genesis 2:16–25.

4. What we learn from Genesis 3:15.

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’

Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ ” ~NKJV

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1-צְלֵמִים *tzelem*- image; The word basically refers to a representation, a likeness. Five times it is used of man as created in the image of God.

“image” describes man’s function and his purpose

דְּמוּת *demut* comm fem sing constr likeness

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1. God specifically made the human race with a binary sexuality and human beings cannot undo that.

2. The human race was made that way for a purpose, so that they could have children to fulfill the purpose stated in the two verses surrounding Gen. 1:27. Creating them in His image related to their purpose to have dominion and to rule over God's creation as His representatives.

3. The image and likeness in Adam was designed to be passed on to succeeding generations. Even though that image was corrupted by sin, it was not erased.

4. Conclusion: God's desire was a sexually binary human race.

5. On the basis of what we have just seen, what God said of Adam and Eve, the first human beings, was true of all successive generations.

6. Nothing in Gen. 1:26–31 suggests, even remotely, that the woman participates any less in the creation mandate than the male. Women share equally in the image of God and in the creation mandate responsibilities.

7. The progression is that God created the human race in His image so that the human race, male and female, could together exercise dominion over living things. And in addition, He created them male and female so the human race could increase and fill the earth.

8. Genesis 1 does not talk about the roles of male and female, or their differences. However, those who attempt to say that on that basis Genesis 1 does not support differences in roles or the subordination of the woman to the leadership of the male are wrong.

Genesis 1 states the purpose for the human race as a whole.

Genesis 2 gives more details on the creation of male and female so that we can understand that the idea of division of labor was embedded in the original, perfect creation.

2. Does *equal* mean *interchangeable*?

The hidden agenda of interchangeableness.

The differences between men and women.

When God made humanity, male and female, both were equally in the image and likeness of God, BUT ...

each had a different role, and so male and female were designed physically, soulishly, and spiritually to be adapted for their roles.

Gen. 2:18, “And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ ” ~NKJV

עֵזֶר-1 *ezer-1* helper, assist

The current argument:

- **Men and women are equal and interchangeable.**
- **If they are interchangeable, then they are the same, no barriers exist.**
- **To assert that males and females are equal in the sense of interchangeability, denies that which is of their essence, and thus destroys their significance.**
- **By changing something's essence, you change what it is, and in this case destroy its value.**

Two Key Questions:

- **Are men and women equal?**
- **Are men and women interchangeable?
Does Equal mean interchangeable?**

The Bible asserts that there is a difference between men and women, not in their essential identity as image bearers, but in their role and function.

Psa. 100:3,

**“Know that the LORD, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.”**

The following quote from a discussion on what Scripture teaches about women illustrates the position under consideration. The passages under scrutiny are 1 Corinthians 11:7–16, 1 Corinthians 14:26–35, and 1 Timothy 2:9–14. After offering some reasons for not taking the passages very seriously today, the author writes:

“But aside from these, each of the three passages refers back to the Old Testament. In 1 Corinthians 11 the reason given for the ruling is that woman was created from and for the sake of man. In 1 Timothy, we read that a woman ought not to speak because Adam was created first and Eve sinned first. This takes us all the way back to Genesis, the first book of the Bible . . .”

“In the second chapter of Genesis (which was actually written earlier than the first chapter) we find the whole Adam and Eve story, which most people now take as a ‘myth’ or poetic way of explaining theological truth—in this case the teachings of the fatherhood of God and the fact that we are all one family. In this second chapter we read that Eve was created from Adam’s rib.”

“Our class also discovered that there are many aspects of this second creation story we cannot accept literally. Yahweh-God fashioned man from dust before he caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, and only later did he fashion all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven, and last of all woman.”

“Yet Paul here uses only the second version of creation in Genesis. And unless we can accept the whole second story literally, we have no basis left within the epistles themselves for believing the sections on women are anything more than customs.”

~Arlene Swidler, *Woman in a Man's Church* [New York: Paulist Press, 1972], 34–35.

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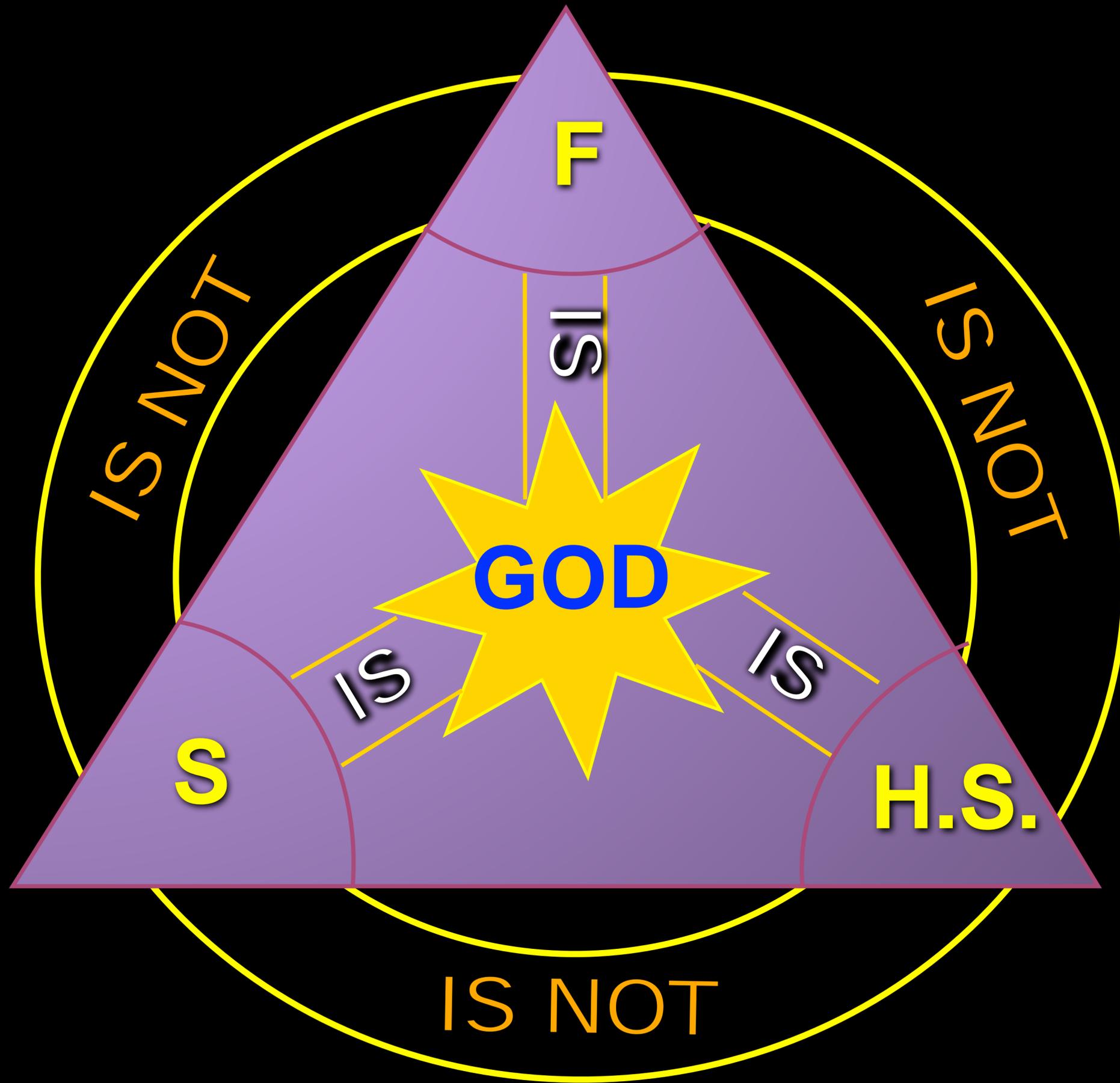
What are some things we can infer from what we know of God's creation of man and woman in Gen. 1 and 2.

- 1. Male and female are equal in their essential nature as the image of God.**
- 2. Male and female are similar, but different because they have different roles. The man was created first, and the woman was created as a helper to the man, to aid him in fulfilling the divine mandate.**

3. That there was an inherent authority structure.

4. Principle: authority is not inherently evil, sinful, or even instituted to restrain sin.

Illustration: the Triune God



The Father is in authority over the Son.

John 4:23, “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.”

John 5:19, “Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do;’ ”

The Father is in authority over the Son.

John 5:30, “... I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”

John 5:37, “And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me.”

John 6:39, “This is the will of the Father who sent Me, ...” (John 6:57; 8:16, 18, 29)

The Father is in authority over the Son.

John 12:50, “...Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

John 14:16, “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—”

John 14:26, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, ...”

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John 14:28, “... I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.”

John 15:26, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”

Phil. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

The Father is in authority over the Son.

But the Father and the Son are equal in essence!!

John 10:30, “I and My Father are one.”

Conclusion: Submission does not imply or suggest inequality!!!

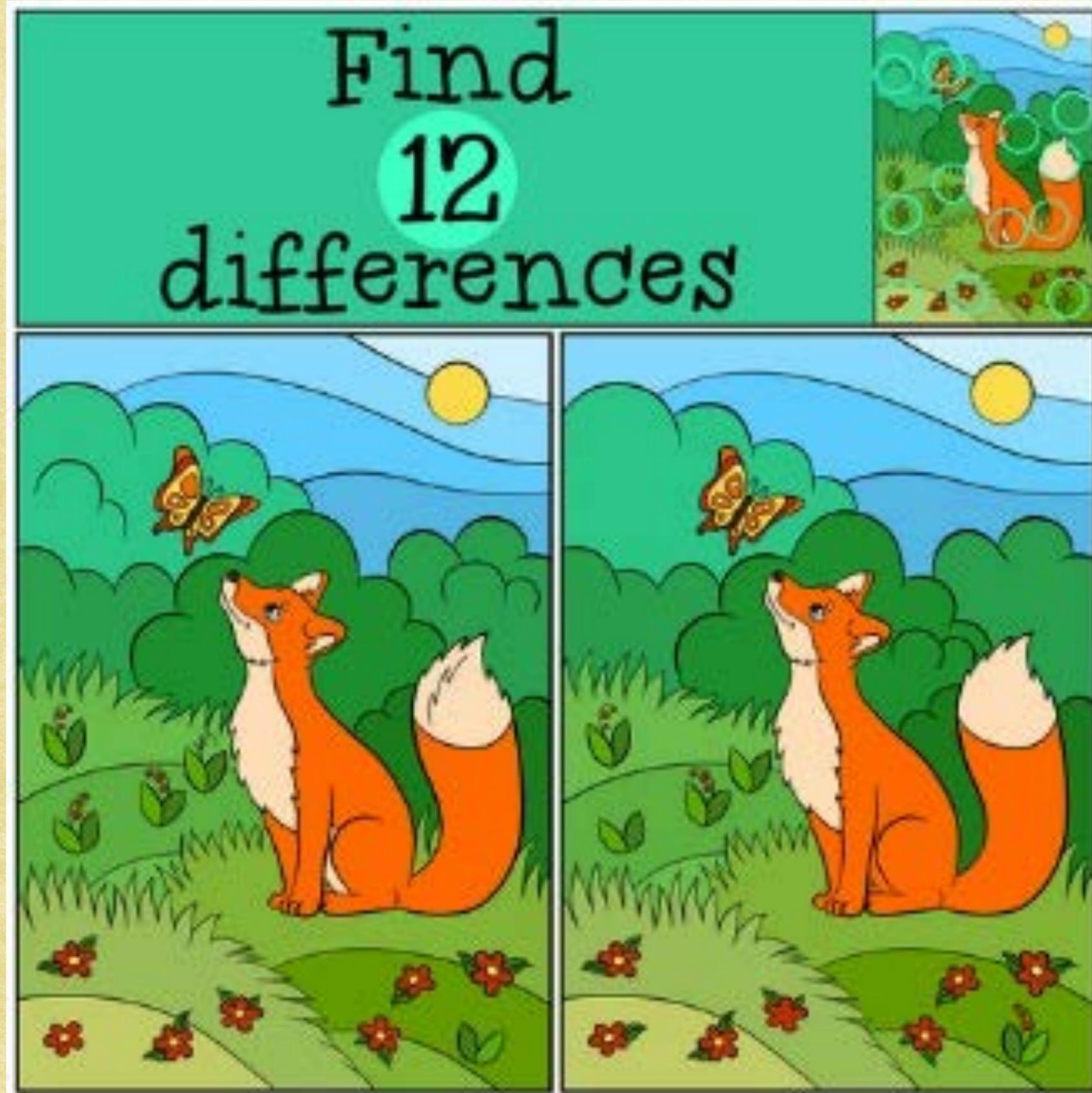
The position of paganism, feminism, and Satan is:

Submission means inequality!!!!

This is why Satan rebelled, he hates being submissive and obedient, so he determines to overthrow the authority of God.

This tells us that the issue of respect for authority and proper submission in every area of life is central to understanding the significance of the Angelic Revolt for human history.

Can You Spot the Difference?



“Vive’ la difference”



Maurice Chevalier in *Gigi*

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The Bible: God created male and female equally in His image. Each one has been so designed physically, spiritually, and in their soul to fulfill specific roles or functions for which God created them.

“Women, in their essence, have the potentiality for motherhood and everything attendant.

“Men, in their essence, have the potentiality for fatherhood and everything attendant. This is not to ignore the many similarities between men and women, as a first glance recognizes with the two pictures on a Spot the Difference worksheet. To be sure, male and female are two kinds of humanity—what they share in common binds them together under one classification: mankind. But a mother is not a father, and the essential differences between the two flow from the essential differences between male and female.”

~ *The Meaning of Sex* J. Budziszewski

“For the intersectional gender activist is not content with the triumph of the legalization of same-sex marriage. If men and women are interchangeable in both form and function, which today is sacrosanct truth in many quarters, then for a man to become a woman is no great feat. It is really no feat at all. They are interchangeable and thus indistinguishable already.”

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“We have severed form from function and, as a result, have left both form and function up for redefinition. Instead of considering the innate connection between the natural order of male headship in the home and church and male and female natures, the egalitarian-equalitarian impulse has insisted—on the sole basis of the trump-all principle of equality—that men and women are functionally interchangeable in the home and the church.”

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“This functional interchange paves the way for a formal one. If a woman can do anything a man can do in the home, why the need for a man in the home at all? Would not two women suffice? Would not two men? The fallacy of functional interchangeability leads to sexual interchangeability, and with it nothing less than the redefinition of society.”

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Thus we arrive at the ultimate Hegelian synthesis: man as woman, woman as man, androgynous bliss.”

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“Androgeny is the sacrament of Monism.” ~June Singer

“In itself, homosexuality is as limiting as heterosexuality: the ideal should be to be capable of loving a woman or a man; either, a human being, without feeling fear, restraint, or obligation.”

~Simone de Beauvoir

Dostoevsky once wrote:

**“ ‘If God did not exist, everything would be permitted;’
and that, for existentialism, is the starting point.
Everything is indeed permitted if God does not exist,
and man is in consequence forlorn.”**

~Jean-Paul Sartre

**“Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it,
Why hast thou made me thus?” (Rom. 9:20, KJV)**