

Taking Marriage Back to School



BIOLOGY

Biology is a branch of knowledge that deals with living organisms and vital processes. It is a vast subject containing many subdivisions, topics, and disciplines."

Merriam-Webster

"So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh; she shall be
called Woman, because she was taken
out of Man."

Therefore a man shall leave his
father and his mother and hold fast
to his wife, and they shall become
one flesh." — Genesis 2:21-24 (ESV)

We are equal in
creation but not
the same function.

ORIGINATION (Intelligent Design)

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◆ Action

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Faith - Malachi 2:14-16

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ADAPTATION
(Conflicting Environments)

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My spouse will complete me

Marriage is not so much
about celebrating our
compatibilities, but rather
about managing our
incompatibilities.

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MATURATION
(Compatible Habitats)

"Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than ourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)

His Needs, Her Needs

by Willard F. Harley, Jr.

MEN

Sexual Fulfillment

Recreational
Companionship

An Attractive Spouse

Domestic Support

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WOMEN

Affection

Conversation

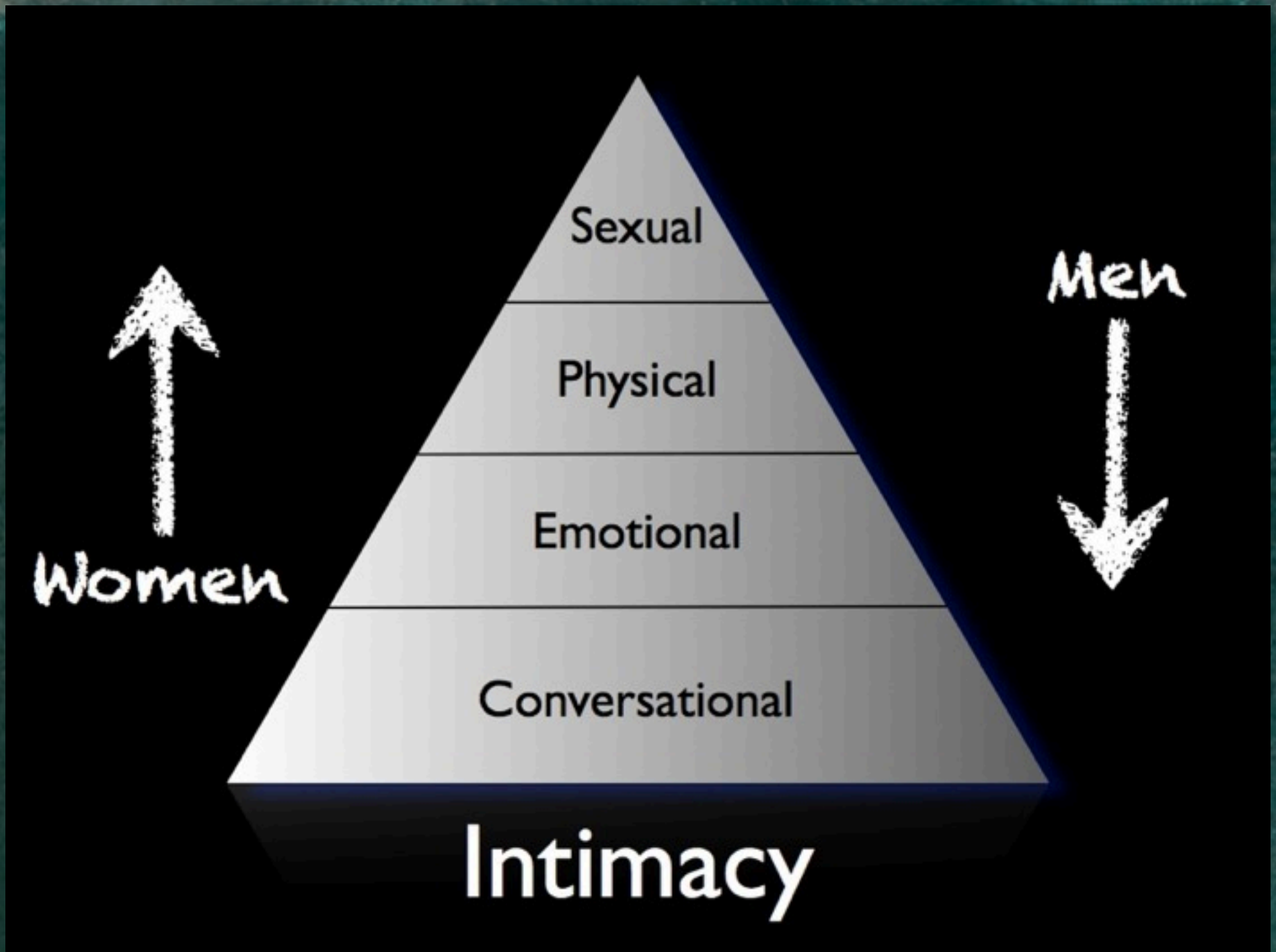
Honesty & Openness

Financial Support

Family Commitment

Men looking for
significance

Women looking for
security



Do You KNOW What Your
Spouse's Needs Are?

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Spouse's Needs Are?

Are You SERVING Those
Needs?

Each of you should use
whatever gift you have
received to serve others, as
faithful stewards of God's
grace in its various forms.

— 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Amphibians

"Living or able to live
both on land and in
water; belonging to both
land and water."

"And do not get drunk with wine,
for that is debauchery, but be
filled with the Spirit, addressing
one another in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, singing and
making melody to the Lord with
your heart,

giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ."

— Ephesians 5:18-21 (ESV)

Submission is not
for women,
it is for Christians.

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respecting and supporting
the leadership of your
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1 Peter 1:1-6

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(Dynamic Interdependence)

◆ Listening

"Talking is like playing on the harp. There is as much to laying the hands on the strings to stop the vibrations as there is to bring out their music." — O.W. Holmes

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"To answer before listening
that is folly and shame."

— Proverbs 18:13 (NIV)

"...Everyone should be quick
to listen, slow to speak and
slow to become angry."

— James 1:19 (NIV)

"Even fools are thought
wise if they keep silent, and
discerning if they hold
their tongue."

— Proverbs 17:28 (NIV)

◆ Listening

◆ Understanding

WHY WE'LL
NEVER
UNDERSTAND
EACH
OTHER



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SAID...



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What she
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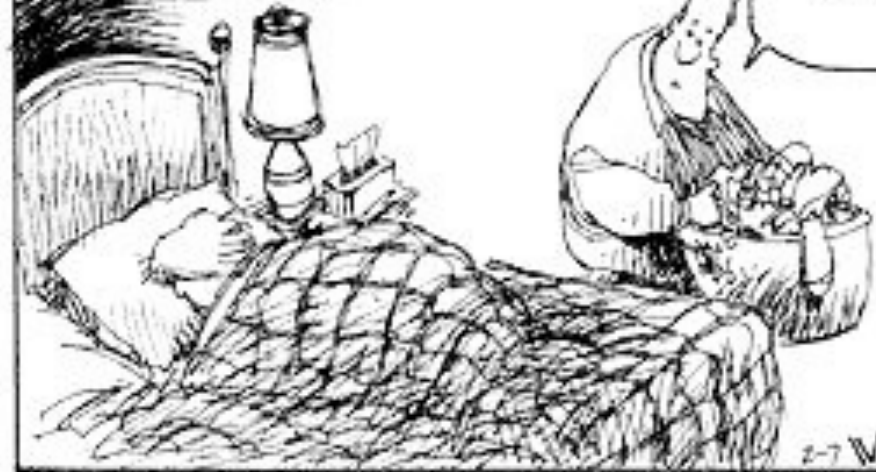
YOU DON'T EXPECT ME
TO TAKE CARE OF THE
KIDS, CLEAN THE HOUSE
AND MAKE DINNER,
DO YOU?



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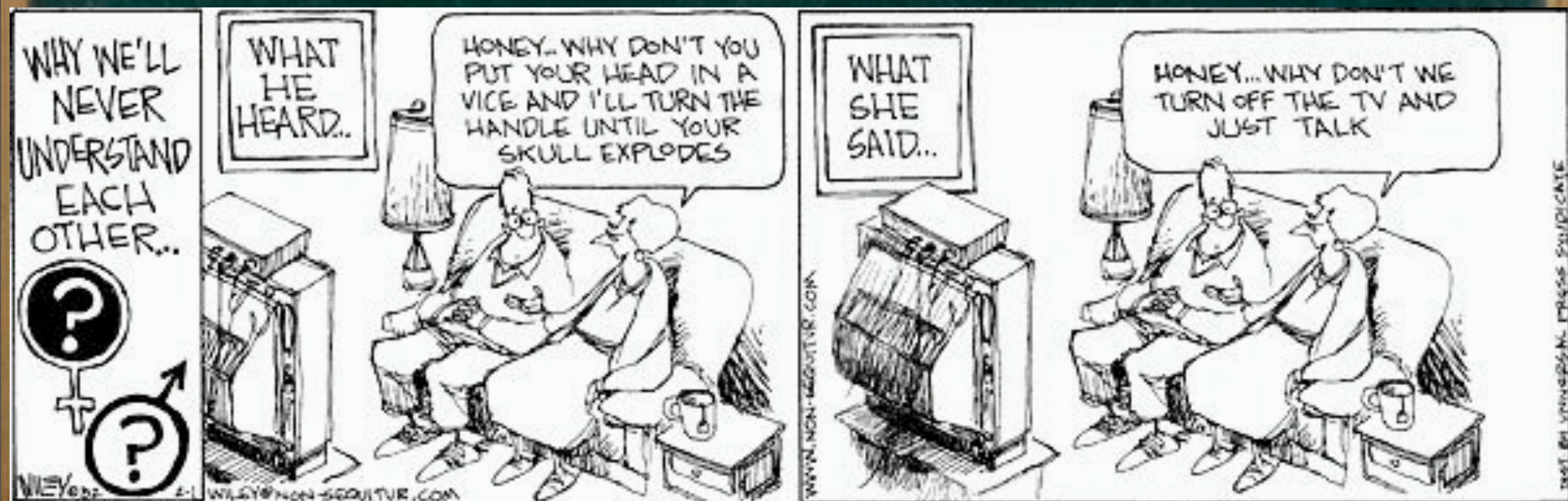
What he
said...

FEELING
ANY BETTER,
HONEY?



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"Seek first to
understand, then to
be understood."

— Stephen Covey

"Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered." — 1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)



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"Rapport Talk"

vs.

"Report Talk"

WOMEN talk to
solidify connections
and MEN talk to
impart information.

"It is impossible to overemphasize the immense need we have to be really listened to, to be taken seriously, to be understood... No one can develop freely in this world and find a full life without feeling understood by at least one person." — Dr. Paul Tournier

- ◆ Listening
- ◆ Understanding
- ◆ Speaking

Things You Don't Say to Your Wife Video Clip

Proverbs 12:18

Proverbs 15:4

Proverbs 18:21

Proverbs 21:23

Proverbs 25:15

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"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." — Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

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