

tell us how these animals came into being but to demonstrate the fact that Adam needed a ~~help~~^{companion} of a different type than could be provided by any of the animals. It would be absurd to think that the most primitive mind would make up a story in which God would start in creating animals and reptiles and birds and make them all one after the other in the hope of finding a companion for man and simply find that it did not work. Surely the making of a few of these would be sufficient to demonstrate that the companionship would be more like man than any one of them. Certainly many of them are so very different from man that a creator of the most puerile intelligence would not think of making them with this purpose. The account intends to simply make clear the fact that man needed a companion who was like him. It says that God brought all the animals before Him in order to demonstrate this fact and make clear the need of the creation of woman.

It is a good point here for the young seminary student. It is easy to think that in your studies, in your work in various aspects of life you will find all the companionship ~~that~~ that you need and that marriage may be left out of account as far as you are concerned. It is true that there are individuals whom God has called to a life ~~of~~ apart from ordinary family ties. It should be stated, however, that in most cases one will find as he goes on in life that life is not satisfactory without a companion of the type that God intended him to have. God made man with this particular need. It is good for seminary students to realize this fact while they are young rather than to postpone this important selection too long.

Verse 19 simply mentions the fact that God had formed all of the animals prior to this time and mentions it as introductory to the statement that it was demonstrated to Adam that no one of them was a satisfactory companion for him. The tense here ought to be rendered in the plu-perfect in order to give the sense which the context demands and