



Our Awesome Human Potential! Why God Created Man

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Gen. 1:26-28 - 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 on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Our creator is a God of purpose.

Everything God creates or does He has Purpose and Perfection in mind as the final outcome.

Gen. 1:26 - Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; The word God here is Elohim - A masculine plural noun meaning God. It denotes the family of God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit.

Gen. 1 is not the earliest account of history; this is found in **John 1:1-2 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.**

Image - purpose: God is a being of purpose.

Likeness - perfection: God is perfect in every way.

What is God? **John 4:24 - God is a Spirit,** He is the highest level of what a spirit being is.

God has the highest level of love for all His creation.

God operates at the highest level of faith to bless the creation He so dearly loves.

The Spirit world is the highest level of reality.

Knowing God to be the being of the highest level of reality should increase our faith because with this in mind, it allows us to realize things can be done far beyond our imagination. **Mark 10:27 - But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."**

God is a three-personage spiritual being that operates as 1 and 3 all at the same time. This is a spiritual truth that cannot be understood with just human reasoning.

To understand a lot of the truth of the Bible, you to have to take some things at faith value.

God lives and operates from the highest dimension of reality which is the spirit world.

Genesis 1:27 - So God created man in His own image; the word create here is the Hebrew word OT:1254 Bara: A verb meaning to create. Only God is the subject of this verb; to create on the God level.

The verb בָּרָא *bârâ* means literally 'to create by cutting out or carving'.

Mankind was literally created from the essence of who God is. Since God is Spirit, God created Mankind (Male and Female) as spirit. ²⁷... **in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

The essence of mankind is spirit like God, just not on that ultimate level.

Men and women were created spiritual beings at the same time; they just received their bodies at two different times.

Jer. 1:4-5 (Amplified) - Then the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying, ⁵ Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] (God knew Jeremiah before he formed his body, just like He knew Adam before He formed Adam's body).

The word knew is the Hebrew word "Yada" (intimate knowledge of and interaction with).

approved of you (God approved of Jeremiah before he had a body, God approved of Jeremiah as a spirit being).

[as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

Mankind was made to be a spiritual being like God but living in a physical dimension.

Mankind's ultimate destiny is to be a physical representation of Almighty God who is spirit.

In order for mankind to represent God in this physical, natural reality God had to form man a body. **Gen. 2:7 (Amp) - Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being.**

God created mankind so there would be God-like physical beings ruling this physical reality.

God formed mankind's physical structure to match their assignment according to their purpose! **Ps. 139:15-16 (CEV) - Nothing about me is hidden from you! I was secretly woven together deep in the earth below, ¹⁶ but with your own eyes you saw my body being formed. Even before I was born, you had written in your book everything I would do.**

God made man's image like Him, which is spirit, but God also wanted mankind to be like Him.

To be like God is for mankind is to have God's Divine Nature, Creative Ability, and Perfect Righteous Godly Character as Jesus did. **John 4:8-11 - Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.** Mankind is supposed to put on display in the physical image and in the likeness of God who is Spirit.

This was the key to Jesus' success in this natural world, He always had God's Divine Nature, Creative Ability, and Perfect Righteous Godly Character on display.