

Instead of making ^{still} ~~any~~ more animals, he finally put upon the
expedient of taking a part of Adam and making a woman
out of it!

How different is unworthily is such an interpretation
of the sublime and lofty picture of God that fills
these chapters! God knew what He was about. He
planned it all, for His own great purposes. He brought
to Adam the animals He had previously created.
He did not create them to see if they would do for a helpmate
for man. He brought them before Adam, to show ^{him} that they
would not ^{fill the need}. The animals were already in pairs
~~a fact that~~ ~~is~~ made even clearer to Adam his
own need of a helpmate like himself, companion.

If one wishes to assume that a most
rude and childish intelligence produced this
part of Genesis, he can easily populate the
entire Bible with contradictions and absurdities.
If he merely gives the writer credit for normal
intelligence, and ~~and~~ makes a fair modest effort to
interpret his writing as ~~as~~ fitting together,
most of the alleged contradictions immediately
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