

Beginning of the Human Race

"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth and over all the creatures that move along the ground". (Gen.1:26). The Lord God **formed the man from the dust of the ground** and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**, and the man became a **living being**" (2:7)

Creation of Man

The word for **make** in this verse is "Bara" (in Hebrew) in the original which means "create". God created man in His own image and likeness, which is unique in man's case. No other creation was done **by the hand of God** as directly as man's. Man has not descended from an ape. He was formed from the dust of the ground, and not from a beast. There is an "impassable gulf" between the lowest order of man and the highest type of beast that evolutionists have failed to bridge. The missing link has never been found and will never be found.

The scripture clearly tells us that the whole human race is of **one blood and had a common origin** (Act.17:26). It is proved from the fact that when people of different culture and race in different parts of the earth intermarry, their offspring are not sterile but fertile. Some critics find contradiction between the first and second chapters of Genesis as to the creation of man. The account in the first chapter gives the fact of his creation, while the second gives the manner of it (2:7)

Notice the manner of creation in Gen.2:7. The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Man has two principal parts such as material and immaterial i.e.. body and spirit. The third part is soul, which is in between them and through which they may communicate. Thus man is a three fold being (1 Thess.5:23). The soul is body- conscious and the spirit is God-conscious. But in the case of beasts the immaterial part, i.e.. the spirit, is not found. We have already noticed that the spirit was

breathed into man by God. This speciality distinguishes man from all other creatures. This also explains why worship of God is found commonly among all human beings everywhere, which we never can find in the animal kingdom.

Creation of Woman

“So the Lord God caused the man to fall in to a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man” (2:21,22)

At the creation of Adam, Eve was also included in him. “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him,; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.” (1:27,28). There was difference in the creation of man and woman. Man was taken out of dust, whereas the woman was taken out of man.

Garden of Eden

“Now the Lord God planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there He put the man He had formed” (2:8) How long Adam lived alone there is not mentioned. Adam was not created a baby, but a full grown man perfect in intellect and knowledge. Otherwise he could not have named the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. And the fact that his descendants had such skill in the invention of musical instruments and mechanical devices and could build cities and towers and such a large ship as the ark, proves that the men of Antediluvian times were men of gigantic intellect and attainments.

We do not know how long Adam and Eve were together in the garden of Eden till the time of expulsion

Exercise

1. *Comment on the creation of man.*
2. *Give a sketch of the life God created out of man’s rib .*
3. *Briefly explain the garden of Eden in Genesis.*

M.V.: Act. 17:26