



Man was created as the Speaking Spirit

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Genesis 2:7 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 soul.

The idea that "God created man to be a speaking spirit" comes from an interpretation of the Hebrew text in **Genesis 2:7**, particularly the phrase "man became a living soul". The Jewish Translator of the Torah Targum Onkelos translates **Genesis 2:7** as "**man became a speaking spirit**". This interpretation emphasizes that the ability to speak and articulate is a defining human characteristic, aligning with **Genesis 1:27**, which states that man was created in God's image or to be an imager of Him.

This ability to speak enables humans to communicate and exercise dominion, a reflection of God's own power to create and govern through the use of words.

The ability to create and govern through language is a unique human trait. Satan recognizes the power of spoken words and constantly seeks to influence people to speak words that contaminate, defile, and destroy.

The Bible is written for humanity, intended to be understood by us. It is not merely a collection of stories meant to entertain or amuse; rather, it contains vital information that supports our spiritual lives and purpose. While literal interpretations provide a foundation for knowledge, the revelation of that knowledge enhances our purpose for living.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, (God breathed on it, given and anointed by God) and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

God created man in His own image, and as an imager (one who represents God in thought, speech, and behavior).

We have been graced with the capacity to speak and communicate.

When we communicate, whether it's with ourselves, others, or God, it impacts our lives both now and in the future.

We must be mindful of what we say to ourselves; it can either cultivate faith or fear, fostering an attitude of negativity or positivity.



Negativity

The Rich Fool: In Luke 12, a wealthy man is depicted speaking to himself after a great harvest, concluding, **Luke 12:16-21 (NLT)** Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' 18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. 19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"' 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' 21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

Nebuchadnezzar: King Nebuchadnezzar, walking on his palace roof, spoke to himself, asking, **Daniel 4:28-30** All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. 30 The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?" 31 While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! 32 And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field

Positivity

The Prodigal Son: After falling into disgrace, the prodigal son, having a significant moment of self-awareness and decision-making, said to himself in **Luke 15:17-20 (ERV)**, "The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, 'All my father's hired workers have plenty of food. But here I am, almost dead because I have nothing to eat. 18 I will leave and go to my father. I will say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But let me be like one of your hired workers.'

David: In Psalms 42 and 43, David directly addresses his soul, asking why it is discouraged and reminding it to place its hope in God. He also commands his soul to praise God.

Also, in Psalm 103, David spoke directly to his inner man to bless God and to strengthen his soul. **Psalms 103:1-6** Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The Lord executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed. The psalmist encourages their own soul to stay focused on God, commanding it to remember God's benefits.

Significance of Self-Talk

Emotional Regulation: These examples demonstrate self-talk as a positive tool for addressing difficult emotions and taking appropriate action.

Self-Awareness: The prodigal son's "coming to himself" illustrates the concept of self-awareness, where someone gains clarity and resolves to change their course.



Spiritual Discernment: For David and other psalmists, self-talk was a way to remind themselves of spiritual truths and to encourage their souls to be steadfast in God's promises, even in times of turmoil.

Man is a Speaking Spirit

The Power of Speech Was Not Given to Man for His Own Amusement but as a creative force.

Adam: Mankind, or human beings, became speaking spirits. Every living being is created with the purpose and potential to communicate in the spirit with the Spirit of God and His creations.

We see this in mankind's first assignment, as described in **Genesis 2:19-20: "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."**

This passage indicates that humanity had the creative ability to name things in the physical world as God had ordained them to be. It shows that we can harness the creative power of speech to speak God's word through faith and think in alignment with the mind of God.

This highlights the importance of proper perception and recognition when operating in the Kingdom of God. **Psalms 78:24-25 states, "He had rained down manna on them to eat, and given them of the bread of heaven. Men ate angel's food; He sent them food to the full."**

Similarly, when Jesus was presented with two fish and five loaves, He recognized that these could feed 5,000 if He communicated with God and then extended His reach to others.

While our logical minds understand literal meanings, it is essential for our spirits to engage with the Spirit of God's Word. This connection imparts inspiration and revelation.