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A Few Related Thoughts…

“The Lord God said: ‘It is not good for man to be alone.’ … God created man in his own image; male and female he created them… The man said: ‘This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This one shall be called *Eve* [*Woman*].’

God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it.’ … God saw everything that he had made, and saw that it was very good.”

--Genesis 2:18, 23; 1:28, 31

“There is Eve. Creation comes to its high point, its climax with her. She is God’s finishing touch. And all Adam can say is, “Wow.” Eve embodies the beauty and the mystery and the tender vulnerability of God… God is captivating beauty.”

“It’s not just that a man needs a battle to fight; he needs someone to fight *for*… Adam was given the wind and the sea, the horse and the hawk, but as God himself said, things were just not right until there was Eve.”

--John Eldredge

***Wild at Heart***

“Beauty is not only a fearful thing, it is also a mysterious thing. There, God and the Devil strive for mastery, and the battleground is the heart of men.”

--Fyodor Dostoyevsky

“Purity of heart … lets us perceive the human body—ours and our neighbor's—as a temple of the Holy Spirit, a manifestation of divine beauty.”

--***Catechism of the Catholic Church***, #2517-19

“Let my soul praise you [O God] for all these beauties, but let it not attach itself to them by the trap of desire.”

--St. Augustine

“Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.”

--Christ (Mt 5:8)

“Create a clean heart in me, O God.”

--Psalm 51:12

"Pure in heart" refers to those who have attuned their intellects and wills to … God's holiness, chiefly in three areas:

* *chastity* lets us love with upright and undivided heart;
* *purity of intention*…, seeking the true end of man: …to find and to fulfill God's will in everything;
* *purity of vision*, external and internal; by discipline of feelings and imagination.

“Purity requires *modesty…* Modesty protects the intimate center of the person… It guides how one looks at others and behaves toward them… Modesty protects the mystery of persons and their love. Modesty is decency.”

--***CCC***, #2521-22

“There is a need for a crusade of manliness and purity to counteract and undo the savage work of those who think that man is a beast. And that crusade is a matter for *you*.”

--St. Josemaría Escrivá, ***The Way***, #121

“Despite what popular culture claims, love isn’t just a bundle of sentiments. Love is, rather, the willingness to endure all sorts of difficulty, hardship, tedium, disappointments, and setbacks for the sake of someone else’s welfare. Love is another word for sacrifice and responsibility. Love is the greatest thing in life. In many ways, love *is* life.”

--James B. Stenson, ***To Be a Man***

"The culture of life means respect for nature and protection of God's work of creation. In a special way, it means respect for *human* life.”

“Man cannot live without love… His life is senseless if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it.”

--Bl. John Paul II to journalists, World Youth Day,

Denver, 1993; ***Redemptor Hominis***

“Those who let themselves be led by the Holy Spirit are realists—they know how to observe and assess reality. They are also fruitful; their lives bring new life to birth all around them.”

--Pope Francis, Homily, June 16, 2013

“To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances; to seek him, the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement.”

--St. Augustine

*You will find earth but cloaks your heaven.*

*Courage then to claim it; that is all!*

*But courage you have, and the knowledge*

*that we are pilgrims together,*

*wending through unknown country, home.*

--Fra Giovanni Giocondo (15th-16th C.), “Life’s Meaning”

# “Love is life. All, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love… Everything is united by it alone. Love is God.”

# --Leo Tolstoy

“Love is deeds, and not sweet words.”

--St. Josemaría Escrivá

# For further reading…

Book of Genesis, Chapters 1 & 2.

St. Josemaría Escrivá, ***The Way***, Chapter 4, “Holy Purity”.

<http://www.stpeterslist.com/682/6-biblical-reasons-mary-is-the-new-eve/>

 A scripture-based explanation of how Mary is the new Eve.