



# BEGINNINGS

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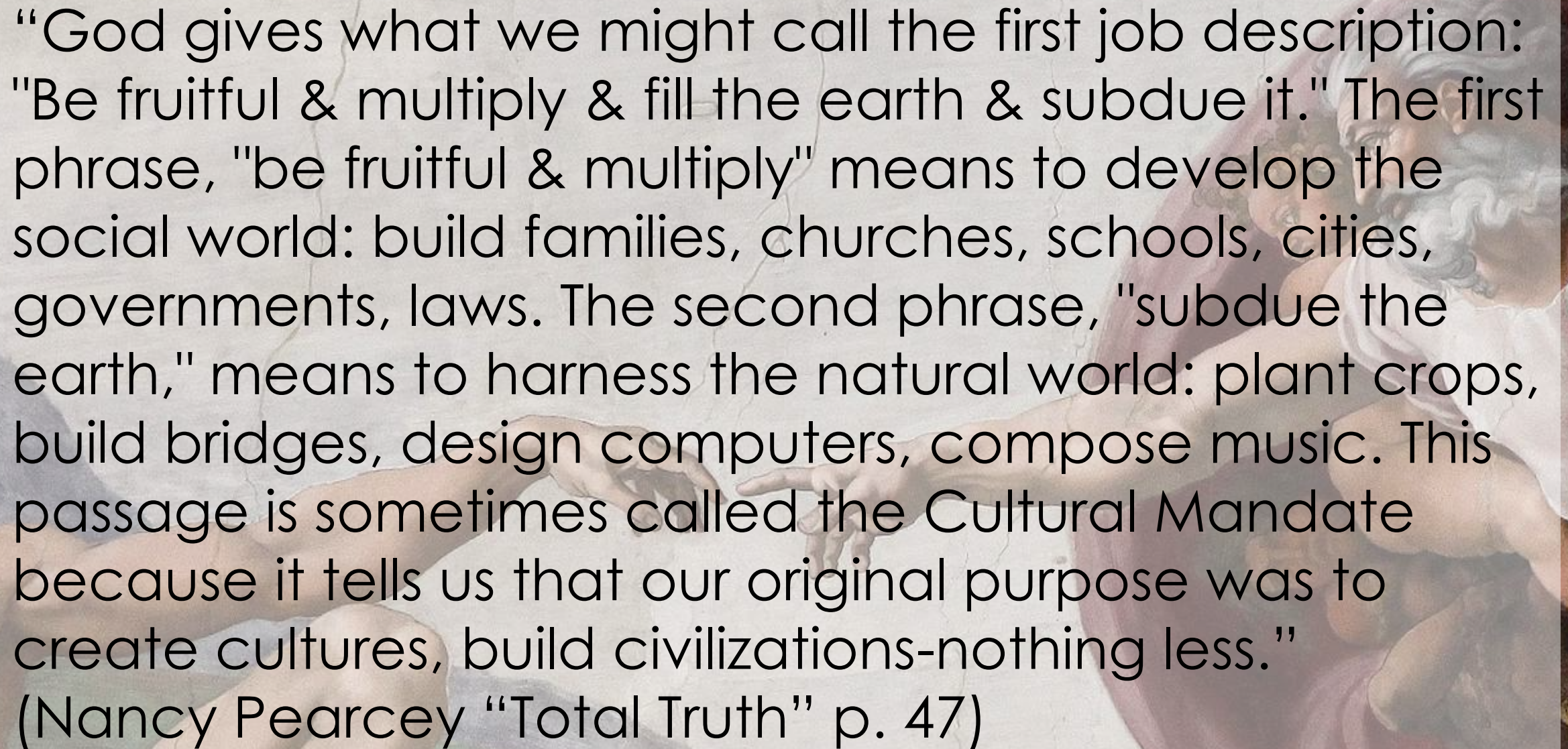
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# THE CULTURAL MANDATE

1. We Rule
2. We Fill
3. We Make Disciples



The background of the image is a reproduction of Michelangelo's famous fresco, "The Creation of Adam," from the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. It depicts Adam on the left, lying on a slab, and God on the right, reclining on a purple cushion. The two figures' hands are positioned just inches apart, creating a sense of tension and divine spark. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box in the center of the image.

“God gives what we might call the first job description: “Be fruitful & multiply & fill the earth & subdue it.” The first phrase, “be fruitful & multiply” means to develop the social world: build families, churches, schools, cities, governments, laws. The second phrase, “subdue the earth,” means to harness the natural world: plant crops, build bridges, design computers, compose music. This passage is sometimes called the Cultural Mandate because it tells us that our original purpose was to create cultures, build civilizations-nothing less.”  
(Nancy Pearcey “Total Truth” p. 47)





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# 1. Command is **Marriage**





## 2. Command is **Good**

### a. Marriage is **Good**



## b. Marriage is For **Family**

“The goal of progressives is to break down the American Family, Destroy Parental Authority deny right & wrong, reduce family autonomy, & get as many people dependent on Government programs. That’s way liberals, especially Feminists wage a persistent attack on the institution of marriage & the traditional family structure”

The background of the slide features a warm, golden sunset sky with rays of light emanating from the top center. In the foreground, the silhouettes of a family—a man, a woman, and two children—are walking away from the viewer, holding hands. The overall mood is serene and evokes a sense of family and tradition.



### 3. Command is **Universal**

a. Marriage is for all **People**

b. Marriage is **Foundational**





# 4. Command is **Absolute** (?)

a. Absolute = **Relationship**

b. Not Absolute = **Marriage**



# 5. Command is Transformative

a. Marriage Changes **Lives**

b. Marriage Changes **World**





A silhouette of a family of four walking across a grassy field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The family consists of a man, a woman, and two children, all holding hands. Several birds are flying in the sky.

# 1. We Need **Each Other**

a. We are Made **Incomplete**

b. We are Made for  
**Relationship**

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## 2. We Need a Helper

a. We need to **Learn**

b. We need an **Opposite**

**Ezar = Partner**

**Kenego = Like him**



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### 3. We Need **Equal Partner**

a. Woman are **Equal**

b. Woman are **Different**



1. Complementary
2. Patriarchal
3. Compatible



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## 4. We Need Love Song

a. Woman is Most  
**Amazing Creation**

b. Woman is  
**Made From Man & For Man**



1. Describes Family
2. Describes Covenant
3. Describes Loyalty





a. Woman is **Named by Man**

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## 5. We Need **Marriage**

Step One: **Leave**

Step Two: **Hold Fast**

Step Three: **One Flesh**

Step Four: **Not Ashamed**





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