



422B1

CREATION CONCEPTS

Keeping Your Vows While Keeping Your Vows

FROM GENESIS TO GOSPEL · BY INGO SORKE, PHD



The 422B1 Method



The Wedding Chair - *Have a seat!* After I performed a wedding for the Kenyan Kisii tribe the men counseled the groom and the women the bride in all matters matrimony as they each sat on a small wooden chair. With his chair the groom could now join the village council!

So, pull up a chair and let's talk 💕!

What is 422B1?

Counsel vs Counseling

422B1 is not conventional counseling but creation-based counsel - an invitation back to

Genesis and the Gospel!

Some couples have benefited from marriage counseling; others have told me that they have spent thousands of \$\$ to no avail. Or one spouse refuses to join. They are now ready to give up - "it didn't work."

☁ You might have thought the following yourself (*actual quotes I have heard from couples!*):

"I am just tired (of it all)."

"My spouse shows no interest in me."

"We have changed so much."

"We just don't communicate."

"I married the wrong person."

"I never really loved my wife."

"I don't trust my husband anymore."

"My wife is acting like a real . . ." (this one came out of the mouth of a pastor!)

"I knew this marriage wouldn't work out before we ever got married."

"Looking back, we should have never gotten married."

"He just doesn't listen." (I'd be rich if I got a \$ for every time I've heard that one.)

What are *your* thoughts?

"bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ"
(2 Corinthians 10:5)

What have you thought - or said?! What have you heard from couples?!

🙋 Even the disciples concluded in a specific context, "If such is the case of the man with *his* wife, it is better not to marry" (Matt 19:10). **!!**

There is Bible-based, Christ-centered hope and help for hopeless and helpless couples . . .

We can directly turn to Jesus: "As the flower turns to the sun, that the bright beams may aid in perfecting its beauty and symmetry, so should we turn to the Sun of Righteousness, that heaven's light may shine upon us, **that our character may be developed into the likeness of Christ**" (SC 68).

The 1868 Vision

Does your situation appear hopeless? Are you helpless? Consider these insights and implications:

👉 “In the **vision given me June 12, 1868**, I was shown the danger of the people of God in looking to Brother and Sister White and thinking that they must come to them with their burdens and seek counsel of them. This ought not so to be. **They are invited by their compassionate, loving Saviour to come unto Him, when weary and heavy-laden, and He will relieve them. In Him they will find rest. In taking their perplexities and trials to Jesus, they will find the promise in regard to them fulfilled. When in their distress they feel the relief which is found alone in Jesus they obtain an experience which is of the highest value to them.** Brother and Sister White are striving for purity of life, striving to bring forth fruit unto holiness; yet they are only erring mortals. Many come to us with the inquiry: Shall I do this? Shall I engage in that enterprise? Or, in regard to dress, Shall I wear this or that article? I answer them: You profess to be disciples of Christ. **Study your Bibles. Read carefully and prayerfully the life of our dear Saviour when He dwelt among men upon the earth. Imitate His life, and you will not be found straying from the narrow path.** We utterly refuse to be conscience for you. If we tell you just what to do, you will look to us to guide you, instead of

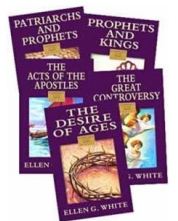
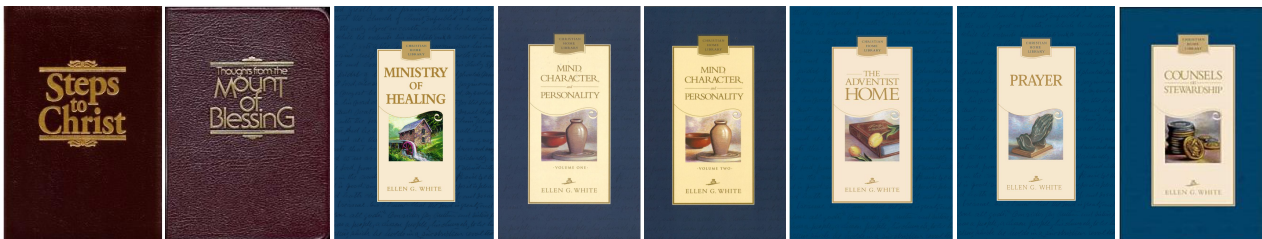
going directly to Jesus for yourselves.

Your experience will be founded in us. **You must have an experience for yourselves, which shall be founded in God. Then can you stand amid the perils of the last days and be purified and not consumed by the fire of affliction through which all the saints must pass in order to have the impurities removed from their character preparatory to receiving the finishing touch of immortality”** (2T 118.3).

From Creation Principle to Creation Practice

“God celebrated the first marriage. Thus the institution has for its originator the Creator of the universe. “Marriage is honorable” (Hebrews 13:4); it was one of the first gifts of God to man, and it is one of the two institutions that, after the Fall, Adam brought with him beyond the gates of Paradise. **When the divine principles are recognized and obeyed in this relation, marriage is a blessing; it guards the purity and happiness of the race, it provides for man’s social needs, it elevates the physical, the intellectual, and the moral nature”** (PP 46.3).

Apart from regular, persistent Bible study I recommend the following books to read together as a couple or even individually. Ignore the naysayers and simply start reading the Bible, Ellen White and see what happens to you every aspect of your life! Oh, and most importantly - learn to pray! PRAY!



Please consider the other two 422B1 studies: Creation Relations and Re-Creation