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6.2: The Law of Manu (Poem)

In the first book of the Bible, it was written that Adam the first man was created in God's own image. Eve the first woman was made by God from one of Adam's ribs, it's no doubt that from the beginning of time women were made to be a helper to man, be him her father, husband or son.

Manu's law clarifies the legal obligation of her legal obligation of womanhood, Independence was a no-no because on man she must depend, Trustworthy and loyal she must be, a wife to enrich her husband's life, bringing him good and not evil all the days of her life, a virtuous woman indeed. In obedience to her husband she will be glorified in heaven. Disrespecting her duty towards her husband would for sure be a sin and a disgrace in this world, and endure harsh punishment with pain.

Man's perfection is made up of three people joined together; his wife, himself, and his children completing the circle of the law. Unity in marriage is key until death, thus no uninvited being should be able to come within, after he is dead and gone a virtuous wife must remain chaste, fulfilling the principle of Manu's law.