


# August 14<sup>th</sup> Questions

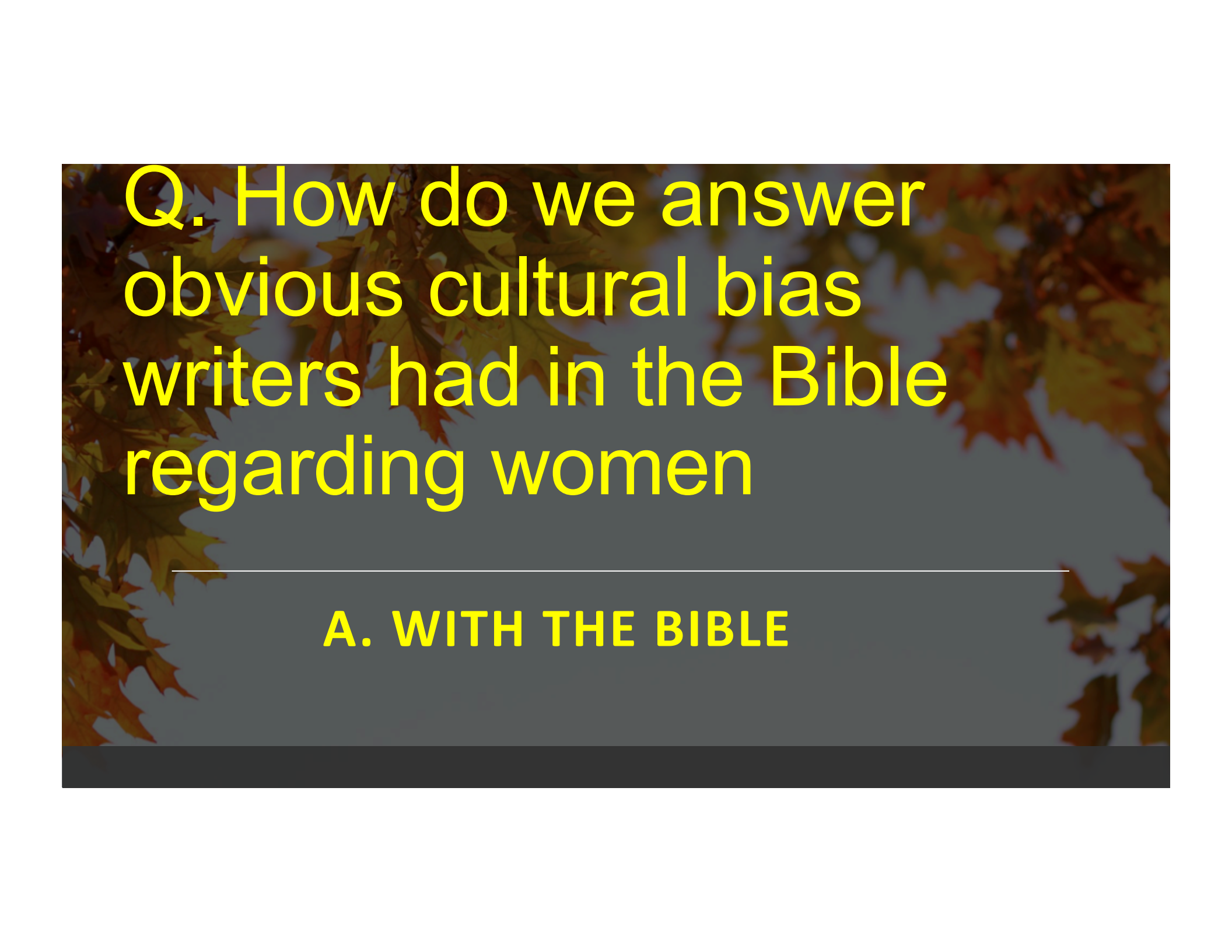
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**A. WITH THE BIBLE**

# God and Culture

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God in the OT

Genesis 1:27  
Image of God

Genesis 2:18  
makes  
complete

Judges 4  
Deborah

Ruth

Esther

Rahab

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God's view of women in the NT

Luke 13:10-16,  
(Daughter of Abraham)

John 4  
(Samaritan woman)

Luke 7 (Woman with the flow and the little girl)

Luke 8, (Sinful woman)

Luke 10 (Mary and Martha)

Gal 3:26-29 No distinction

# Definitions

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ishshah: woman, wife, female

Original Word: ʾ

Part of Speech: Noun Feminine

Transliteration: ishshah

Phonetic Spelling: (ish-shaw')

Definition: woman, wife, female

Ish: adam: man, mankind

Original Word: ʾ

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: adam

Phonetic Spelling: (aw-dawm')

Definition: man, mankind



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guné: a woman

Original Word: γυνή, αικός, ἡ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: guné

Phonetic Spelling: (goo-nay')

Definition: a woman

Usage: a woman, wife, my lady.

anér: a man

Original Word: ἄνῆρ, ἄνδρός, ὁ

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: anér

Phonetic Spelling: (an'-ayr)

Definition: a man

Usage: a male human being; a man, husband

# Definitions


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5207 *hyiós* – properly, a son (by birth or adoption); (figuratively) anyone sharing the same nature as their Father. For the believer, becoming a son of God begins with being reborn (adopted) by the heavenly Father – through Christ (the work of the eternal Son). In the NT, 5207 /*hyiós* ("son") equally refers to female believers (Gal 3:28).

2338 *thēlys* (from *thēlē*, "the female breast") – properly, a woman with nursing breasts ("one who gives suck"); (figuratively) a mature female who exhibit "sanctified femaleness," glorifying God by reflecting the "other wonderful half" of the divine image (cf. Gen 1:26,27).

444 (*anthrōpos*) relates to both genders (male and female) as both are created in the image of God – each equally vested with individual personhood and destiny (cf. Gal 3:28).

Accordingly, the Bible uses 444 (*ánthrōpos*) of a specific man, woman, or class (type, group) of people – i.e. mankind in general (inclusive of every man, woman and child; see also 1 Cor 11:7). (435 /*anēr* specifically refers to a male and 1135 /*gynē* to a female.)





# What's the problem?



Lots daughters



Judges 31



Lack of leadership



Sin



# Switch prices

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# Different and the same

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Different in body structure

Boys and girls like to draw different things

Female babies like faces, male babies like moving object

Females hear better than males. In the brain centres for language and hearing, women have 11% more neurons than men (Brizendine. "The Female Brain" 5)

Women also exhibit a stronger emotional response to the anticipation of pain

Women use both sides of the brain to respond to emotional experiences while men use just one

A study from Stanford University found that when a female was shown an emotional image, 9 different areas of her brain lit up, while only 2 lit up in the men. (Brizendine. "The Female Brain" 127)

On average, women retain stronger memories for emotional events than men



# Different in purpose

Mentors - Titus 2:4-5 says, "Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God."

Witnesses - 1 Peter 3:1 says, "Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives."

Examples - 1 Timothy 3:11 says, "In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything."

# Bible verses

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"The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'" Genesis 2:18

"Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man." Genesis 2:22-23

"The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down." Proverbs 14:1

"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life." Proverbs 31:10-12

"She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy." Proverbs 31:20

"She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." Proverbs 31:26

"Her children arise and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praises her." Proverbs 31:28

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Proverbs 31:30

"Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 4:6-7

"I want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God." 1 Timothy 2:9-10

"In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything." 1 Timothy 3:11

"Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure." Titus 2:3-5

# God and Cultur e



We are Different in  
purpose, but we are the  
same in value



Culture says...



God says...

Culture doesn't define your value. God does!

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Society doesn't determine your value. God does!

You are worth the blood of Christ.



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