

THE CREATION OF MAN

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

(Gen. 1:26-27)

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

(Gen. 2:7)

“And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper companion to him.’ Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said, ‘This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man.’”

(Gen. 2:18-23)

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The Genesis Record is of Utmost Importance in This Vital Series Because:
1. It is the only record for events before Moses.
 2. It alone describes the origin of: The Universe, Man, and Sin.
 3. Only record of the Flood - The lives of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph.
 4. Tells of the Beginning of the Hebrew race.
 5. Describes how God first began to reveal Himself to man.
 6. Without it, we could not understand the rest of the Bible.
 7. Its pages cover more than half of the time of all the Old Testament.
 8. God placed the five areas of man's knowledge in the very first verse.
 - (a) In the beginning - Time
 - (b) God - Force
 - (c) Created - Action
 - (d) Heavens - Space
 - (e) Earth - Matter

"Bara" - created,
Man can make, form, fashion;
God alone can create.

I. THE FIRST CHAPTER OF GENESIS SUGGESTS FIVE THINGS ABOUT CREATION:

- A. That there was a beginning of Things.
- B. That Things did not come by chance.
- C. That there is a Creator who continues to take interest in and control of the universe.
- D. There was an orderly process and progress in creation from the very simple to the complex.
- E. That everything was brought into existence for man who is the Crowning Work of Creation.

II. A JOURNAL OF CREATION:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

***** (There is no way of knowing how much time transpired between verse 2 and 3). The geologists can have all the time they want to speculate - no contradiction.

- FIRST DAY: The unformed earth was shrouded in water. First there was darkness, then light.
- SECOND DAY: The open expanse of sky appeared between the clouds above it and the water below.
- THIRD DAY: The dry land was raised above the sea, and the plants were brought forth out of the ground.
- FOURTH DAY: The sun, moon, and stars appeared.
- FIFTH DAY: The fish were created in the sea, and the birds were created to fly above the earth.
- SIXTH DAY: The land animals were created, and the man was created, and finally woman.
- SEVENTH DAY: God rested, having completed His work of creation.

<u>Man Breaks Matter Down</u>	<u>God Reversed This Process in Creation</u>
Molecules	Energy
Atoms	Electrons-Neutrons-Protons
Electrons-Neutrons-Protons	Atoms
Converts Material to Energy	Molecules
	Mass Matter

II. WHAT IS MAN?

"And the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."
(2:7)

A. Man is Matter: (Composed of Sixteen Material Elements)

1. Eight Metallic: Potassium, Sodium, Calcium, Magnesium, Aluminum, Iron, Manganese, Copper.
2. Eight Non-Metallic: Oxygen, Hydrogen, Carbon, Nitrogen, Silicon, Phosphorus, Sulphur, Chlorine, and traces of a few others (26 in all).

B. Man Has an Animal Self:

1. He seeks gratification of the appetites of the flesh:
 - (a) Food, air, drink, comfort, protection, mating.
 - (b) Reproducing and caring for his young.

NOTE: In the animals, there is no moral code by which these appetites are regulated. The only law they know in gratifying sexual desires is the law of opportunity.

C. Man Has a Soul or Spirit.

1. God breathed into his nostrils the Breath of Life.
 - (a) In Hebrew - Nephesh
 - (b) In Greek - ~~psuche~~ soul
 - (c) In Latin - Spiritus.
2. What Is this Breath of Life?
 - (a) It cannot be seen under a microscope.
 - (b) It cannot be weighed in the Balance.
 - (c) It cannot be caught in the chemist's test tube.
3. What are some of the attributes of this Soul?
 - (a) Intelligence - Versatility of Adjustment
 - (b) Judgment - Mental ability to make comparisons
 - (c) Thinking - The use of abstract ideas: Space, Electricity, Causation
 - (d) Language
 - (e) Love

- (f) Conscience
- (g) Faith
- (h) Hope
- (i) Religion

III. GOD INTENDED THAT MANKIND SHOULD BE VERY HAPPY BECAUSE:

- A. He was made in the image and likeness of his Creator.
- B. He was given dominion over ALL of God's Creation.
- C. The whole earth with all its Rich Treasures of Mineral, Vegetable, etc., provided.
- D. In addition, He made a Beautiful Garden and placed man in it for his home.
- E. He was created sinless: Pure, Holy, innocent, Righteous.
- F. He gave him the privilege of Divine Association - Fellowship with his maker.
- G. Finally, He made him a creature of his Own Volition - Free Moral Agent.
 - 1. God granted man the capacity to obey or to disobey.
 - 2. He never granted him Divine sanction to disobey.