

INTRODUCTION

1. We are currently in a study in Genesis looking at the subject of origins.
2. As we have been doing that, we have been looking at the days of creation.
3. We have already seen on day 1 the creation of earth, space, time and light.
4. On day 2 we saw the creation of the atmosphere.
5. On day 3 we saw the creation of dry land and plants.

6. On day 4 the creation of the sun, moon, and stars.
7. On day 5 the creation of sea and flying creatures.
8. Now we're looking at day 6 and in our last study we looked at the creation of land animals.
9. Dividing into three categories, we find all of them, both the domestic animals indicated by the word "cattle" and the more wild animals indicated by the term "beasts of the earth" and then everything that walks lowly on the ground or crawls, insects, reptiles, amphibians, rats, and squirrels and et cetera and et cetera.

10. Then, having created that form of animal life, already the day before having created all the birds in the air and all the animals in the sea, God had completed his creation with the exception of man.¹
11. That's where we are picking up this morning.
12. So please take your Bibles and join me in chapter one, verses 26-31.
13. Read Genesis 1:24-31.
14. Evolutionists claim that man evolved over millions and billions of years ago and that modern man is the result of mutation.

¹ <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/90-218/creation-day-6-part-2>

15. He is the result of some random and yet self-will genetic transformation.
16. He is the product of the survival of the fittest.
17. But that's not what the Word of God says.
18. What we just read of the creation account in verses 26-31 of man couldn't be more clear.
19. God created man.
20. Genesis 2:7 says "the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

21. This is not random chance.
22. This is not the result of mutations.
23. This is not some self-will genetic transformation.
24. This, as Genesis 5:1-2 says, is the account “in the day when God created man. He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.”
25. But evolutionists paint a much different picture of man than that of the Bible.
26. They say that man evolved.

27. That everything evolved from a one-celled creature through water animals, amphibians, apes, to finally the erect man.²
28. They say the evidence lies in the fossil record and these fossils provide the missing links.
29. Walter Brown who is a Ph.D from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Chief of Science and Technology Studies at the Air War College and Professor at the Air Force Academy has demonstrated over and over in his book “Beginnings” how evolutionists have grossly overstated that primitive apelike men have been found in the fossil record.

² <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/90-218/creation-day-6-part-2>

30. For example, it is now universally acknowledged that Piltdown man was a total hoax, and yet it exists and has existed in textbooks for more than 40 years.
31. Prior to 1978, the evidence for Ramapithecus (Ram-a-pith-e-cus) consisted of a mere handful of teeth and jaw fragments but was hailed as the largest category of transitional ape man.
32. But it is now known that Ramapithecus (Ram-a-pith-e-cus) was just an ape, probably the extinct relative of an orangutan, nothing more.
33. One of the other supposed transitional forms is called Nebraska man.

34. The only evidence for Nebraska man turns out to be a pig's tooth.
35. Then you have the skulls of the famous Peking man which are now considered by many experts to be the remains of apes that were systematically decapitated and exploited for food by man.
36. There is australopithecines (Aus-tra-lop-i-the-cines), which were made famous by Louis and Mary Leakey, found most in South Africa, are quite distinct from humans.
37. Several detailed computer studies have shown that their bodily proportions were not intermediate between man and living apes at all.

38. Further study of their inner ear bones that were used to maintain balance show a striking similarity with those of chimpanzees and gorillas but a complete difference with those of humans.
39. One of the fossils, a three-and-a-half-foot-tall, long-armed, 60-pound adult called Lucy was initially presented as evidence that the australopithecines (Aus-tra-lop-i-the-cines) walked upright in a human manner.
40. However, studies of Lucy's entire anatomy, not just a knee joint, now show this is not true. Lucy swung from trees.
41. For about a hundred years, the world was led to believe that Neanderthal man was

stooped and apelike.

42. But Neanderthal Man, Heidelberg man, and Cro-Magnon man were completely human.

43. So what does the Bible say about man?

44. God created man and woman...

LESSON

- I. God Creates Land Creatures (vv.24-25)**
- II. God Creates Man and Woman (vv.26-31)**

In verse 26 we see the...

A. First Indication of a Relationship (v.26a)

Prior to verse 26 we don't see this.

We see God creating but it's not until verse 26 where Moses says, "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."

First we see this relationship with...

1. God Himself

Notice the use of personal pronouns: "Us", "Our".

This type of language is used again in Genesis 3:22.

Here we have an intra trinitarian conversation and from this conversation it indicates that God had a relationship with Himself.

Henry Morris said, “He was not speaking to the angels, because man was not going to be made in the likeness of angels but in the likeness of God. Thus God could only have been speaking to Himself; one member of the uni-plural Godhead was addressing another member or members.”³

God is One God but multiple persons as seen throughout the Bible.

This relationship is what we later learn to be the Trinity as we see the same three Persons working together and claiming to be God. Verse one already hinted at this plurality by the use of the word

³ Morris, Henry M. The Genesis Record: A Scientific and Devotional Commentary on the Book of Beginnings. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1976. Print.

Elohim, which has a plural ending.

It's clear from the teaching of the Bible that God exists in a form of plurality...that there is a Trinity in the Godhead.

Listen to a few references the Bible makes:

At the Tower of Babel, Genesis 11:7 (NASB) Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."

At Jesus' baptism, Matthew 3:16-17 (NASB) After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were

opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

Jesus said to His disciples in John 14:16-17 (NASB) I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

Even Paul alludes to the trinity in the closing benediction in 2 Corinthians 13:14 (NASB) The grace of the Lord

Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

But perhaps one of the clearest is in
Hebrews 1:8-9, which is a quotation
of Psalm 45:6-7, says, “But of the
Son He says, ‘Your throne, O God, is
forever and ever, and the righteous
septer is the scepter of His kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and
hated lawlessness; therefore God,
Your God, has anointed You with the
oil of gladness above Your
companions.”

So here in Genesis 1 the expression
of the personal pronouns suggests
both communion and consultation
among the Members of the Trinity.

“Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness” (v. 26).

It also signifies perfect agreement and a clear purpose.

It is, as a matter of fact, a crucial step toward the fulfillment of a promise made “before time began” (Titus 1:2)—a promise made in eternity past between the Members of the Trinity.

Wrapped up in that promise was the entire redemptive plan of God.

In short, the Father had promised the Son a redeemed people for His bride.

And the Son had promised to die in order to redeem them.

All of this occurred in eternity past, before creation was begun.⁴

2. God with man

“Let Us make Man in Our image”

You don’t hear any of this language with any other living creature. It’s only used with man.

So first we see an indication of a relationship with God Himself and between God and man.

Next we see that God creates man and

⁴ MacArthur, John. The Battle for the Beginning: The Bible on Creation and the Fall of Adam. Nashville, TN: W Pub. Group, 2001. Print.

woman...

B. After God's Image and Likeness (v.26b)

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...’”

The two phrases (“in Our image” and “according to Our likeness”) are parallel expressions. The second merely repeats the first in different but synonymous terms.⁵

The section begins by telling how God created Adam (1:26–27).

The Holy Spirit does not say that man was created in the image and likeness of the beasts.

⁵ Ibid., MacArthur, John. The Battle for the Beginning

God said, “Let us make man in our image, and after our likeness.”

What does it mean that God created man in the image and likeness of God?

He created man “In his nature, person, and personality, in his moral and spiritual capacities, in his emotions, intellect, conscience, and will.”

In this we see that man stands apart from the brute creation.

God does not begin with man’s body and relate man to the beasts.

He begins with man’s moral and spiritual nature, and relates man to God.

Reference to the creation of man's body is relegated to a footnote at the end of the creation story (2:7).⁶

John Phillips says, "Man is in no way related to the beasts. What animal can transmit accumulated achievements from one generation to another? What animal experiences a true sense of guilt when it does wrong or has a developed consciousness of judgment to come? What animal shows any desire to worship? What animal has hope of immortality beyond the grave? What beast can exercise abstract moral judgment or show appreciation of the beauties of nature? (When did we ever see a dog admiring a sunset or a horse standing breathless before the rugged

⁶ Phillips, John. Exploring Genesis: An Expository Commentary. Kregel Publications; WORDsearch Corp., 2009. Print. The John Phillips Commentary Series.

grandeur of a mountain range?) What animal ever learned to read and write, to act with deliberate purpose, and set goals and achieve long-range objectives? What animal ever learned to cook its food, to cut cloth and make clothes, or invent elaborate tools? What animal ever enjoyed a hearty laugh? What animal has the gift for speech? Even the most primitive human tribe possesses linguistics of a subtle, complex, and eloquent nature. Man stands alone. Physically, he alone of all the creatures on the globe, walks upright; mentally, he alone has the ability to communicate in a sophisticated manner; spiritually, he alone has the capacity to know the mind and will of God.”⁷

⁷ Ibid., Phillips, John. Exploring Genesis

Not only this, but have you taken a moment to consider the human body and how magnificent it is?

The human body has 206 bones, 650 muscles, 100 trillion cells.

An average heart will beat 3 billion times.

Our lungs have over 1500 miles of airways.

Even consider the human eye:

There are three almost imperceptibly tiny eye movements. These three, referred to as tremors, drift and saccades' are caused by minute

contractions in the six muscles attached to the outside of each of your eyes.

The tremors which is the tiniest and probably the most intriguing of these movements continuously and rapidly wobble your eyeball about its center in a circular fashion 30-70 times each second.⁸

C. Rule over Sea and Land Creatures (v.26c)

“and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

This defined man’s unique relation to creation.

⁸ Carl Kerby, lecture on What is the Best Evidence God Created? Answers in Genesis.

Man was God's representative in ruling over the creation.

The command to rule separated him from the rest of living creation and defined his relationship as above the rest of creation (cf. Ps. 8:6–8).⁹

D. What God Says is Done (v.27)

Following the same pattern as the other creation days, God speaks and instantaneously it happens.

What God says in verse 26 is done in verse 27.

Genesis 1:27 (NASB) God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He

⁹ MacArthur, John, Jr., ed. The MacArthur Study Bible. electronic ed. Nashville, TN: Word Pub., 1997. Print.

created them.

The Hebrew terms for “male” (*zākār*) and “female” (*nēqēbâ*), as opposed to man and woman, particularly express human sexuality (and animals; e.g., Gen 5:2; 6:19; 7:3, 9, 16).¹⁰

Today there are people who want to deny their gender in which they were born. So countries have come up with a third gender.

Third gender or third sex is a concept in which individuals are categorized, either by themselves or by society, as neither man nor woman.¹¹

On April 15, 2014, the Supreme Court of

¹⁰ Mathews, K. A. [Genesis 1-11:26](#). Vol. 1A. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1996. Print. The New American Commentary.

¹¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_gender

India recognized a third gender that is neither male nor female, and as a class entitled to reservation in education and jobs, stating "Recognition of transgenders as a third gender is not a social or medical issue but a human rights issue."¹²

Under the new law, Californians are given the option to choose a third, nonbinary gender category on state-issued IDs, birth certificates and driver's licenses. Nonbinary is an umbrella term for people who do not identify as male or female.¹³

In an article dated January 14, 2018, Washington state residents who don't identify as male or female will soon be

¹² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legal_recognition_of_non-binary_gender

¹³ <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/articles/2017-10-18/california-becomes-first-state-to-legally-recognize-a-third-gender-in-us>

able to choose X as their gender on birth certificates.

Starting January 27, they will be able to identify as male, female or X on birth certificates. The policy lets Washingtonians change existing documents; it does not apply to new ones.¹⁴

E. The Blessing (vv.28-29)

Genesis 1:28-29 (NASB) God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding

¹⁴ <https://www.cnn.com/2018/01/04/health/washington-state-gender-neutral-birth-certificate/index.html>

seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you.

1. Of procreation (v.28a)

“God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.”

This command, like others in Scripture, carries with it an implicit promise that God will enable man to fulfill it.

It is repeated to Noah after the flood (9:1), and the patriarchs too are reminded of this divine promise (17:2, 20: 28:3; 35:11).

The genealogies of Gen 5, 9, 11, 25, 36, 46 bear silent testimony to its fulfillment.¹⁵

2. Of dominion (v.28b)

“rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Subdue and have dominion over are parallel expressions with reference to the plants and animals that God has put on the earth.

This is not a command to go to war, but for the first people and their offspring to “take control, be in

¹⁵ Wenham, Gordon J. Genesis 1–15. Vol. 1. Dallas: Word, Incorporated, 1998. Print. Word Biblical Commentary.

charge, have direction over.”¹⁶

3. Of food (v.29)

In the beginning before the Fall in chapter 3, both man and animals were vegetarians.

It wasn't until after the Fall when both starting eating meat.

a) To man (v.29)

“Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be

¹⁶ Reyburn, William David, and Euan McG. Fry. A Handbook on Genesis. New York: United Bible Societies, 1998. Print. UBS Handbook Series.

food for you.”

b) To all land creatures (v.30)

“and to every beast of the earth
and to every bird of the sky and
to every thing that moves on the
earth which has life, I have given
every green plant for food”; and it
was so.”

F. Very Good (v.31a)

“God saw all that He had made, and
behold, it was very good.”

What had been pronounced good
individually (vv. 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25)
was now called “very good” collectively.

The words anticipated God's conclusion that it was "not good" for a man to be alone (2:18), which occurred on the sixth day.¹⁷

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 (NASB) For I proclaim the name of the Lord; Ascribe greatness to our God! 4 "The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He.

G. Day 6 Completed (v.31b)

"And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day."

¹⁷ MacArthur, John, Jr., ed. The MacArthur Study Bible. electronic ed. Nashville, TN: Word Pub., 1997. Print.

CONCLUSION

1. So God creates man and woman and says it is very good and completes His work on Day Six of Creation.
2. Man didn't evolve.
3. He didn't come to be through random processes or some genetic mutation.
4. He was directly created by God.
5. And God had a personal relationship with Him like none other.
6. And He endowed in him His image.
7. What an amazing truth!

8. And if God took the time to create man in His image, how special are you?
9. The only thing that is separating you from the original creation enjoyed with Adam and God is sin.
10. If you repent and surrender to Jesus that part is removed, forgiven, cast in the deepest sea and never to be remembered.
11. Trust in Him now as we pray.
12. Let's pray.