

## THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

### Genesis 2:18-24

18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him who shall comfort him with comforts and make light of his endowments. Also, constantly remind him of the past. Not that there was one yet.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam with several noises and many divers odours to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. But the LORD God did send an angel to suggest that some of the names were not worthy, and did persuade Adam to change them. Especially the ugly lesser-tailed funny-beak. (And from that moment on it became known as the dodo.)

20 And thus Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field, and to the slippery things that live under rocks and in damp places, and to the lice and ticks which did irritate and can cause much misery; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him, even though he quite liked the look of the red hornibutte. And the as yet unnamed ruminants.

21 And the LORD God looked at what Adam had done, sighed, and caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man, with much clamour.

23 And Adam said, Phwoar [\*1]. This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Phyllis. But the angel of the LORD did say, Not so. Try again. And Adam said, How about Rib-tickler? But the angel shook his head. So Adam considered once more, and said, Woman. She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. And the angel did frown at this, but did make no comment.

24 [\*2] Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave (let the reader understand) unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And the sound of cleaving would be heard throughout the land. And it was good.

[Notes.]

[\*1] Here the Masoretic text is uncertain.

[\*2] Here follows a marginal note in the Great Wenchoster Bible stating that verse 24 is the personal comment of the writer of the book of Genesis, and is not attributed to the LORD God, nor to the angel, nor to Adam, and certainly not to the woman.