

Were We Really All Supposed to Live Naked and Not Ashamed or Just Adam & Eve?

This is a fair question and a point that most anti-naturist Christians are quick to make a point of. “Well that naked thing, that was just for Adam and Eve, that’s not for the rest of the world...they were the only one’s on earth so that’s why God allowed them to be naked.”

But, is it an accurate statement or just a convenient one? Was everyone supposed to be naked and not ashamed as Adam and Eve were or are we all supposed to wear clothes now?

We have shown many passages with many examples of the commonplace of naked and not ashamed in the pages and articles of this website so we are not going to re-plow old ground here today. What we are going to do is to look at some common scriptures with a new realization of what has always been right in front of our eyes.

Let’s start with Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Please keep in mind that the English translation of the Bible known as the King James Version was completed in 1611. At the time, "replenish" did not mean "to fill again" as it does today. What it did mean was "to fill with people or animals," a sense that fits in perfectly with the "replenish the earth" objective.

Now, my question about this verse is when did this proclamation to Adam and Eve occur? Did it occur before or after original sin and the curse?

That’s correct...this occurred before original sin, before the curse.

Soooooo...God told Adam and Eve to fill the earth with people while they were in their naked and not ashamed condition. It stands to reason then that those people who would be filling the earth would also be in their naked and not ashamed condition. So, God’s original design...His original plan was to fill the earth with

naked people, displaying His image, naked people that He called very good and still does...the epitome of His creation, that He wanted on display and still wants on display as it still represents Himself and the Godhead even now after the fall.

I know, I know...someone is going to say, but He clothed them after so we are to be clothed now. We deal with this in the The Worldly View of the Body section of the website, but it deserves mentioning again.

Did God change His mind – NO, the Bible tells us that God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Did the body suddenly become dirty – NO, we are still made in His image, we still bring honor to God in our bodies and I Corinthians 12 teaches us that the members of the body which we think to be less honorable are bestowed more honor, so there are no parts of the body that are less honorable.

Did God command everyone to be clothed from that moment on – NO, in fact based on the many examples in scripture that were either commanded by God or led by His Spirit to be naked that we can know for certain that there is no command to clothe...clothing was given as protection for Adam and Eve...protection against the changing environment which would soon become cold and harsh.

So, where did the idea to clothing come from? We know it didn't come from God, because He is the one who asked Adam and Eve where the idea came from... Genesis 3:11 – “Who Told Thee?” We contend then that it was Satan who told them that they should cover their nakedness. Why, because Satan hates the image and likeness of God in us. So, the first lie Satan told Adam and Eve was that they would not surely die, the second lie he told them was that the image of God in their naked bodies was now somehow shameful and needed covered.

To me, it is one of the saddest things...God intended for all of humanity to live naked and not ashamed (Gen 1:28) as reflections of His image and now the church propagates Satan's lie that the naked body is somehow shameful and in need of covering. Satan is very good at lying, in fact he is called the Father of lies in The Bible and yet most Christians believe and promote his lie instead of promoting God's plan for everyone on earth, not just Adam and Eve.