HUMAN TENSION

Human beings were made to connect on a social level. Though this may sound elementary, this may be one of this current generation’s greatest needs—social connection. Rates of alcoholism, drug abuse, teenage pregnancies, and even first premarital sexual encounters are all declining with Millennials and Generation Y. While the initial reaction may be to rejoice at these statistics, the rates of depression, mental illness, and other forms of despair are on the rise. The great irony is that social media promised a level of connection never seen before in humanity’s history.

Though animals provide great companionship, they still lack the basic functions of what a human relationship provides. Human beings have components of intelligence, emotional resonance, complex communication, creative empathy, higher functioning joy, multifactorial pleasure that features physical stimulation, intellectual intricacy, emotional density, and social involvedness, to say the least.

Whether it is an animal, thing, piece of technology, or a screen, anything that replaces a human being for sexual intimacy is considered a heinous sin by God. It is not the act or the object itself but the disregard we have for our human selves and the Creator of the human body and its corresponding sexual experience that is abhorrent. As the engineer of intimacy, God sought for humanity to reach the apex of the experience through a human-human interaction.

When combined with the principle of differentness in opposite genders, the principle of sameness in humanity provides a tension that becomes the foundation for the optimal sexual experience.
Write out Genesis 2:18–25 from the Bible translation of your choice. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse in Genesis 2:18–25. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

How do you see sexuality compartmentalized in your society?

What are the benefits of holistic sexuality?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

How does this topic cause you to be more in awe of God, the Creator of human sexuality?

Read more at www.inversebible.org/sex07-4

Marital Sexuality: Sameness of Nature
What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Genesis 1:20–31
Matthew 19:4–6
Leviticus 20:15, 16
Galatians 5:16–26
Song of Solomon 7:6–13
Psalm 8:3–9

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with sexuality?

Review your memorized verse from Genesis 2:18–25.
Meditate on Genesis 2:18–25 again and look for where Jesus is.

What other meditations do you have about the Godhead that are reflected in the creation, salvation, and sexuality of humanity?

What is He saying to you through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?

Read more at www.inversebible.org/sx07-6
Review the memory verse.
How does it apply to your
life this week?

After this week’s study of the
text, what applications can be
made personally?

What applications can be made
publicly and/or socially?

Read more inSight from the
Spirit of Prophecy at
www.inversebible.org/sex07-7
Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

How are you fulfilled in your social interactions now?

What makes the best social interactions?

Why do the principles of differentness and the principles of sameness of nature have to be in tension?

What are the dangers of compartmentalizing sexuality into parts?

How and where do you see sexuality deconstructed today?

Where else do you hear about these dangers today?

How does a high view of humanity and human destiny impact your view of yourself?

How does the Godhead inform you about sexuality?