

church marriage misinformation

the lie - one man one woman - only



The Christian tradition of
one man one woman only
is not supported by the Word of God

God did not allow polygamy or monogamy. God
instituted families which begin when a man
leaves and cleaves. Genesis is about structure of
marriage, not about quantity of wives

The following creation accounts, contrary to popular Christian traditions, do not support monogamy only.

God created one woman for Adam. This does not mean one man one woman ONLY. It is not an implied command, as Scripture will prove.

The two shall be one flesh. This does not mean one man one woman only, as Scripture will prove.

A careful comparison of scripture will prove these traditions are completely false and the constant repetition of them does not twist them into truth.

It seems clear and obvious to tradition that monogamy is the “ideal” since the creation account did not include multiple women for Adam. Not only so, it seems to be confirmed when in the very context, the Word of God confirms that they [the two] shall be one flesh. Here is the creation account.

So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep, and while he was asleep, he took part of the man's side and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the part he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one will be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and unites with his wife, and they become a new family. The man and his wife were both naked, but they were not ashamed. Gen.2:21-25. NET.

This version brings out the new family since the man leaves his family to start a new one of his own. It also

brings out that a husband and wife are not ashamed in their nakedness. We were created for sex in marriage.

Creation does not demand monogamy or polygamy, it defines marriage structure, not quantity. The suggestion that monogamy is the ideal, suggests God has varying degrees of morality, like good, better, best.

The divine hierarchy, the structure of marriage.

Adam was given dominion and that includes his headship in family. Eve was brought to Adam who had named the animals, who identified Eve as woman, and named her Eve. The creation account is about dominion, a picture of Christ who will ultimately restore this dominion lost as the last Adam. Christ will have dominion over many just as a husband can be the head over many.

Consider Paul who highlights this headship of one to many in this simple but powerful heavenly hierarchy.

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. 1Cor.11:1.

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. 1Cor.11:3.

Paul followed Christ alone, but sought many to follow him. One over Paul but many with him. **One to many.**

The head of Christ is God, but many follow Christ. One over Christ, many under him. **One to many.**

The head of every man is Christ, but many men follow Christ, one over Christ, many under him. **One to many.**

The head of the wife is the husband; One over the wife, many with her. **One to one or one to many.**

Creation is not about monogamy; it is about structure and order. God could have created multiple wives for Adam, but one wife demonstrated the Godly hierarchy.

We shall see these arguments from Genesis demanding one man one woman only, will not only fail, but will be shown as false when we compare other passages, including some from Genesis.

Comparing spiritual with spiritual is an essential Bible understanding principle and taking one passage alone is a failure in exegesis, the Word explains the Word when we test things differing, 1Cor.2:13, Phils.1:9-10, & 2Tim.2:15

Israel verses Christian tradition.

Let us consider the nation of Israel and their understanding of the creation account. Look at this comparison which demands we reconsider the traditional mantra.

Israel for 3000 years.

Did not believe creation meant one man one woman only. The Knesset ruled against polygamy in 1977.

Christianity for 2000 years.

Believe the creation account meant one man one woman only.

Israel, God's chosen people for the earth, for nearly 3000 years, failed to conclude one man one woman only from this creation passage. Israel did not understand one man one woman only, they practiced monogamy

and polygyny up until the 12th century and Josephus records Herod's multiple wives suggesting it remained a normal practice at the time of Christ. It is clear the nation of Israel over many generations did not agree the creation account implied an ideal or a command for monogamy, that is, one man one woman only.

God spoke directly to polygynous Israel.

This indisputable fact, that Israel did not agree with Christian tradition, is highlighted even more when we realize the almighty God spoke directly to them, yet not once did he correct or condemn their polygyny family structures; not once.

God did not allow polygyny, just as he did not allow monogamy, he created male and female with the divine plan for family, either one man one woman or one man with multiple women.

The Lord spoke directly to Abraham who had more than one wife, no correction or condemnation.

The Lord struck Pharaoh's house with severe afflictions because he had taken another man's wife, Gen.12. Pharaoh likely had other wives since Sarai was taken into his household. Pharaoh was taking another wife, which is not a sin, but he had taken another man's wife, which is a sin. God intervened because of adultery, not because of polygyny.

The Lord spoke directly to Abimelech, Gen.20, who had more than one woman in his household, Gen.20:17. He had taken Sarah to himself as another wife and under normal circumstances had done so with integrity of

heart, and innocence, Gen.20:5. Abimelech was deceived, Sarah was married, God prevented him from sinning with Sarah which would have been adultery, but having multiple wives was not a sin. The Lord agreed with Abimelech that he had pure intentions and clean hands in taking additional wives. This chapter alone contradicts the traditional narrative that Genesis demands monogamy, supposedly God's ideal.

God spoke directly when the sin of adultery was about to be committed, but he did not speak directly when polygamy was practiced. Israel did not understand the Christian tradition of one man one woman only from the creation account. If creation implied monogamy, then God would have spoken directly to his chosen people against polygamy, but he remained silent. Adultery is a sin, polygamy is not.

Moses and the Law. Why did God allow polygamy?
Why did God allow polygamy? He did not allow it; he blessed and made laws for families.

Why did God allow monogamy? He did not allow it; he blessed and made laws for families.

God did not allow polygamy or monogamy; he created men and women for family whatever the structure, and set prohibitions and permissions for families.

The Lord spoke directly to Moses and through him delivered the Law which contained Laws for families whether polygynous or monogamous.

Moses wrote Gen.2 about Adam and Eve and the two one flesh years after his forefathers had lived

polygynous lives and in fact, he might have had more than one wife if we look carefully at Scripture.

This would be the perfect time for the Lord to rectify the “errant practice”; however, the opposite is true.

The Lord did not use the Law to correct his polygynous people, he endorsed polygamy, confirming that a man with one wife or a man with more than one wife were absolutely in harmony with the creation plan.

Here are some commands which contradict the lie that creation means one man one woman only. In Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy we have these:

If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, or her marital rights. Exo 21:10...see verse 7-11. ESV.

The following Laws forbid sexual relations with a mother or another wife of their father, and forbids favoritism when the inheritance is distributed in polygamy families.

*NEITHER 1. your father's nakedness
NOR 2. your mother's nakedness
is to be exposed.*

*2. She's your mother, you are not
to have sexual relations with her*

You are not to have

*1. sexual relations with your father's wife.
It's your own father's nakedness.*

Lev.18:7-8. ISV

If a man has two wives, the one loved and the other unloved, and both the loved and the unloved have borne him children, and if the firstborn son belongs to the unloved, Deut.21:15... ESV...see following verses.

Judah failed to provide one of his sons for Tamar who impersonated a harlot and was impregnated by him, Gen.38. Later this Levirate marriage is found in the Law, Deut.25:5-6, and is the basis of Ruth and Boaz. It is impossible to think that the living brother was without wives of his own if and when he took his sister-in-law. This Law was not annulled if the living brother was already married. In other words, this Law included polygyny.

Monogamy is not God's ideal.

If the Lord's ideal was one man one woman only because of an implied command from the creation account, then it seems inconsistent that the same Lord would make commands for those with more than one wife. By this he endorses **his true ideal, which is family.**

The Lord is not morally flexible. As in;

Monogamy good, polygamy bad.

The Lord is not morally inconsistent. As in;

Blesses polygamy, implies monogamy.

The Lord does not dictate graded morality. As in;

Monogamy best, polygamy second best.

The Lord is not morally duplicitous. As in;

Creation is monogamy but I am polygamous.

The New Covenant and the Law.

Christians holding the one man one woman only tradition appeal to the New Testament [Covenant] as if in it, polygamy was abolished. The New Covenant however, is this same LAW in the heart. The same Law given to Moses will be inscribed not on stone, but in the fleshly tables of the heart, 2Cor.3:1-3. And that includes the Laws we referenced above.

The New Covenant does not renounce polygyny; it confirms and endorses it in the past and future.

We remember the Lord did not come to destroy the Law, he endorsed it,

Do not think that I came to annul the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to annul, but to fulfill. Truly I say to you, Until the heaven and the earth pass away, in no way shall one iota or one point pass away from the Law until all comes to pass. Therefore, whoever relaxes one of these commandments, the least, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of Heaven. But whoever does and teaches them, this one shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven.

Matt.5:17-19. LITV.

The Lord and his wives.

The ultimate rejection of the one man one woman only lie comes in the fact that Jehovah had more than one wife himself in a figure.

Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will cut a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not according to the covenant that I cut with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt (which covenant of Mine they broke, although I was a husband to them, says Jehovah). Jer.31:31-32.

... Son of man, there were two women, daughters of one mother. And their names were Oholah, the oldest, and Oholibah, her sister. And they were Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And their names: Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem is Oholibah.

Eze.23:1-4, see also Jer.3:7-10.

If the Lord implied one man one woman only in the creation account, then obviously it was only for people, not himself, since he took two sisters in a covenant, figurative marriage. This would make the Lord morally ambiguous, flexible, inconsistent or duplicitous. But this is only the case if we believe the lie that creation demands one man one woman only, which it does not.

When the Lord took two sisters as his own, then the Lord himself did not see one man one woman only in Adam and Eve or in the two shall be one flesh. The Lord's actions define the word and expose Christian tradition.

When Christians twist scripture to defend a tradition, they unwittingly create a moral dilemma. When they lie to defend a false concept, they cast questionable morality on the very God they worship.

The Lord gave multiple wives to David.

If the Lord broke his own moral code; if he denied his own supposed ideal by taking two sisters as wives, then not only was he morally questionable by his actions, but he also promoted polygyny against his own principles when he gave David multiple wives.

I gave you your master's house, and put your master's wives into your arms. I also gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all that somehow seems insignificant, I would have given you so much more as well! 2Sam.12:8 NET.



King David and his wives

The Lord by his actions denies the two shall be one flesh means one man one woman only. When will Christianity accept the Lord's testimony against their traditions? Only when they compare scripture with scripture and acknowledge the Word of truth, not the word of tradition.

The Prophets foretell of polygyny in the future Kingdom.

Prior to the return of Christ to the earth to rule the world in righteousness, Israel will suffer terribly at the hand of the anti-Messiah. His armies will wreak devastation on the people and the Land, Joel 1. Men will be in short supply and women who were previously haughty will be humbled.

Your men will fall by the sword, your strong men will die in battle. Her gates will mourn and lament; deprived of her people, she will sit on the ground.

Isa.3:25-26. *Seven women will grab hold of one man at that time. They will say, "We will provide our own food, we will provide our own clothes; but let us belong to you — take away our shame!"* Isa.4:1. NET.

Few commentators can deny that the Lord through the prophet confirms polygamy in his future Kingdom. Was polygyny only allowed in the O.T. then not allowed in the N.T. but then allowed again in the future glory? This is a conundrum only for those who believe the lie, one man one woman only. Isaiah 4 proves a manifestation of the divine hierarchy of marriage, one man with one woman or one man with multiple women.

When we embrace the lie of one man one woman only, we have God contradicting himself by making laws for polygyny against his supposedly implied command for monogamy. He takes two wives himself, promotes multiple wives in David, and shows polygamy in the future Kingdom thus totally contradicting the imagined command for monogamy in the creation account.

The falsehood that the New Testament abolishes polygamy.

This is another outright deception. As we have seen, Christ did not abolish the Law, he endorsed it. He used Gen.2:24, the two shall be one flesh, in Matt.19 against divorce, not against polygyny. See margin notes on Matt.19:9.

Paul used Gen.2:24, the two shall be one flesh against the services of a prostitute as follows,

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Then taking the members of Christ, shall I make them members of a harlot? Let it not be! Or do you not know that he being joined to a harlot is one body? For He says, "The two shall be into one flesh."

Gen.2:24, 1Cor.6:15-16. LITV.

1Cor.6 is Gen.2:24 and is **One to Many**. Paul believed that anyone with a harlot was one flesh with her, not in marriage, but in the sexual union, which incidentally constitutes marriage according to the Word of the Lord. Obviously, the harlot was one flesh with each and every customer, that is two one flesh means **one [harlot] to many [customers]**. Paul thus believed the two shall be one flesh of Gen.2:24 also meant one to many and so confirms a husband with one wife or with two was not foreign to Paul. It also confirms Paul did not believe polygamy had been abolished. Paul disagrees with Christians who claim that Matt.19 means one man one woman only and we should believe as Paul did.

When Paul wrote the Bishops and Deacons should be the husband of one wife, he believed Gen.2:24 could mean one husband with many wives so he is not countering his position by demanding monogamy in 1Tim.2 & Titus. The original words must be considered.

This original phrase, **the husband of one wife**, is an idiomatic one with varying translations. Paul might have meant the deacons must be married, or should not engage in fornication, or should be married to the first wife, or should not be divorced.

1Tim.3 and Titus, are not expositions about marriage structure, they are not abrogating all written before about marriage, they are listing the qualifications for leaders in the assemblies and must not be used to invent annulments for the established divine acceptance of monogamy or polygamy.

The Word of God is clear, Adam was given headship in family and the husband is given headship in family no matter the number of wives and this is exactly what Paul is writing about in 1Timothy. & Titus.

Christianity is being bred out of existence by a satanic lie that demands one man one woman only, and while it is too late to stem the tide of lowering birth rates within Christian circles, we can at least bring to light the truth of God's Word regarding family structure which can be one husband one wife or one husband with many.

Finally, the imagined objections against polygamy.

Always problems in polygamy? ONLY in polygamy?

Problems such as jealousy, family conflict, deprivation, tension between children or any other issue that can be or has been experienced in the history of people. Where this totally fails is the fact that the same issues are prevalent in monogamous families.

Monogamous women use over 270 shelters in the USA to flee abuse.

Monogamy festers Incest and child abuse, pandemic in the USA, 1 in 5 children are abused.

Monogamy Christianity has high divorce rates.

Monogamous families have jealousy issues.

Monogamous marriages report 20% infidelity rates.

Monogamous women who cheat generally cheat about

7 years into their monogamous marriage.

Monogamous cheaters are a 300% chance to repeat it.

Monogamous abortions in 2024 numbered 1,038,000.

Monogamous black women aged 15-44 have the highest abortion rate, 28.6 per 1,000.

Facts are inconvenient; brains filter out what we don't want to hear. Family structure isn't the problem.

Sexually insatiable. The bottom of the barrel argument.

It's claimed polygynous folks want more sex, since monogamous marriages are not about more sex. And are wives just sex objects? When was marriage only about sex? Ban monogamous honeymoons.

Early church fathers spoke against it? In what context?

They spoke against sex as being fleshly, sinful and to be avoided. Jerome [347-420] said he who is too ardent a lover of his own wife is an adulterer. He believed Adam and Eve were virgins before the fall and sex was the result of sin. Origen of Alexandria [c.185-253AD] believed celibacy was the ideal and reportedly castrated himself to avoid sexual temptation. Clement of Alexandria [c.150-215] believed sex was only permissible for procreation since it was a distraction from spiritual life. Tertullian [c.160-225] believed chastity was closer to God's will. Augustine of Hippo [354-430] believed sex was tainted by lust. We can see where the taboos against sex originated.

Many "fathers" lost the truth of justification by faith which resurfaced in the reformation 1200 years later.

The early church "fathers" were not "fathers" they were Christians expressing their varying views on Scripture.

One man one woman only is a lie

We are not demanding polygamy

we demand truth over tradition

the Word of God before the word of man



The Lord is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Rev.5.
Lions are polygamous and he came through Judah's daughter-in-law because of the Law of the Levirate.

The Lord is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jn.1:29. Sheep are polygamous

The Lord is the seed of Abraham. Gal.3:16.
Abraham was polygamous

The Lord is the Son of David. Matt.1:1.
David was polygamous

Christ Jesus is Jehovah. Jn.8:58, Ez.23, Jer.31.
who had two sisters as wives.

Jehovah is figuratively polygamous
there is no “implied command” or “ideal” for monogamy, else Jehovah contradicted himself

..I gave **you** your master's house and **your master's wives**
2Sam.12:8 ESV

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