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Men, Women, and the Curse

Genesis 3:16-24

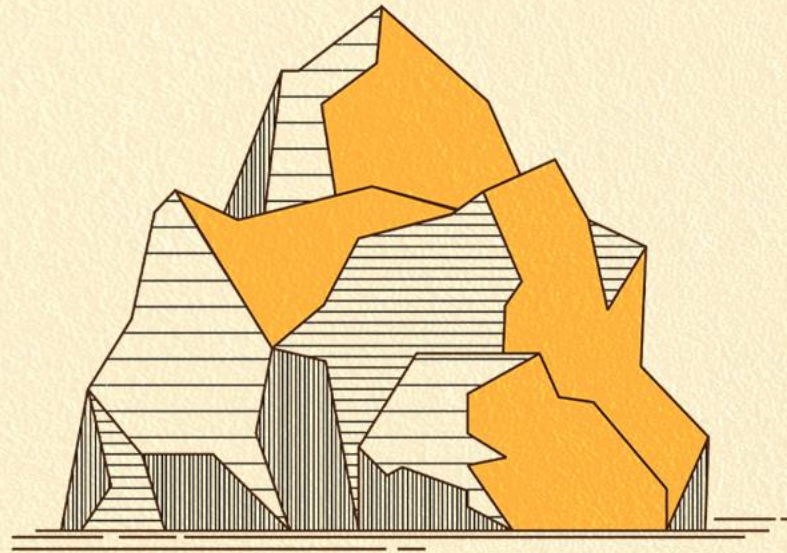
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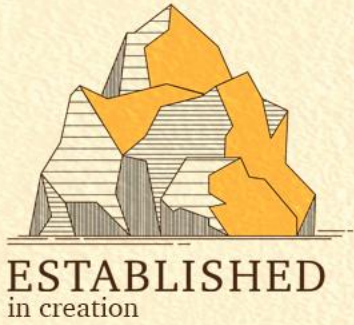
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Worldview Questions

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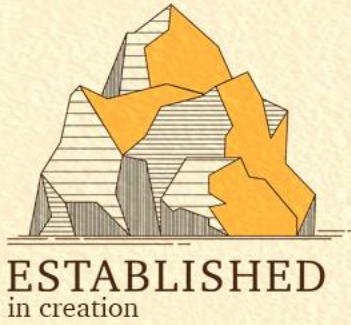
What's wrong with the world?

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2. Spiritual battle



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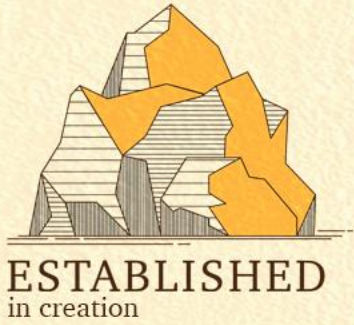
Gender in Genesis

3/29: Genesis 1:26-27 (The Image of God)

5/10: Genesis 2:18-25 (The Creation of Eve)

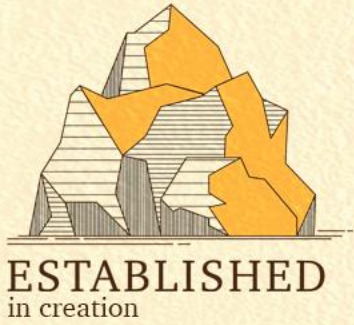
5/31: Genesis 3:16-24 (The Effects of the Curse)

Plus Colossians and Titus later this fall.



Gender Differences

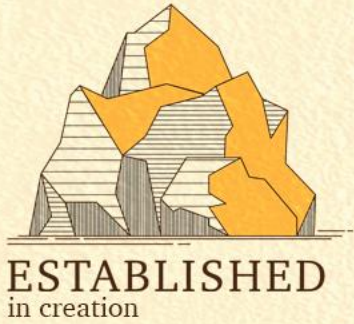
1. How should we think about general trends?
2. What are some of those specific trends?



Harriet Connor

Gender Differences: Generalisations Are Not Stereotypes

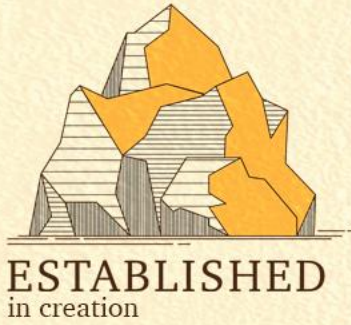
“It is important to recognise that there is a significant difference between a stereotype and a generalisation. A stereotype is an absolute exaggerated categorisation of an entire group of people, with no room for nuance or exceptions. For example, “Germans don’t have a sense of humour”, “Women are intuitive and empathetic” or “Men are better at maths”.



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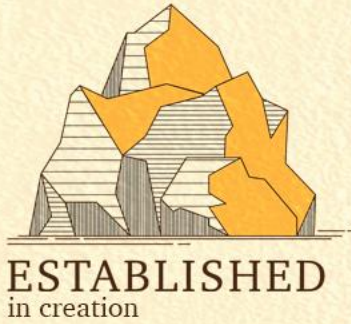
“A stereotype usually implies a judgement of one group as superior/inferior to another or an evaluation of an individual’s behaviour as normal/abnormal. Such statements can indeed be harmful. By contrast, a generalisation about gender differences is simply an observation about what is generally true for most people, usually based on extensive personal experience and/or scientific research.”



Louise Perry

The Case Against the Sexual Revolution

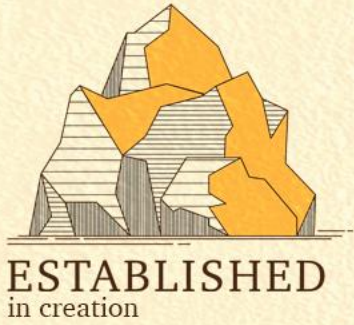
“Almost no one is a walking gender stereotype ... But this kind of anecdotal evidence does not disprove the claim that there are some important average differences between the sexes, and that at the population level these differences have an effect. We can insist simultaneously that there are plenty of exceptions to the rule, and moreover that there is nothing wrong with being an exception to the rule, while also acknowledging the existence of the rule.”



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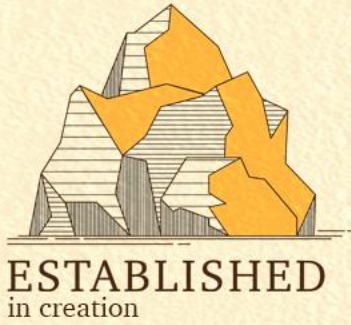
*Beautiful Difference: The (Whole-Bible)
Complementarity of Male and Female*

“Given this theological framework [built from the early chapters of Genesis], it should not be surprising that men and women are strikingly different in all sorts of ways that transcend cultural variations. Not only do these differences not disappear in purportedly sex-neutral societies; there is evidence to suggest that some of them actually increase, as people are freed to do what they actually want.”



Men typically measure higher in traits such as...

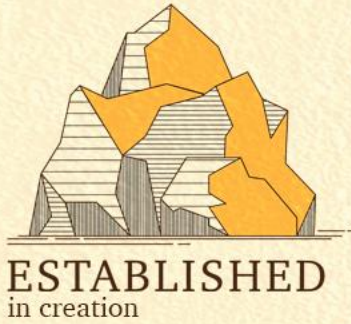
- Risk-taking
- Aggression
- Competitiveness
- Confidence
- Status assertion
- Violent tendencies
- Math tilt (Math>Verbal) and STEM preferences
- Orientation around things rather than people



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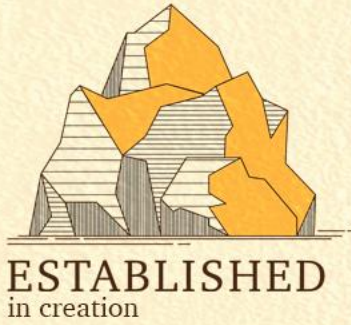
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“Consequently, men are generally clustered at the upper and lower extremes of society: men are not just more likely to be very rich or very powerful (which prompts all sorts of public debate), but also far more likely to be criminals, killers, homeless, excluded, or imprisoned (which doesn’t).”



Women typically measure higher in traits such as...

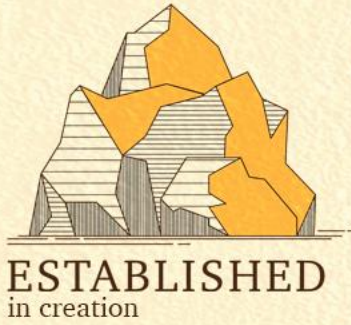
- Altruism
- Empathy
- Kindness
- Negative emotions in response to threat
- Indirectness in confrontation
- Predisposition toward smaller groups
- Verbal tilt (Verbal > Math) and humanities preferences
- Orientation around people rather than things



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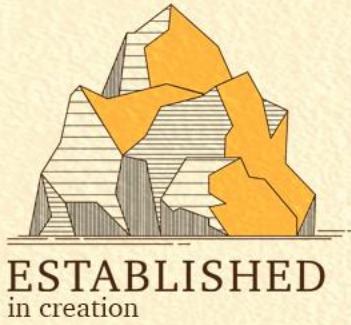
“Complementarity appears to be hardwired into us as human beings, even from the perspective of mainstream secular scientific and sociological research. The vast majority of human societies have known this intuitively, but in a culture like ours, where most of us have never fought for our homeland, died in childbirth, gone down the mines, or settled a frontier, it has become forgotten. Facts, however, are stubborn things.”



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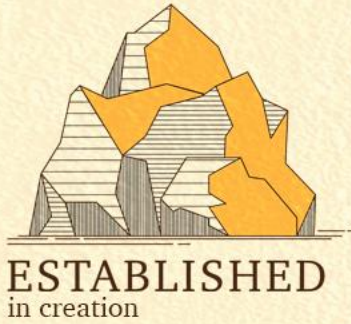
“There is an interesting correspondence between many of these traits and the sorts of things we would expect to find if Genesis 1–4 was true, and the man (*adamah* = “earth”) had been given the task of guarding the garden against attack, and the woman (*havah* = “life”) had been identified as the mother of all living.”



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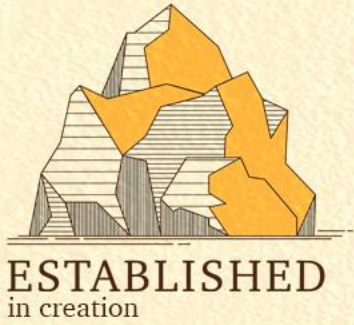
“It also sheds interesting light on the (very obvious) biological differences between men and women, and their significance. Imagine an alien visiting earth and discovering that one sex was taller, stronger, and hairier than the other, with sexual organs that were external and faced outward; while the smaller partner’s sexual organs were internal, and served as the location of both sexual intercourse and pregnancy.”



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“Then imagine them discovering that, generally speaking, one was better at forming relationships, holding small groups together, and working with people; while the other was more suited to external agency, risk-taking, and working with things. Finally, imagine them being introduced to biblical categories for describing the sexes: towers and cities, warriors and gardens, priests and temples, the blood-spattered groom and the pure spotless bride. Which would our alien think was which?”



Genesis 3:16

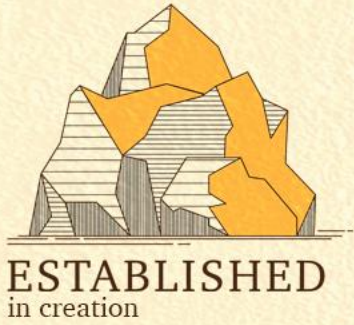
To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;

in pain you shall bring forth children.

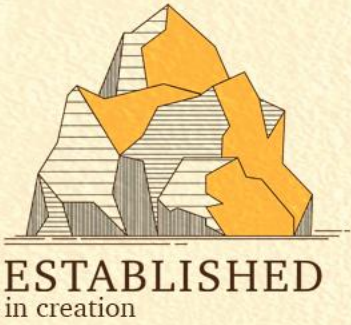
Your desire shall be for your husband,

and he shall rule over you.”



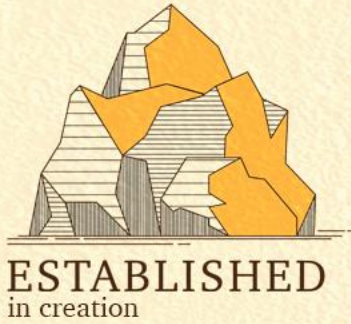
Genesis 4:6-7

The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it.”



Genesis 3:16b Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.

Genesis 4:7b Its [sin's] desire is for you,
and you must rule over it.



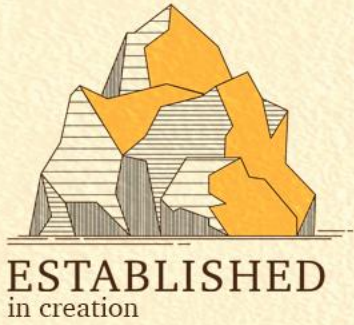
Genesis 3:17-19a

And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread...



Genesis 3:19b

...till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.



What's wrong with the world?

1. Separation and shame
2. Spiritual battle
3. Pain in childbirth
4. Conflict in marriage, indicating a rebellious and competitive human spirit
5. Tedious work
6. Deterioration and Death



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Genesis 3:21

And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.



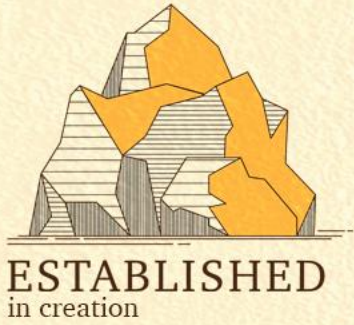
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John 16:20-22

²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

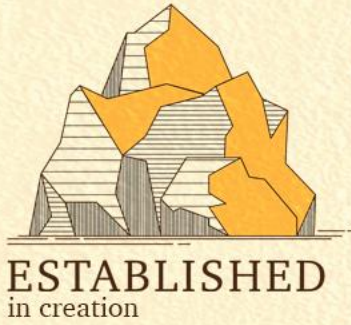
²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.



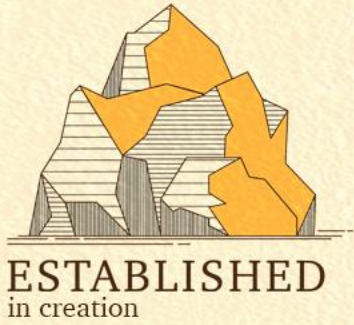
Romans 8:18-25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.



Romans 8:18-25

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.



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