

Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that **the man** (הָאָדָם) should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹ So **out of the ground** (מִן הָאֲדָמָה) the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to **the man** (הָאָדָם) to see what he would call them; and whatever the man (הָאָדָם) called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ **The man** (הָאָדָם) gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; **but for the man** (וְלֹאֲדָם) there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon **the man** (הָאָדָם), and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from **the man** (הָאָדָם) he made into a **woman** (לְאִשָּׁה) and brought her to **the man** (הָאָדָם). ²³ Then **the man** (הָאָדָם) said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called **Woman** (אִשָּׁה),
for out of **Man** (אִישׁ) this one was taken.”

²⁴ Therefore **a man** (אִישׁ) leaves his father and his mother and clings **to his wife** (בְּאִשְׁתּוֹ), and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And **the man** (הָאָדָם) and **his wife** (אִשְׁתּוֹ), were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Answer the following questions:

1. What is Phyllis Trible's argument in favor of Eve's equality to Adam in this passage?
2. How do the terms *ha-adam* (הָאָדָם), *ish* (אִישׁ), and *ishah* (אִשָּׁה) play into that argument and, looking at where those terms occur in the passage, are you convinced?