



Introduction:

- It has been said that “fools rush in where angels fear to tread.”
- Well, the question for today is:
 - How does God really feel about women?
 - Does God think we [women] are lesser than men?
 - How can He understand women/females if He is Father/Son and has no feminine qualities?
- The answer, I believe, is surprisingly found in the story of the creation of man and woman. From the lips of the Creator Himself we learn that:

Every Man Has A _____
The Lord God said, “It is not good...” (Genesis 1:18)

1. He is _____

...for the man to be alone. (Genesis 2:18b)

- So God made for the man a woman to be a _____
I will make a helper suitable for him. (Genesis 1:18c)

It's important here to note that “helper” does not mean “servant.” On the contrary, in the day when Moses penned these words, to identify a woman as a helper was counter to the culture's common low view of women. He actually elevated the sense of a woman's worth and role by calling her the same name used to describe God Himself other places in the Old Testament.
Dennis Rainey, **Preparing for Marriage**, p. 67,68

Cf. Psalm 33:20
37:40
70:5
115:19
121:2
124:8

2. And He is Also _____

As a male, Adam was incomplete in his ability to _____
_____.

- So God made for the man a woman, who is _____
So God created [mankind] in his own image...male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

Conclusion and Final Question:

So where did all the conflict between the sexes come from?
Let's look at Genesis 3:12-19

The result of sin and the curse of our age is conflict between the sexes. This verse (Genesis 3:16) is not a description of the way things should be. This is a description of the way things are going to be while sin reigns. Dominating men and devious women. This is not the meaning of male and female in God's image. It is the ugliness of sin. But it points to Christianity because it begs for the healing that only Jesus brings.
John Piper, www.soundofgrace.com/piper89/5-14-89.htm