

Great is the Mystery of Marriage

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Introduction

- 2nd most important decision you make in this life is marriage.

In the Beginning

- All things are made of intelligences.
- Intelligences come out of Christ, who came out of God.
- Intelligences are split into two halves, male and female. Each half has attributes pertaining to its gender.
- The two halves are complementary to each other and they seek to be rejoined.

(2 Nephi 2:11) For it must needs be, that there is an opposition in all things. If not so, my firstborn in the wilderness, righteousness could not be brought to pass, neither wickedness, neither holiness nor misery, neither good nor bad. Wherefore, all things must needs be a compound in one; wherefore, if it should be one body it must needs remain as dead, having no life neither death, nor corruption nor incorruption, happiness nor misery, neither sense nor insensibility.

(Genesis 2:21–22) 21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

- How do I know? Because fewer men achieve exaltation than women, if they were created separately God could just make more men – that he doesn't.
- The intelligences, male and female, progress separately. Those who progress enough to become children of God – and most do not – are given the opportunity to come to mortality, choose a partner, have children, and learn to become like God, male and female. This is their ultimate state of rejoining – what they were created for.

Lessons From Eden

- Satan was able to tempt Eve because she was not with Adam.
- Satan was able to get Adam and Eve to follow his suggestions because they were not with God.
- Adam and Eve are son and daughter of our Heavenly Father and Mother – both spiritually and temporally.

(Luke 3:38) Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of Adam, which was the son of God.

(Moses 6:22) And this is the genealogy of the sons of Adam, who was the son of God, with whom God, himself, conversed.

(Genesis 2:23–24) 23 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.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

(Genesis 3:20) And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

Fulfilling the Measure of your Creation

- Your first purpose here is not to:
 - Have a great career.
 - Become a movie star, rockstar, millionaire, etc.
 - Even become a great church leader.
- Your first purpose here is to learn and follow the path become first a servant, then a friend, and finally as some of God.
- Your second purpose (which is part of the first) is to become **ONE** with the daughter of God.
- Only with her can you become a:
 - Perfect husband.
 - Perfect father.
 - Patriarch.
 - God.
- There is someone special out there right now, preparing for the person you should be in process of becoming.
- If you prepare for her and seek her out, God will bring her to you, as he brought Eve to Adam.
- If you pursue something else, she will be given to another.

Patriarchal Priesthood

- Patriarchal priesthood is part of the Melchizedek priesthood.
- It is inactive until you kneel across the altar from your wife and are sealed her for time and eternity. At that moment you become a patriarch.
- Patri = Father, Arch = Ruler
- It's another role you will have to grow into on your path to godhood.

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(Gospel of Philip, Nag Hammadi Library) “Great is the mystery of marriage! For without it the world would not have existed. Now the existence of the world depends upon man, and the existence of man on marriage. Think of the undefiled relationship, for it possesses a great power.

... As for the unclean spirits, there are males among them and there are females. The males are they which unite with the souls which inhabit a female form, but the females are they which are meals with those in e-mail form, through one who was disobedient. And none shall be able to escape them, since they detain him if he does not receive a male power or a female power – the bridegroom and the bride. – One receives them from the mirrored bridal chamber.

- The mirrored bridal chamber refers to the Temple sealing room where men and women are united in eternal marriage.
- If we are true to our marriage it gives us protection and power over unclean spirits – both in this world and the world to come.

Your Future If You Choose It

- If you make it a top priority to become a God like husband and father, and if you prepare for and marry the right woman in the right way, and if you live up to

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your covenants and become a God like husband and father – some pretty big IFs – then...

- You will one day walk down the halls of a very special Temple, enter the hall of the gods, and have your exaltation sealed upon you by your Father. You will then seal exaltation upon your wife.
- You will have a firstborn son will become the creator and Savior of your creations.
- You will train him and teach him and give him power.
- You will have him create a multiverse with celestial, terrestrial, and telestial kingdoms within it.
- You and your wife live in that multiverse and will fill those kingdoms with your children. They will not be some other god's children and creations; they will be yours.
- You're creations will never end and this will go on forever.

Where Do We Go From Here?

- Prepare yourself so God will bring his daughter to you.
 - Stay clean.
 - Learn and live the gospel, especially the fullness which leads to exaltation.
 - Learn skills and knowledge to support your wife and your children.
 - Learn to be like God – go on a mission.
- Choose wisely the woman who will stand by your side and be your partner in all things – someone you can truly be one with.