

SOUL MATES

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The concept of a person who is perfectly suited to another in temperament and purpose being called a 'soul mate' or 'one true love', originated from the Greek comedy playwright, Aristophanes around 450BC. It is interesting to note that the bible reveals a broader idea on the concept of a 'soul mate' and that originated 4000 years BC. The bible adds a new twist to this saying revealing a much bigger plan than what many imagine.

God reveals the origins of the human soul.

Man became a living soul. GEN 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and **man became a living soul.** *The soul was the whole point of creation.*

God also reveals the origins of having helpers to our soul.

Soul mate. GEN 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an **help meet** (suitable helper) for him. *Eve's role was to assist at a natural and spiritual level.*

God also revealed that this principle would extend well beyond a marriage partner.

God extended the concept of being helpers to every member of the church. 1COR 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and **members** (helpers... soul mates) **in particular** (main function). *Carers and helpers of all souls.*

Cain, who murdered his brother asked God if he was responsible for the life of his brother... the answer is obvious, but terribly sad it was needed to be asked.

Am I my brother's keeper? GAL 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

The bible reveals that we are all the helpers to the souls of others... thus a soul mate is a loving and serving member of God's called.

The act of being a soul mate... you may not be great in your own mind, but your input can empower someone else's greatness. None of us stands alone. Consider the mother and step father of Jesus.

Joseph. MAT 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. **19** Then **Joseph** her husband, being a **just man**, (Joseph was a just man... What would a man endowed with the knowledge of justice do? The answer is here...) and **not willing** to make her a **public example**, was **mindful to put her away privily** (sure mercies of David... Acts 13:34). **20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, **Joseph, thou son of David**, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. **21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. & **24** Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: **25** And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. *Joseph demonstrated his love for his chosen virgin and God and his worthiness to tutor the saviour of the world. Rather than choosing his legal option (his right to justice), he chose to be merciful and non-judgmental against the person he loved the most, yet who he assumed had been sexually involved with another. He loved her enough to free her from her promise to him... this would have been very painful and emotionally draining. Later when he was told the truth, he obeyed the Spirit (opening the door for our forgiveness). He was intending to divorce her quietly, to protect her from shame and judgment. He was willing to love her, despite her apparent sin... he was going to set her free.*

God also blesses Mary with the understanding of how she can be a soul mate to the rest of the world.

Mary. LUK 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. **31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the **throne of his father David**: **33** And he shall reign over the **house of Jacob** (Israel) for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. **34** Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? **35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. & **38** And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; **be it unto me according to thy word** (she agreed to God's request). And the angel departed from her.

Everyone who walks in the spirit is always making contributions to others... even if they don't know the flow on effects.

God's Plan revealed. LUK 2:30 (Simeon speaks) For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, **31** Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; **32** A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. **33** And **Joseph** and his **mother marvelled** at those things which were spoken of him. *Even Simeon who would die before the New Covenant began, offered support and strength for Joseph and Mary.*

Summary of a true soul mate.

1PET 1:22 Seeing ye have **purified** (cleaned) your **souls** in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto **unfeigned love** of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a **pure heart fervently**: *The Love of a true soul mate is not just warm feelings, or romantic attraction (for partners), or even pure motives. God's love has a divine fruit. This isn't something we decide ourselves. Love has an inseparable connection to obedience. Jesus demonstrated divine love by His obedience to the Father; we demonstrate love the same way. Love sacrifices for the good of others. Again, Jesus is the ultimate example of this, as He gave His own life so that we might be saved. We are to love each other in the same way... without thought to our own gain, pleasure, or advancement.*