

Day Six

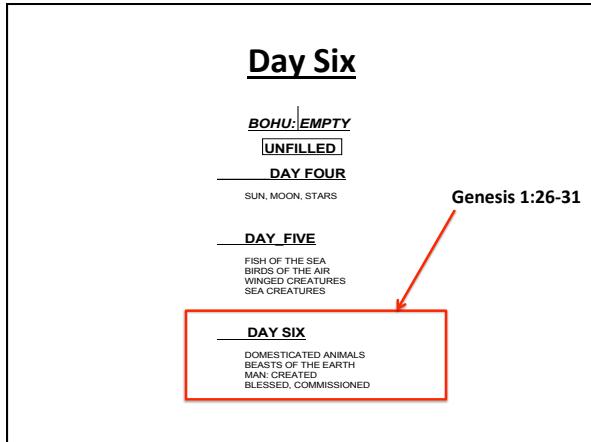
The Creation Of Man

Genesis 1:26-31

“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. So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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. And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.”

“Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food”; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”



Why Being Created In The Image Of God Matters

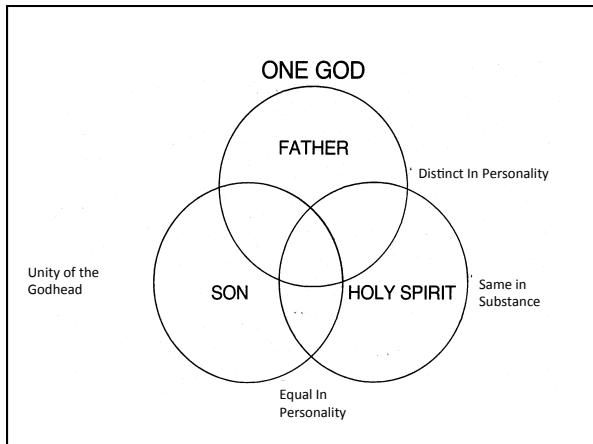
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- **What makes another’s life valuable?**
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A Depressing View Of Man

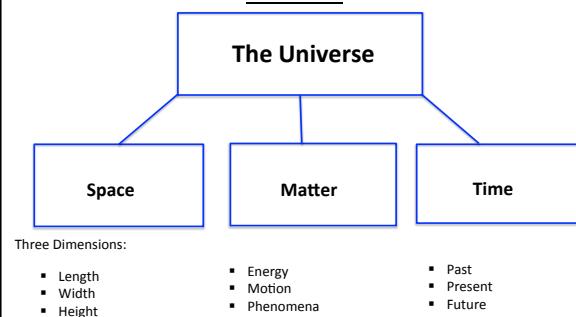
- “There is no reason to suppose that man’s own life has any more meaning than the life of the humblest insect that crawls from one annihilation to another”. - Joseph Krutch
- “I see no reason for attributing to man a significance different in kind from that which belongs to a baboon or a grain of sand”. -Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes
- Fortunately, the Biblical view of man is much more encouraging in that each man, as an individual, is a special creation of God in His image and likeness.

"Let us make...God created man "

- "Let us...": It seems that it is the divine Trinity at work in making man.
- There is one God revealed in three persons, i.e. the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
- In Genesis 1:27, God is doing the creating and all the verbs are singular in form..
- “Homousia”: “one in substance, three in personality”.
- The Biblical doctrine of the divine Trinity, the Father is the unseen essence of the Godhead, the Son is the visible expression of the Godhead, and the Spirit is the invisible influence of the Godhead over creation.
- Water is revealed as liquid, vapor and solid but its substance is H₂O.



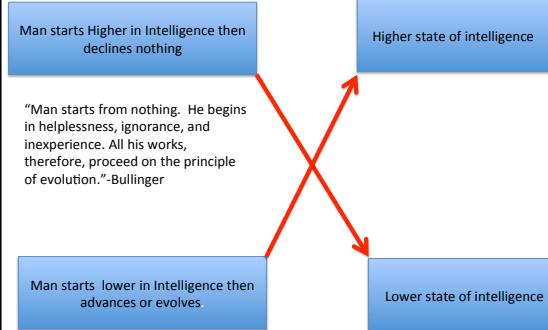
The Universe Reflects The Triune Nature Of God



"..make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;"

- An understanding of who man is begins with knowing that we are made in His **Image** and **Likeness**; man is different from all other life form.
- No where else in the creation week did God tell us His intention He simply spoke and it was
- Here He tells us that He is making man in His "**image and likeness**"
- "It is the creation of man that opens a glimpse into the thought of God, into the meaning beyond the mystery." -Heschel

Biblical History Verses Non-Biblical History



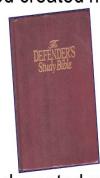
- Though biologically similar to certain animals we are distinct from the animal kingdom, yet at the same time it is God who is above all order of things; man is both created in the image of God but also made from the dust of the ground as is all creation. Both man and living animals have souls, and yet, man is created (bara) different than the animal kingdom and not a product of it.

Two World Views

Biblical View	Humanistic View
God	Plants
Man	Sea animals
Large Gap between God man and the animals	Animals
Animals	Man
Sea Animals	God
Plants	

History of Man

The Bible teaches that God created man



So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female

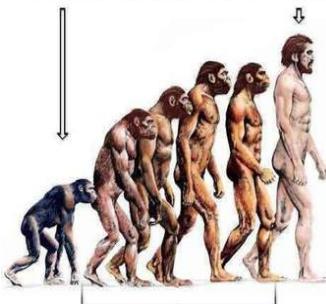
Genesis 1:27

Evolution begins with the assumption that man has evolved from ape-like creatures



Pick your relative

There are millions of these ... and millions of these ...



So where are the millions of these?

NO PROOF FOR APE TO MAN EVOLUTION. BONES HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO BE OF A TRUE APE, OR A MAN

The evolutionists claim that man came from apes, & have collected fossil "evidence," to prove it, right? Wrong! The fossil evidence that they have are ...either man or ape, not an intermediate species. There is no common ancestor of both man & ape (missing link). Some of the fossils in which they use for example as possible ancestors of man include: Ramapithecus, Oreopithecus, Dryopithecus, Limnopithecus, Kenyapithecus, etc. The "pithecus" stands for "ape". Therefore, these fossils are of the ape family. These creatures lived about 14 million years ago (according to evolution). The most important of these is Ramapithecus. The total evidence of this creature consists of only several teeth & jaw fragments.

So in the end we have a lot of human bones, and chimp bones, but **NOTHING** in between. Where is the evolution?

➤ <http://housechurchesuk.weebly.com/the-evolution-delusion.html>

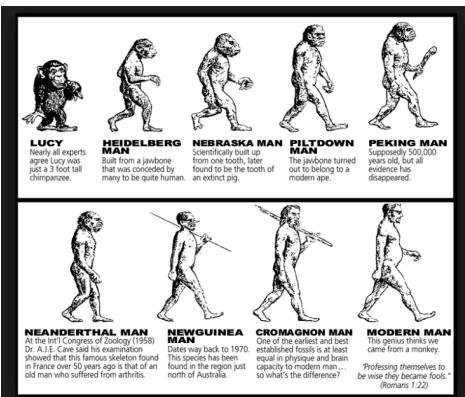
Ramapithecus



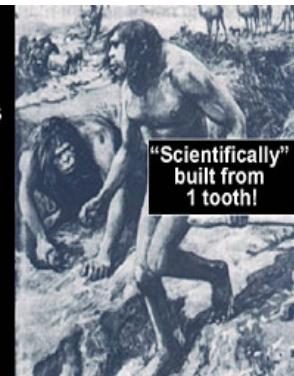
The claim: 14 million year old intermediate between ape-like creatures and humans

The truth

- ◆ In 1970 a baboon living in Ethiopia was discovered.
 - Same dental structure
 - Similar morphological features found on Ramapithecus
- ◆ Ramapithecus dropped from human line



Nebraska
Man and his
"wife" as
shown in
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"Hominid" Fossils

Neanderthal (1856) – accepted as homo sapiens
 Java Man (1891) – artificial construct
 Piltdown Man (1908) – proven to be a hoax
 Nebraska Man (1922) – an extinct pig
 Ramapithecus (1930) – an orangutan
 Lucy (1974) – make-believe creature



Humanistic View Of Man

- "Humanism **believes** that man is a part of nature and that he has emerged as a result of a continuous process. Holding an organic view of life, humanists find that the traditional dualism of mind and body must be rejected...I use the word 'humanist' to mean someone who **believes** that man is just as much a natural phenomenon as an animal or plant; that his body, mind, and soul were not supernaturally created but are products of evolution, and that he is not under the control or guidance of any supernatural being or beings, but has to rely on himself and his own powers." -Huxley
- Humanism is simply a belief system built on the faith of human reason!
- Reason, however, depends on the faith that our cognitive senses, i.e. our eyes, ears, and our minds are not tricking us!

Fallacy of Humanism

- The propositional statement of humanism: "...man is a part of nature and that he has emerged as a result of a continuous process" cannot be proven.
- American philosopher C. Stephen Evans stated, "science by its very nature is not fit to investigate whether there is more to reality than the natural world."
- Since humanism and science base their methods on the assumption that there is a natural cause for every phenomenon there is not an experiment that can disprove or prove that there is something beyond the natural world.
- To say that science is the only authority of reliable truth is not science at all. It is belief.

- Man is also created different than the angels, nowhere in scripture are we told that angels are created in the image of God; thus angels cannot have the same kind of love relationship with God that man can.
- This also means that the incarnation was truly possible. Though the divine and the human attributes are not the same they are compatible with each other. Man is distinct from God as man, yet man is created in the image and likeness of God.

Uniqueness Of Man

- Man has the unique ability of all God's creation to be able to learn from God.
- "Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands." - **Psalm 119:73**
- Man has the unique ability to have a relationship with God through **trust** even in the midst hardship and trials.
- "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." -**Job 13:15**

- Man has a unique relationship with God as our Father. The Fatherhood of God for man is an expression of His love for humanity.
- "You are the children of the LORD your God..." - **Deuteronomy 14:1**
- When we are involved in the act of praying we are instructed to "...pray to your Father... in heaven..." -**Matthew 6:6,9**
- " For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him." -**Matthew 6:8**

Man is Dust

- Man is dust to remind him of where he came from in relationship to God.
- "Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes..." — **Gen. 18:27**
- "...for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust." —**Psalm 103:14**
- We are made in the image of God yet we are humbled by the truth that we are dust.

- God knew that in the fullness of time that he would assume the body of man. In that day, he would prepare a human body for His Son (Heb. 10:5; Luke 1:35; and it would be made in the likeness of men (Php 2:7), just as man had been made in the likeness of God. God in His compassion and mercy purposed this before time began (1Tim. 1:9)
- This means human life has intrinsic value, apart from the quality of life that any individual may or may not experience, because human life is made in the image of God.
- The intrinsic value of man is not based on achievements, virtues, special talents, or failures.

Why Being Created In The Image Of God Matters

- **What makes human rights “right”?**
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“Human babies are not born self-aware, or capable of grasping that they exist over time. They are not persons”; therefore, “the life of a newborn is of less value than the life of a pig, a dog, or a chimpanzee.”

➤Peter Singer, Professor of Bio-Ethics at Princeton University

John Leaped In The Womb

- “Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! “But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”—Luke 1:39-45

Man Is Created In The Image Of God

- Both Male and Female are equally include to be Divine imagers of God.
- **Divine image bearing is what makes human beings distinct and above the rest of His creation, i.e. plant and animal life.**
- Man created in God’s image makes human beings in some form to be “like” Him or in His “likeness”.
- Among the attributes of being human is: intelligence, reasoning ability, emotions, communing with God, self awareness, language, communication, and free will.
- Defining man through abilities or attributes other than being created by God to be His image bearer in this world is a flawed approach to the sanctity of human life. Animals have the ability to produce emotional response and intelligence.

- The unborn in the womb are not potential human beings but they are an actual living person created in the image of God at conception.
- “For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!”-**Psalm 139:13-17**

- All of mankind has the image of God. (Acts. 17:26: we are all cousins) Every man is “in Adam” (1 Cor. 15:22; Romans 5:12-19) so all die; so also all men through faith are in Christ.
- **James tells us that our mouth gets man in trouble**
- "But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, **who have been made in the likeness of God**. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.-**James 3:8-10**

Blessing And Cursing

- Out of the same mouth comes blessing and cursing.
- We bless God on Sunday and come Monday we are saying unfruitful things towards our fellow man.
- The key phrase is **men who have been made in the likeness of God**.
- When we call our fellow man an idiot or a fool we are speaking against God Who made that individual in His image.
- We are criticizing God’s image within the person.

- It is every man who is made in the image and likeness of God. It doesn’t matter if the man be wise or fool, saint or sinner, joyful or sorrowful, disabled or not, doing righteous acts of kindness or doing terrible works of wicked behavior man is the image of God.
- The commandment, “Love your neighbor as yourself”(Leviticus 19:18) extends not only to the likeable individual but also the stupid man.
- The culture that we are living in today has supported the lie that if we disagree with a person’s behavior we reject the person. Also, if we love someone we agree with all that they believe and do.

- Compare the Biblical view of man with that of the humanist
- "Birth control is not contraception indiscriminately and thoughtlessly practiced. **It means the release and cultivation of the better racial elements in our society**, and the gradual suppression, elimination and eventual extirpation of defective stocks— those human weeds which threaten the blooming of the finest flowers of American civilization."
- "As an advocate of birth control I wish ... to point out that the unbalance between the birth rate of the 'unfit' and the 'fit,' admittedly the greatest present menace to civilization, can never be rectified by the inauguration of a cradle competition between these two classes. In this matter, the example of the inferior classes, the fertility of the feeble-minded, the mentally defective, the poverty-stricken classes, should not be held up for emulation.... On the contrary, the most urgent problem today is how to limit and discourage the over-fertility of the mentally and physically defective." -Margaret Sanger

The Outcome Of The Humanist Doctrine

- "On July 14, 1933, the Nazi government passes a new law: people who are "hereditarily ill" must be compulsively sterilized. In this definition, the Nazis include anyone affected by "congenital feeble-mindedness"; schizophrenia; manic depression; hereditary epilepsy, blindness, or deafness; Huntington's disease; "serious physical deformities"; or chronic alcoholism. This law was based on the idea that all of these conditions are genetic and that these genes cannot be allowed to pass on." -Zoe Gross
- This lie is degrading and disgraceful to the image of God in man but is the result of a perverted and deceitful doctrine outside of a Biblical worldview.

How Shall Man Then Live?

- Man needs to see man like God sees man no matter what that persons short comings may be.
- "because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."-**1 Peter 1:16**
- "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, **that you may be sons of your Father in heaven**; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.-**Matthew 5:43-46**

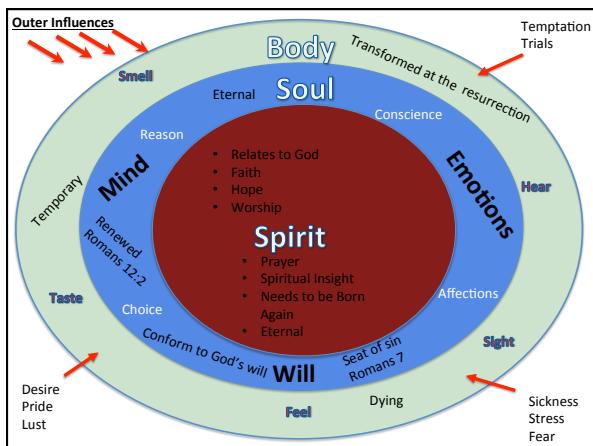
- Spiritual renewal begins with a person putting an end to the unjust treatment of others.
- "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?" -**Micah 6:8**
- God is the example of mercy:
"Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity...He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy."-**Micah 7:18**
- To be made in the likeness of God requires man to act like Him.
- It is a partnership between God and man.

Man Is Different From Plants and Animals

- The Scriptures are clear that there is an absolute difference between man and all other creatures.
- Plants and animals were brought forth from the earth and the waters which makes them a by product of the natural order.
- Man is not a creature "according to its kind" but is an object of God's special act of creation.
- Man did not come from the natural order but God created and formed him in His image (Genesis 1:26;2:7).
- Every human being owes his existence not to the process of evolution but to the Creator of the universe.

The Biblical Picture Of Man

- "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." -**1 Thessalonians 5:23**
- Man is a three-fold being which reflects the triune nature of God.
- The spirit of man interacts with God, the soul reflects the personality of each individual, and the body interacts with the world.



Biblical Picture Of Animals



Animals have a soul in that they have a mind, will, and emotions. Animals have a body so they can feel, taste, smell, see, and hear. Their Hebrew word for soul is *nephesh*. *Nephesh* is used for the life for both man and animals (Genesis 1:20;1:30;2:20). However, animals do not possess a Spirit which is eternal formed into image and likeness of God (John 3:1-16). Animals simply return to the dust when they die, but man continues to exist forever. **"Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?" Ecclesiastes 3:21,12:7**

Animals have a special relationship with man in that he named them and he has dominion over them. Man is to care for animals in a loving way as God cares for man in a loving relationship. Pets can teach man and are important companions to millions of people.

- "But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; And the birds of the air, and they will tell you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; And the fish of the sea will explain to you. **Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this**, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?"-**Job 12:7-10**
- "A righteous man regards the life of his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."-**Proverbs 12:10**

God is Different From Man

- Even though man is made in the likeness of God His likeness is like none other.
- It is referred to as the "otherness of God". God is involved with His creation but is also separate from it.
- "To whom will you liken Me, and make Me equal And compare Me, that we should be alike?- **Isaiah 46:5**
- "...I am God, and not man..."- **Hosea 11:9**
- "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent.-**Numbers 23:19**

PROPER VIEW OF OURSELVES

Rom 12:16

"Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion."

- NKJV

- ".....Learn to see yourself as God sees you and not as you see yourself in the distorted mirror of your own self-importance. This is the greatest and most useful lesson we can learn: to know ourselves for what we truly are, to admit freely our weaknesses and failings, and to hold a humble opinion of ourselves because of them." IMITATION OF CHRIST, ST THOMAS AQUINAS
- "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting"-**Psalm 103:10-17**

Man's Sin Distorts The "Likeness of God" In Man

- Sin is the instrument by which man forgets his position before God.
- Sin develops in the heart a **false sense of sovereignty** which can result in ugly acts of evil.
- This false sense of sovereignty assumes God operates according to our agenda.
- Sin results in man being full of pride and proclaim "then you say in your heart, "My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth." (Deut. 8:17) which leads to saying: "we say.... to the work of our hands, 'You are our gods.'" (Hos. 14:3)

- God demonstrates His kindness and love towards man even though we are sinful.
- "But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."-**Titus 3:4-7**

Why Is Man So Special?

- "LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him? Man is like a breath; His days are like a passing shadow."-**Psalm 144:3-4**
- After man had sinned God asks man: "Where are you?"- **Genesis 3:9**
- "Why, when I came, was there no man? Why, when I called, was there none to answer?"-**Isaiah 50:2**
- Who am I that God is concerned about me?
- "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."- **1 Peter 5:7**
- God in His character pursues man with a relentless love seeking anyone who would answer and receive His redemption.
- This demonstrates the heart of God for man!

Psalm 8:3-9

"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the Divine (Elohim), And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, All sheep and oxen — Even the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!"

A Sense Of Wonder And Amazement

- When man considers God and that He cares for him it results in wonder and amazement of Who God is.
- When man thinks he is special in and of himself pride develops along with loss of praise for God.
- The One Who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in it is involved with our lives and cares deeply for each and every person created in His image.