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## **COSMOLOGY & THE HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OF WINE**

As we approach the end of the millennium, I think it is fitting to look back to the beginning of time, clear up a few misconceptions, and regain a fresh perspective on the historical importance of wine.

As we all remember God created the world in six days and then rested on the seventh. Now what is never discussed or written about is just what was God thinking about on that seventh day? The reason for this long-standing omission by all scholars is obvious: the subject is way too controversial and entirely politically incorrect.

Let us turn back to the fifth day, perhaps God's finest hour. Days one through four, God had created the entire cosmos and had completely covered the earth with many splendid things, but on day five God hit a home run: he created man.

Man was an entirely joyous creative, by 6:30am hunting parties were already organized and alighting upon the bounteous game. By 12:30pm fires were blazing, flesh was roasting, and an entire day of chest thumping, drum beating, and eating without utensils with no intention of cleaning up was well underway. Man saw his future as limitless fun.

But this boundless joy was short-lived for the sixth day saw the arrival of woman. God had swung and missed! God was obviously a little fatigued from his first five days of work and had quite frankly gotten a little sloppy. Woman came out a lot nastier than he had intended and in order to try and appease her, man had spent the entire sixth day cleaning up after the big bar-b-que, cleaning up his language, and cleaning up what little clothing he had. Man was miserable. So on the morning of the seventh day man went to visit God to beg him to stop creating any more problems for man and to please turn over the job of creating things to man. God realized that he had indeed lost his fastball and agreed.

Man was overjoyed and immediately went to work on Monday the eighth and by 9:00am had created perhaps the greatest invention of all time: Beer! By 5:00pm that day the first beer hall had been erected (men only, of course) and man had a safe place to get drunk and swap stories about their strange encounters with women. This of course did nothing to improve the naturally surly disposition of women until several centuries had passed and some kind and very thoughtful man decided that it would be nice to have a beverage that would elevate the disposition of both man and woman; hence the invention of wine.

Now that man could stand prolonged exposure to woman, the invention of the family soon followed as well as the dining room table and civilization as we know it today.

So enjoy your wine and thank your wine for your enjoyment of women!

--Michael Keenan