

TEMPLATES

ORIGINAL NAKEDNESS

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God is
the creator.
God saw that everything
he created was good.



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*God creates man and
woman in his image.
The man and woman
are naked or open
to the world.*



Franz Francken the Younger
The Creation of Eve (17th century)

*The whole world
is a gift
for man.*



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In Genesis 1:27, the action of God creating is mentioned 3 times. In Scripture, when something is repeated 3 times, it is a sign of the fullness of perfection. What is it that God creates at this high point?

The man and the woman are naked. We learned that nakedness is deeper than the nakedness of their bodies, and it also refers to the openness of the man and the woman to each other, God and the world. The man and woman are able to see the full depth and value of everything in creation. Since man and woman are created in the image and likeness of God, this nakedness also refers to the way that God sees the world. What does God see about creation? See Genesis 1:4; 1:10; 1:12; 1:18; 1:21; 1:25; 1:31. Is God pleased with what he has created?

Read 1 John 4:8. What do you think is God's motive for creating?

In creation, God makes a radical gift. He creates everything from nothing out of love. For whom is this love? To whom is God giving himself?

The world is a gift for man. Because he is created in the image and likeness of God, man is able to understand the meaning of this gift. How does the man respond upon seeing the woman (see Genesis 2:23)?

It is as if he is rejoicing over the fact that her body expresses the fact that she is a person. Like him, she is created in the image and likeness of God. Just as God made a gift-of-self by creating, so man and woman are to be like him in making a gift-of-self.