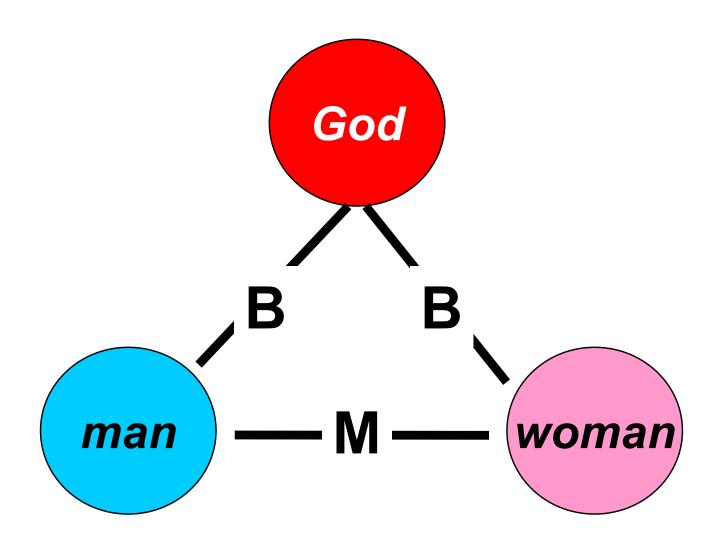
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One Man - One Woman - For Life!

Genesis 2:21-24

"... and (from) the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

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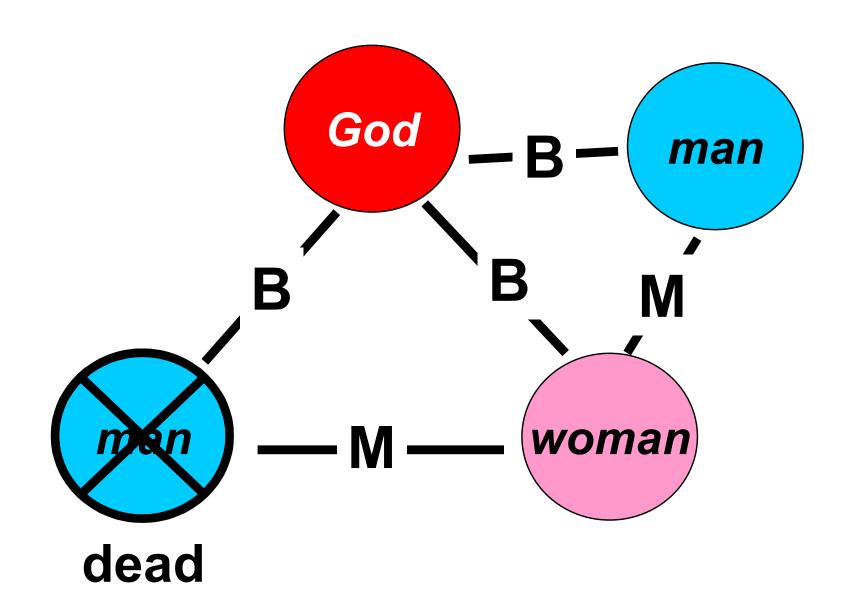
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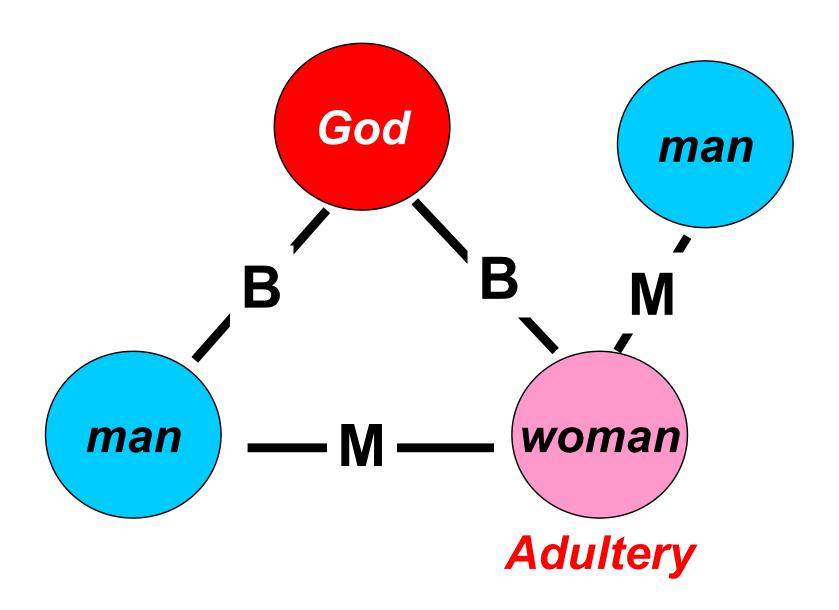
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Malachi 2:16 (NASV)

""For I hate divorce," says the Lord, the God of Israel . . ."

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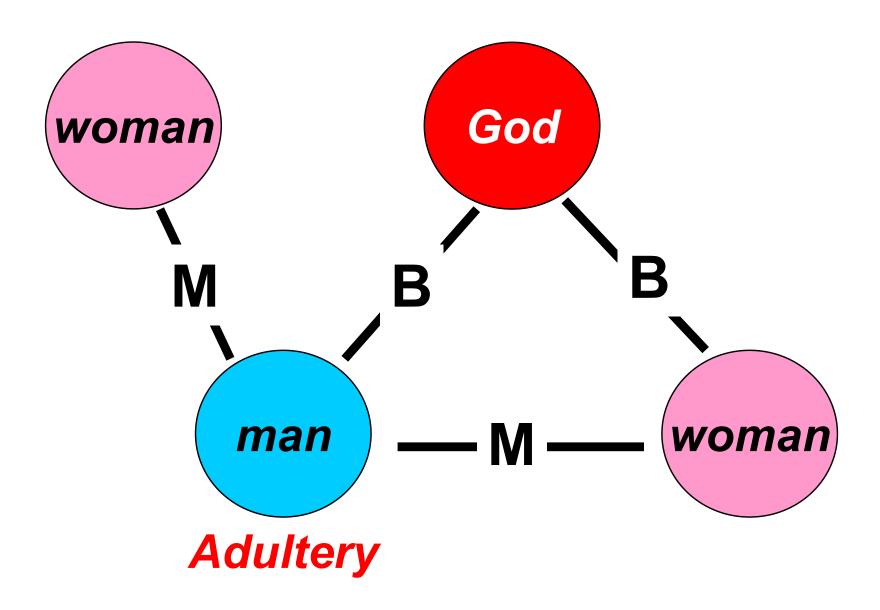
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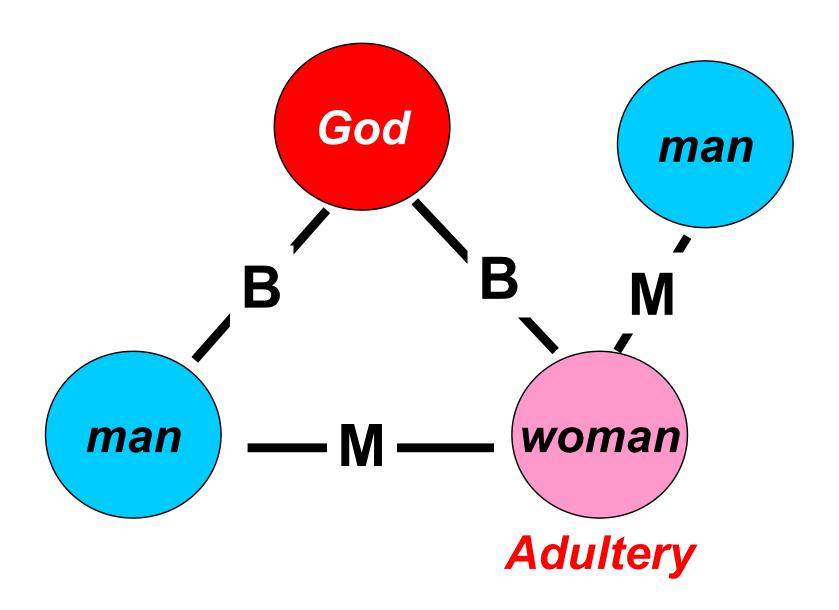
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"And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."



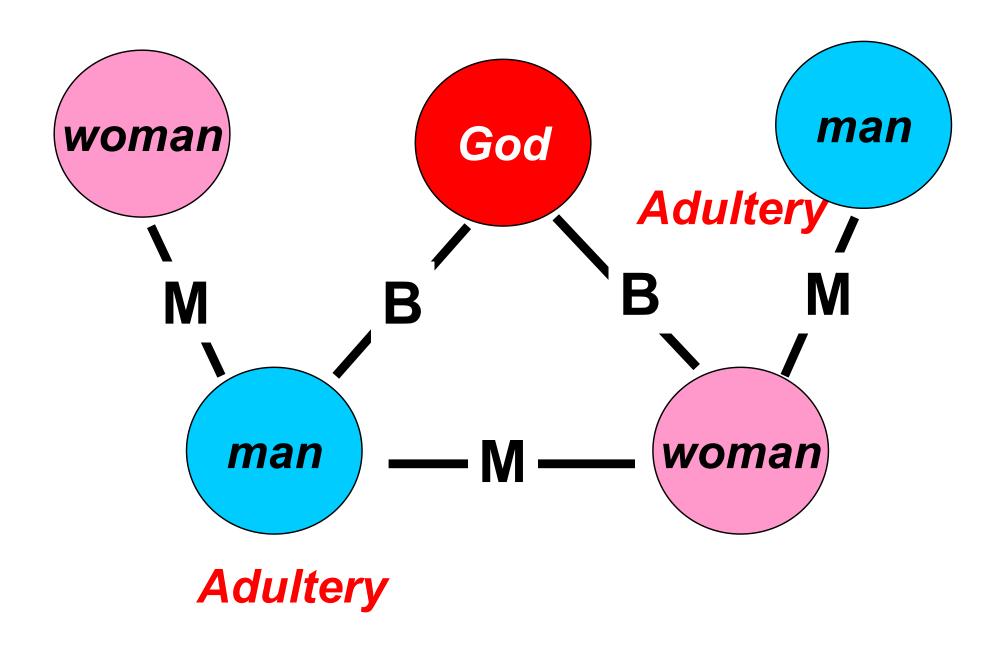
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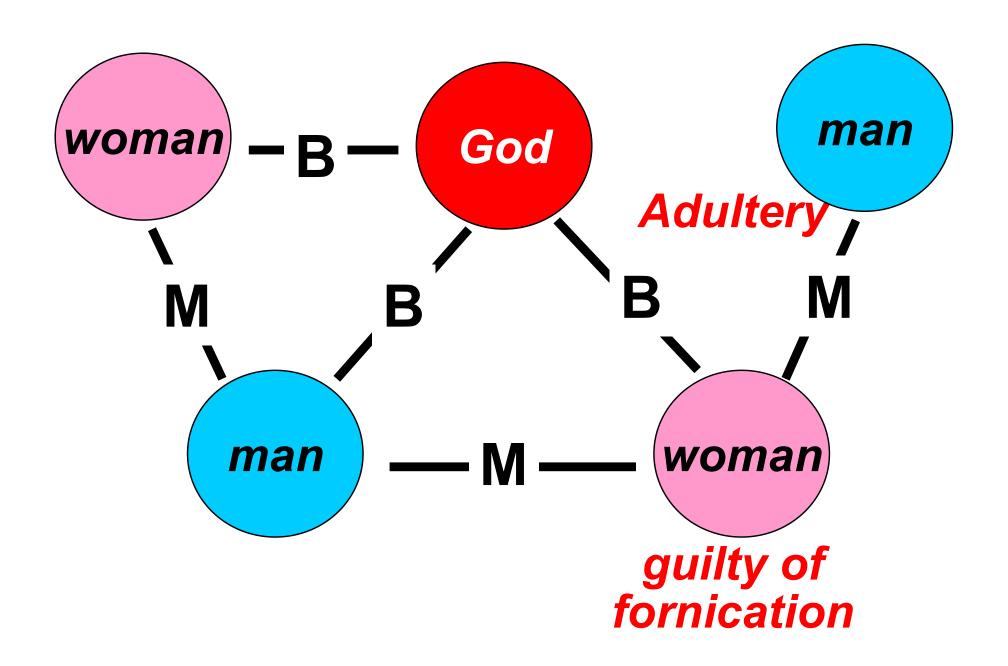


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If fornication is the <u>cause</u> of divorce, the <u>innocent</u> party may remarry without committing adultery

The "put away" party may not remarry without committing adultery

- *The guilty party has no right to remarry
 - * Even an 'innocent' put away party cannot remarry without committing adultery

Notice the proper order:

This:

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Married 
one guilty of fornication 
divorced for this cause 
innocent one may remarry
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Not this:

Married →
divorced for 'any cause' →
later one guilty of fornication →
the other remarries

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Answering some objections:

"God just wants me to be happy."

Jeremiah 10:23

"O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

Proverbs 14:12

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

- "God just wants me to be happy."
- "The sin is in marrying not staying married."

Mark 6:14-18

"And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.

Mark 6:14-18

" But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife."

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- "The non-Christian is not amenable to God's laws for marriage."

I Corinthians 6:9-11

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

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Ezra 10:19

"And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass."

Ezra 10:44

"All these had taken strange wives: and some of them had wives by whom they had children."

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