

## Creation: Day 6 (Part 2)

Genesis 1:26a

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### Introduction

As we continue with our study in Genesis, going back to the beginning, we now come to the creation of man. Before continuing, we need to remind ourselves that what is popular thought is contrary to what Genesis tells us. If we read scientific editorials from evolutionists, they would often say that man is not special and all that he is on earth is it, the end. Man is just part of the long line of evolution and he will die and fade away into something more evolved. This kind of idea is agnostic and atheistic as it sees the world as nothing except what we see, taste, touch, feel, and hear. This idea denies that God exists and man's purpose in this world.

If we take this idea to its logical conclusion, then good and evil does not exist. Morality does not matter. There is no value in human life because only the strongest and fittest will survive. Abortion is encouraged because the best baby will survive whereas the weak perishes. Laws are meaningless, since only the most powerful are in control. Lives do not matter. Materialism and living for the moment is the only way of thinking.

Genesis gives us a very different picture about man. It starts and ends with God being in the center of everything. Everything comes from God's own mind as He created everything...including man. Moses tells us that God created us in His image.

**Genesis 1:26a** *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness*

- The apex of creation
  - The reason for the creation of the universe
- Change in language
  - Let Us
  - For all other creation, God said "Let there be..."
  - None of the creation relate to God in a personal way
  - However, God is using a personal language
  - He is creating for relationship
- Us
  - Trinity
    - Involved in creation
    - God the Father

**Acts 4:24-26** *When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "You made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. 25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of Your servant, our father David: " 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against His Anointed One.'*

- God the Son

**John 1:1-3** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.*

- God the Holy Spirit

**Genesis 1:2** *Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

- Did Moses' original readers understand this to be Trinitarian?
  - No
  - Trinity was not fully revealed until Jesus, the Son, came and the Holy Spirit came in power on Pentecost
  - Once Trinity is revealed in NT, OT references are made clear

**Psalms 2:7** *I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have become Your Father.*

**Psalms 45:7** *You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has set You above Your companions by anointing You with the oil of joy.*

**Psalms 110:1** *The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."*

**Isaiah 48:16** *Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord God and His Spirit have sent Me.*

- Trinity is speaking among themselves
  - In past creation, God commanded
  - Here He is discussing with Himself
  - Gives man the dignity and honor
- In the image of God

**Genesis 5:1** *This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.*

- Image and likeness mean the same thing
- This is not in the DNA coding
  - DNA coding is the raw material that all living things have
  - Physically, man shares the same raw materials as creation
- Man was not created out of evolution, but fully formed and fully functioning
- Man is the only created being in the universe to live forever
  - Very unique
- Image
  - Means to carve off of
  - Shaped like God
  - Shaped to live forever
- What separates man from animals?
  - Personality
    - Self-awareness and self-conscious
    - I think, therefore I am
    - Man can freely think, solve problems, feel, know, and worship God
    - Capable of relationships
  - Morality

- Knowledge of right and wrong
- Freedom and responsibility
- Understanding holiness and disobedience
- When we sinned, this part became broken
- When we are saved, we are remade in the image of His Son

**Colossians 3:10** *and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,*

**Romans 8:29** *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

- We obtain His righteousness
  - Spiritually
    - Man was made to fellowship with God
    - This fellowship was meant to be eternal
- Communication
  - Man was created to communicate with God
  - God gives man the ability to think and express ideas into words—language
  - All human beings have the ability to converse in a language
    - Deaf, mentally ill, etc

## Coram Deo

According to Genesis, man is a special, exalted creation. Man is the pinnacle of creation. The Bible gives special honor to man because ultimately, God will become man and become our Savior. All humans are image bearers of God and worthy of honor and respect. Evolutionary theorists seek to demote man as equal to animals, and as a result, genocide, abortion, and apathy for other human beings. However, praise be to God because He sent Himself as a sacrifice to redeem us from sin and to restore that relationship where we can worship Him forever.

**Ecclesiastes 12:13** *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.*