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Definition of “counterpart” = duplication of a document

Example 1:

Your Bible is a counterpart or duplication of my bible, they are identical. If your Bible would say something different than my Bible, or if only I had a Bible and you not, you would lose trust in what I say. The principle of trust is laid on the counterpart.

Example 2:

A passport is a counterpart of yourself or of an electronic documentation that the government has.

At the airport they compare and contrast you with the electronic documentation and both has to be the same.

Example 3:

If you have a bank statement in paper form you expect that this paper is the counterpart of what is on your bank. It has to be the exact counterpart.

What would be in this definition the nearest counterpart that you would have with human beings?

Identical twins who look the same.

You don't see the difference, until they start speaking. So they are not identical counterparts, they are similar but not duplicates.

Human beings don't have the exact definition of duplicate or counterpart. But we still can use this word.

What does counterpart mean in relation to humans?

What will you begin to see when a girl grows up? She begins to look like her mother. But her behavior is similar to her father. So we talk about similarities.

Counterpart in relation to sports: For example a famous runner: Commentators will look at his style and his behavior and would say: He is a modern day version of this famous athlete in the past.

Other definitions of counterpart:

The opposite to a husband is a wife: Counterpart doesn't mean necessarily the opposite, but opposite in respect to the same.

Vis-à-vis = compared with: The man was substantially underpaid vis-à-vis the other workers.

Webster'd definition:

Counterpart = the correspondent part

Example:

Bolt and nut: They look completely different, but when they fit together they are each other's counterpart. Both don't function for themselves.

2 pieces of a puzzle: They are not identical and they are not the opposite, but they fit together at one certain point.

Eve was Adam's counterpart:

A woman is not the opposite of a man, it's equal but different.

A man cannot have children without a woman - he cannot function without a woman and vice versa. That means Adam can't be superior to Eve, but they are equal. One needs the other, they become one flesh. It's about the functionality.

But it's not only about sex and making babies but much broader. It's a parable for something else.