The Ignorance of Political Correctness

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In recent times, there has been a movement to eliminate the word "man" from common descriptive words such as manpower, mancover, mankind, etc., in a misguided attempt to make everyone equal, whether they are female, homosexual, transgender, or to accommodate whatever gender mutations may occur in the future. The problem with this trend is that it fails to understand the truth about the word "man". It assumes that whenever the word "man" is used it is describing the male gender, which is incorrect. In this study, the truth about the word "man" will be examined from Almighty God's perspective because He is the authority on this subject, based on the understanding that He created everyone in heaven and on earth. It will also confirm that the movement to eliminate the word "man" is another proof that the authority of Almighty God is being challenged, and systematically eroded by "the god of this world", Satan (2Cor. 4:4; Jn. 12:31b). Therefore, it is important to confirm from scripture that the existence and actions of sinful spirit-beings is not understood correctly due to misinformation broadcast by the "prince of the power of the air".

In which you once walked according to the course (Gr. aion, aeon) of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit (being) who now works in the sons of disobedience (Eph. 2:2; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and **Satan, who deceives the whole world**... (Rev. 12:9a; emphasis added).

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (1Cor. 2:14; emphasis added).

In the creative account of Genesis, there is a conversation involving at least two spirit-beings. These spirit-beings discussed the creation of others that would be in the same image, or likeness, as them.

Then God (Heb. *Elohim;* plural word) said, 'Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness.... (Gen. 1:26a; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Therefore, if these newly created "beings" were in the same image as those involved in creating them, the word "man" could be applied to both groups. In fact, not only the word "man" could be used to describe both groups, but even the word "gods" could be used to describe the newly created beings. Jesus Christ confirmed this truth in the following scripture.

The Jews answered him (Christ), saying, "for a good work we do not stone you, but for blasphemy, and because you, being a man, make yourself God. ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods'" (Jn. 10:33-34; cf. Ps. 82:6; Ed. Note in parenthesis, emphasis added).

The only reason human beings were made "a little lower than the angels" was due to the sin committed by Adam and Eve.

For He (Almighty God) has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. ⁶ But one testified in a certain place, saying: 'What is man (kind) that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him? ⁷ **You made him for a little while lower**

than the angels.... (Heb. 2:5-7a; cf. Ps. 8:4-6; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

In Hebrews 2:6, the use of the word "man" is not meant to be interpreted as being either male or female. Instead, it is a generic term describing those created in the Genesis account. The following scriptures confirm that one's gender is irrelevant, when it comes to the purpose for which they were created.

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 (Ps. 100:3; emphasis added).

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, **there is neither male nor female**; for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28).

As mentioned previously in this study, those involved with the creative activity in Genesis 1:26 were creating "beings" in their image. Consequently, these "beings" where of the same kind, and one of the names used to identify this new creation was "man". Therefore, we would expect to see this same word applied elsewhere in scripture to spirit beings, both loyal and rebellious.

Then the Lord appeared to him (Abraham) by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. ² So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, **three men** were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground (Gen. 18:1-2; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Those who see you (Lucifer – Lit. *Day Star;* cf. Isa. 14:12) will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: **'Is this the man** who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, ¹⁷ who made the

world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who would not release his prisoners?' (Isa. 14:16-17; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added)

The three men, mentioned in Genesis 18:2, were later referred to as "angels" (Gen. 19:1, 15), and then "lords" in Genesis 19:2, 18. So the interchangeability of the words "men", "angels", and "lords" should confirm the connection between those who were involved with creating other beings in Genesis 1:26, and those beings that were created by them. The prophet Daniel understood this connection because he referred to the angel Gabriel as a "man".

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Galatians 3:28

Yes, while I (Daniel) was speaking in prayer, **the man Gabriel**, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering (Dan. 9:21; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

The angel that spoke with John in the book of Revelation, regarded him as a fellow servant and brother.

Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship (SGD 4352; act of respect toward someone of higher authority) before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets and of those who keep the words of this book. '(Instead), worship God' (Rev.

22:8-9; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

In Ezekiel's vision, he saw spirit-beings that had the face of a "man" or, more accurately, a face that clearly associated them with mankind.

As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man ... (Ezekiel 1:10a; cf. 10:14; 41:19).

In the book of Revelation, no distinction is made between the measurements used by angels, and those used by mankind.

And the city (New Jerusalem) is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as its breadth (width).... (Rev. 21:16a; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Then he (an angel) measured its wall; one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel (Rev. 21:17; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Just as there is no distinction between the measurements of angels and men, so there is no distinction between the numbers used by angels and men. In the next scripture, there is a spirit being described figuratively as a "beast" and its identity is associated with the number of a man,

Here is wisdom, let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast; for **it is the number of a man**; his number is 666 (Rev. 13:18; emphasis added).

As mentioned previously, Satan is also described as a man (Isa. 14:16-17), and specifically someone who is guilty of sin (Jn. 8:44). According to God's law, every sinner will eventually die (Ezekiel 18:4b, 20; Rom. 6:23a),

and there are no exceptions. Therefore, as the following scriptures confirm, Satan will die.

And the God of peace (cf. Isa. 9:6) will crush Satan **under your feet shortly**... (Rom. 16:20a; Ed. note in parenthesis).

You shall trample the wicked (fallen angels), for they shall be ashes **under the soles of your feet**... (Mal. 4:3a; Ps. 58:10; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

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And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into **the lake of fire** (symbolizing trials of refinement associated with judgment, during the second resurrection, in the hope of leading every sinner to repentance; cf. Rev. 3:18) (Rev. 20:10a; Ed. Note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

Although Jesus Christ identified himself with the part of creation that came from Adam and Eve, he never said that he was the "Son of a Man." Instead, he described himself as the "Son of Man"; meaning he was a flesh and blood person born to his mother Mary (Miriam), who represented mankind. However, first and foremost, he was the "Son of God" because he was conceived by his heavenly Father, the Almighty God (Mt. 1:20).

In the writings of the New Testament, the Greek word translated into "every man" (SGD 1538) is also translated into "everyone" and "each one", depending on the context. Consequently, it is not meant to be gender specific. Examples are as follows:

• Every man (Mt. 25:15; Jn. 7:53; Ac. 2:6);

- Everyone (Mt. 26:22; Lk. 2:3; Jn. 6:7);
- Each one (Lk.13:15; 16:5; Ac. 2:3).

So the word "man" can apply to both genders in the physical realm. Also, as previously confirmed, the word "man" applies to those in the spirit realm. As spirit beings do not reproduce in the same manner as human beings do, gender is irrelevant to angelic beings.

For when they (those previously born as human beings) rise from the dead, **they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven** (Mk. 12:25; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

SO HUSBANDS OUGHT TO LOVE THEIR OWN WIVES AS THEIR BODIES... Ephesians 5:28a

By extension then, the phrase "family of man", or the word "mankind" is not gender specific. Ironically, there is a double standard in today's enlightened society when it is not uncommon to refer to a group of men and women, collectively, as "guys".

Most importantly, there is a structure of authority that Almighty God created in the human family that should be respected. Sadly, it is being attacked and systematically dismantled today. If this trend continues, it will eventually lead to the destruction of families, communities, and nations. As the following scriptures confirm, God placed the husband as head of the family unit.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and he is the Savior of the body (God's faithful servants). ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in

everything (Eph. 5:22-24; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. ¹² And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve (1Tim. 2:11-13).

However, husbands are accountable to God for how they discharge their responsibilities.

For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask more (Lk. 12:48b).

So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies... (Eph. 5:28a)

Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband (Eph. 5:33).

And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4).

Liberal movements justify the denigration of the male role, in part, by singling out poor examples of fatherhood, and male leadership in the world. However, in reality, it is a concerted effort to remove the God-ordained role that fathers and men were created to fulfill. No doubt, Almighty God foresaw this situation, which is why He issued the following prophetic warning.

Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. ⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, **lest I**

come and strike the earth with a curse (SHD 2764; **utter destruction**) (Mal. 4:4-6; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

The Lord who spoke with Abraham confirmed the responsibility that the head of each household has, and the main one involved teaching the next generation about Almighty God, and his rules of conduct.

For I (the Lord) have known him (Abraham), in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice... (Gen. 18:19a; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

In the verse above, "righteousness" is to be taught to the next generation. According to God's definition of righteousness, this means teaching children about God's law and commandments.

For all **Your commandments are righteousness** (Ps. 119:172b; emphasis added).

And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God (i.e. show respect), **for our good always**.... (Dt. 6:24a; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

In Deuteronomy 6:24a, the connection is made between keeping God's law and commandments and the benefits this will provide for everyone. Unfortunately, the carnal mind does not want to be told what to do, even if the result is beneficial. Nonetheless, there will always be some people who are shown this important truth, and do their best to observe it.

Then it will be righteousness for us, **if we are** careful to observe all these commandments before the Lord our God, as

He has commanded us (Dt. 6:25; cf. Rev. 12:17b; emphasis added).

The fifth commandment stresses the importance of showing respect for the parents of each family, and the head of each family is the father (Eph. 5:22-25). In return, fathers are to be mindful of their responsibility to lead, protect, and teach their family in order to fulfill their role (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21). According to Exodus 20:12, if the God-ordained role of fathers and mothers is rejected, our days on the land will be few in number.

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It is important to note a Biblical example of a man who did not fulfill his responsibility as a husband, and he was eventually held to account. However, his wife did not use his degenerate conduct as an excuse to leave him. Instead, she endured his bad behavior and God rewarded her accordingly.

The name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. And she was a woman of good understanding and beautiful appearance; but **the man was harsh and evil in his doings**... (1Sam. 25:3a; emphasis added).

Now one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, 'Look, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master (Nabal); and he reviled them (1Sam. 25:14; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Now David had said, 'Surely in vain I have protected all that this fellow (Nabal) has in the wilderness, so that nothing is missed of all that belongs to him. And **he has repaid me evil for good**. ²² May God do so, and more also, to the

enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who belong to him by morning light (1Sa. 25:21; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

In this dire situation, Abigail intervened to save her foolish husband from the consequences of his own words. She said the following to David,

Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name (meaning "fool"), and folly is with him. But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent (1Sam. 25:25; Ed. note in parenthesis).

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1 Samuel 25:38

And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord. ²⁸ Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant.... (1Sam. 25:28a).

Then David said to Abigail: 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! ³³ And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand (1Sam. 25:32-33).

Then it happened, after about ten days that the Lord struck Nabal, and he died (1Sam. 25:38).

So Abigail trusted that God would work things out, according to His will, providing she fulfilled her responsibilities as a wife, no matter how poorly her husband conducted himself. This scenario would be regarded as a foreign concept in much of today's world where women's rights are of paramount importance, and trust in God's

word is at an all-time low. Consequently, confusion about the God ordained role of men and women will continue, and the family structure will be eroded as a result. It is in this confusion that the "politically correct" believe they have to eliminate the use of the word "man" altogether; not realizing they are removing themselves as part of a family that God views as being neither male or female, slave or free, Greek or Jew (Gal. 3:28).

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