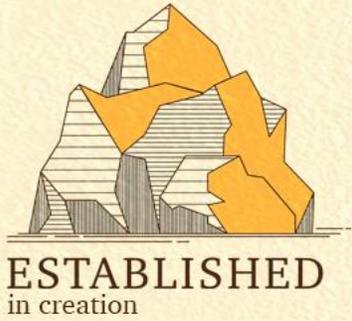


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Why Gender?

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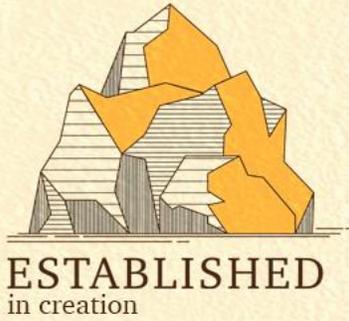


This Week

Good Friday Service | 7:00 p.m.

Easter Service | 9:30 a.m.

Service Saturday | 8:00 a.m.



Colossians 2:6-7

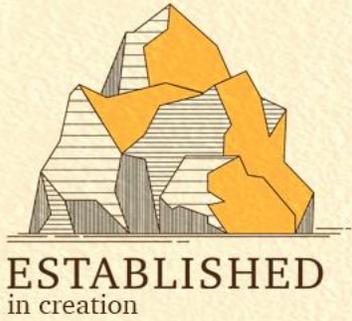
Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



Established in...

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2. Christ (Colossians)
3. Community (Titus)

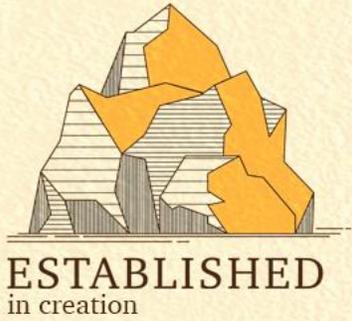
Bonus "C": Culmination



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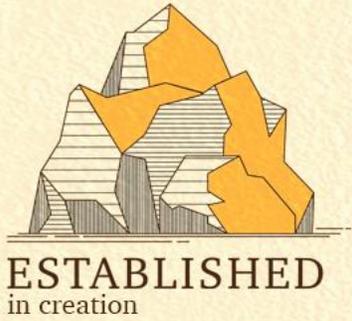


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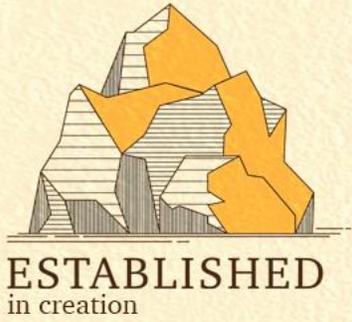
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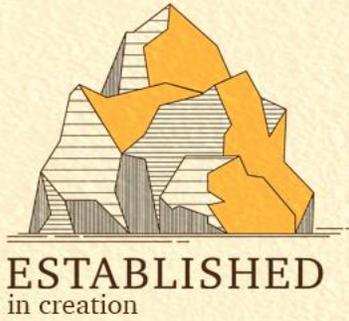
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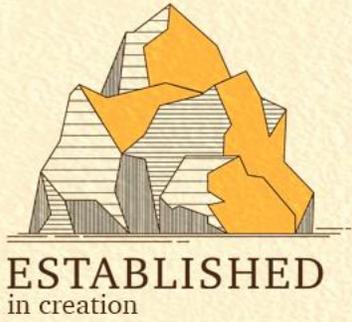
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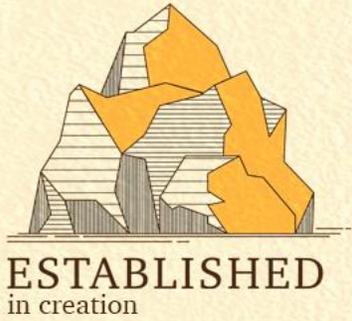
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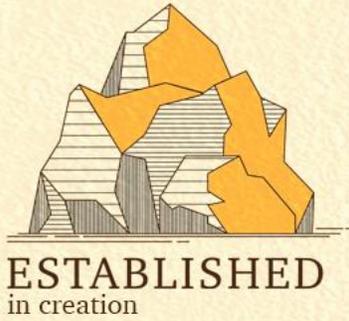
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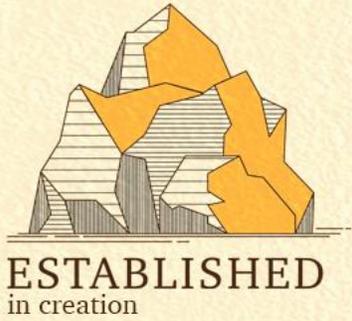


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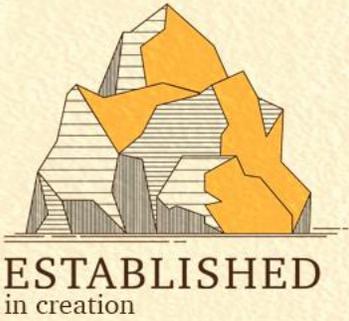
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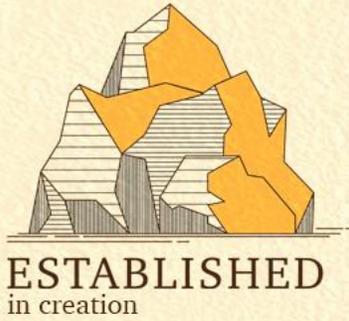


The Creation Week of Genesis 1:

Introducing Diversity

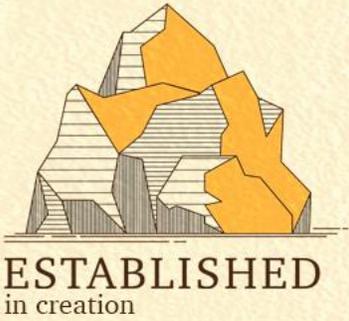
or

Injecting Complementary Contrast



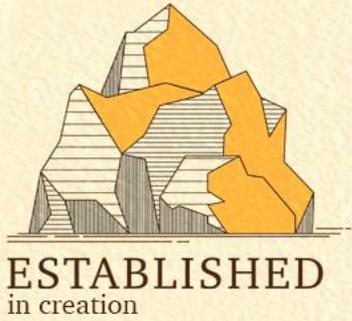
Genesis 2:19-20

Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field.



Because they find their origin in God himself, we could say that these kinds of things are fundamentally good:

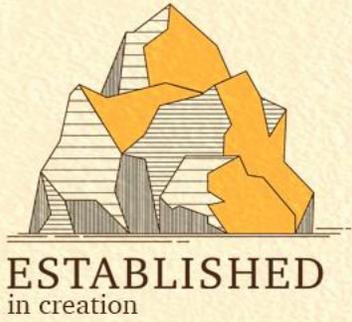
- United Diversity
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- Interdependence



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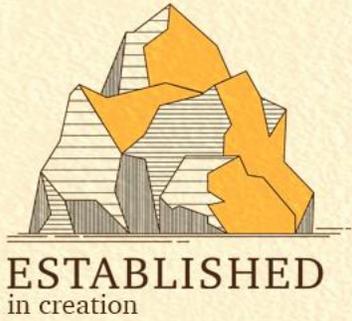
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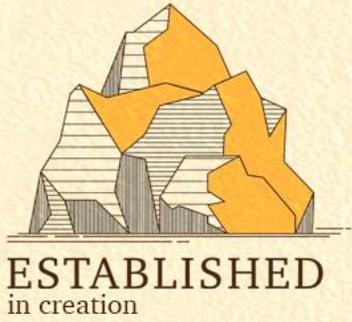
Equal

Different



1 Corinthians 7:3-4

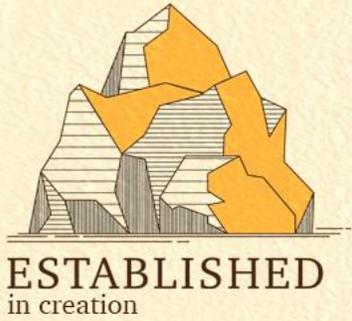
The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.



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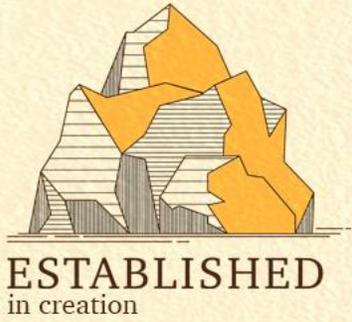
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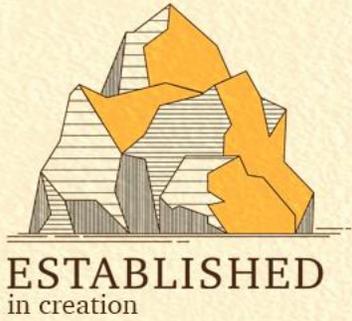
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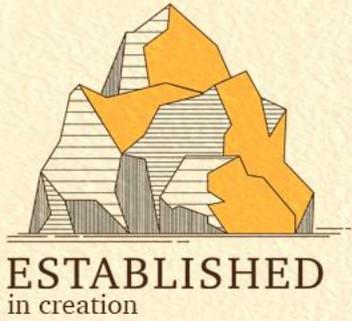
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Admittedly, differences require limitations.

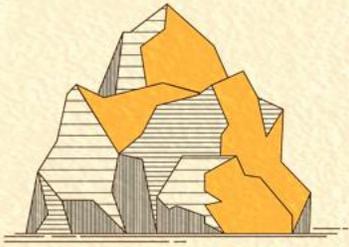


What if the goal is not independency, but instead interdependency?



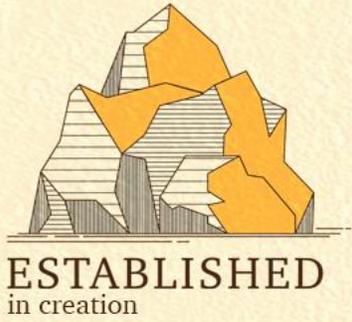
1 Corinthians 12:14-20

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.



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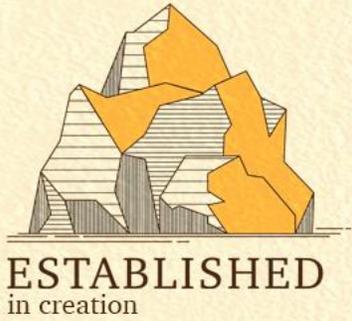
Again, the goal is not independency, but instead interdependency, which requires differences (i.e. limitations), in order to create a beautiful complementarity.



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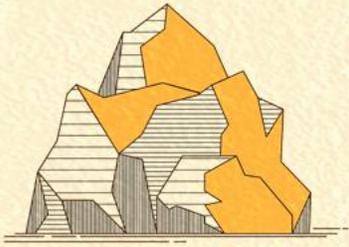
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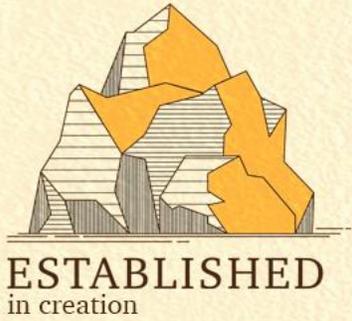


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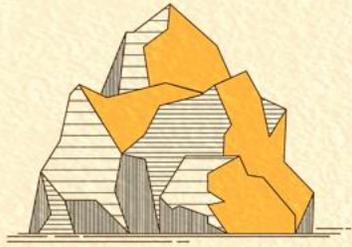




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