

MAMA SAID:
'TEND TO YOUR THINKING,
LET GOD TEND TO HIS'
Second Thoughts,
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I was driving along Interstate 40, listening to the Senate hearings on the Supreme Court nomination when I stated wondering why God changed his game plan after creating only two human beings.

In many ways, the method He used to bring Adam and Eve into existence has a lot to be said for it. Take the Senate hearing on Clarence Thomas's nomination, for example. If God hadn't changed His method of populating this planet, there would have been no Senate hearing since there would have been no sex and, logically, no sexual harassment of Anita Hall, which there was a strong probability there wasn't anyway.

If God had stuck to His original plan, we would have only gender, and *L.A. Sex* would be *L.A. Gender* a title that doesn't send you looking for the TV "on" button. An even better title would be *L.A. Law* with emphasis on law which we wouldn't need so much of since we wouldn't have sex and therefore no harassment, no seduction, no molestation. Since sex also trigger a high percentage of divorce action, we could reduce divorce courts and save the taxpayers a wad of money not to mention retirement benefits for a gaggle of judges.

God would have no trouble implementing His original plan since there is plenty of dirt and all He would have to do would be to take a handful and blow on it to produce a homo sapiens male. Subsequently, He could perform a neat surgical procedure and, bingo, a female. Just like that, the earth would have two instant adults thus eliminating with one fell swoop the need for Pampers, Huggies and Snuggles and saving our landfills from the pollution of millions of pounds of stinking plastic and banishing forever the stock footage of a machine pushing garbage WSMV shows on the evening news at supertime every time the Metro landfill problem arises.

Of course, this method has its drawbacks since it also eliminates obstetrics and pediatrics and the baby ward from each hospital causing a bunch of would-be M.D.s to line up at the unemployment windows instead of the tellers' cages and thus decreasing the assets of our banks to the point that they couldn't lend anybody any money which they don't do anyway since most of them got bit by the real estate bug that sent them into a tailspin so now they spend their time counting their deposits instead of helping small business persons stay out of Chapter 11.

Since, according to the Genesis story, there would be only adults created, we would have a lot fewer problems because we would not have to deal with teenage drivers and worry about such things as sex education and the distribution of the C-word prophylactics in our

high schools. And since we would have gender instead of sex, there would be no need for the C-word gizmo anyway because there would be no HIV virus of any other kind of disease transmitted through activity which the C-word product protects you in. One assumes there would be no such activity anyway.

The original plan of populating the planet would be a big help to New York City since there would be no increase in the census nine months following the last time the city had a power outage and all of the lights went out. As a consequence, there would be fewer welfare cases and a lot more room for people to play basketball and win scholarships to college and sign contracts with the NBA.

And while on the subject of the NBA, which we were, and the professional baseball and football leagues, which we weren't, we should say God's original plan would have nipped in the bud all of the outrageous salaries paid to all and to heavy athletes since they largely are funded by billion dollar contracts with TV which would not have the money because with only gender in this world the networks would run out of subjects for sitcoms and movies and viewers would get tired of seeing reruns of *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Ghandi* and *Kingdom* and companies would sharply curtail their advertising in revenue from commercials.

Of course, God would need to carry his original plan one step further and eliminate a certain fruit that, according to the creation story, must have been mighty tempting. And He would have to be careful to use the same color dirt every time He created a male in order to avoid racial strife and to eliminate David Duke types who carried the right message to Louisiana voters who liked the message but killed the messenger because they didn't want to lose the Saints whose black players might have to go to Memphis to play in Tennessee where the governor wanted an income tax but didn't mention it when he was a candidate.

This brings us to the Ten Commandments which would be the Nine Commandments since there would be no need for No.7 which has to do with adultery something that King David would not have been doing with Bathsheba and that would have pleased Uriah, her husband, and saved his life since David would not have sent him to the battle front where he was killed in order to make legal what David had in mind with Bathsheba. Since there would have been no liaison between Dave and Uriah's widow, there would have been no Solomon and this would have freed up several thousand women for monogamous pairings.

This also brings us to Mary and the Virgin Birth which we better not get into since I want to stay in good with my minister.

Well, as Mama always said when I pondered Jonah and the whale and how Noah got all of those animals on one little ark: "Son, just tend to your own thinking and let God tend to His."

She was right, of course, and if I had heeded her advice I wouldn't have been turning around at the Linwood exit to return to the Lebanon exit which I had driven through while I intruded into thinking I had no business being in.

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