

A Sermon on Procreation

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for February 27th, 2022 (and beyond)

This sermon is a mystery and morality play that reveals itself in dialogue format.

DIALOGUE

Cavewoman (10,000 BCE): I am a deity. I am the creator of life. Behold this newborn. It is my creation. I had sex with a tree limb and that's where the myths about wands started.

Caveman (10,000 BCE): I worship you. You are the creator.

Patriarch (2500 BCE): I'm a farmer who raises animals for food. I've seen many species copulate resulting in pregnancy. It is my experience that the fruit trees bear seeds that bear more trees that bear more fruit ad infinitum. I believe the woman is the fertile soil in which I plant seeds from my loins that emerge requiring care until capable of independence.

Matriarch (1000 CE): No, I'm actually a witch and I hold all the power of creation not some Patriarch assuming authority he does not have, my womb is magic. I can produce children without any assistance beyond my magic wand from the sacred tree of life deep in the forest only known to my coven. Someone get me some blood, a newborn, and a curtain or paint dozens of pictures of me on vases and elsewhere giving birth with an inscription that says "no men involved in this act of creation".

Renaissance Man (1600 CE): She might be a witch. She scares me. My mother was one or claimed to be. I knew better than to ask about it. See this scar?

Enlightened Woman (1750 CE): You are extremely superstitious. Do you read? Please, feel free to borrow from my library. There is a modest section on biology and anatomy I believe may help dispel your fears.

Patriarch (1950 CE): I most certainly am not superstitious. I'm aware I bear seed and with each the potential for new life. I was created in God's image.

Matriarch (1960 CE): No, I was created in the image of God, which is why I am the creator with the power of creation.

Modern Man (2022 CE): I don't want any part of this argument. It is too weird and makes me uncomfortable. I've studied biology, health, and know exactly how reproduction or procreation occurs. I'm inclined to agree with both sides to some extent, but would suggest the argument should be resolved through more study along with mutual respect for everyone's part in the miracle of life.

Future Woman (2022 CE): I am the creator God. My children are the proof. Worship me. Everyone worship me. Pay tribute to me. Definitions for "tribute" include "an act, statement, or gift that is intended to show gratitude, respect, or admiration", "something resulting from something else and indicating its worth", "payment made periodically by one state or ruler to another, especially as a sign of dependence", and late Middle English (in tributary (sense 2)): from Latin tributarius, from tributum (see tribute). tributary (sense 1) dates from the early 19th century." The act of giving tribute is tributary. So, symbolically a tributary which is defined as "a river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake" could represent the tributary of my vagina which flows to and from my ovaries. Since all life is dependent on my acts of creation, I am owed tribute. Self-referential. I produce heirs too.

Patriarch (2022 CE): Doesn't the man's ejaculate act as a tribute in full context? It seems with any woman not a witch or a whore, it would with proper recognition of the seed-bearer. Only God can make a tree and without any help from a woman too.

Christian Woman (2022 CE): I hate to be a bother and keep hearing reference to God. But, according to my sources (King James Version of The Holy Bible), Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." I believe "man" in full context means humankind and not just male humans. So, it is my position that God created humankind in God's own image, both genders. Gender equality is supported by scripture and I fear some involved in this conversation are idolaters who have not caught up with the rest of the class. But, with such debate, it seems quite a few may just be exhibiting deimatic behavior in response to feeling threatened by the opposite sex particularly when the other side is claiming to be a deity, to have any supernatural powers (i.e. witchcraft), or otherwise ordained to subjugate others in the name of one.

Millennial (2022 CE): Why are there so many species of plants and animals? Why are there so many people? Do I have to learn all of it before I choose a career?

God (Omnipresent): I thought you'd enjoy the company, I know I do.

Lucifer (King of Hell): Me too.

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