

The Bible teaches Biblical Creationism not Evolution. (Gen. 1) [ca. B.C. 4112] – young earth (6,132 yrs.)

Man – God created man for His glory and to give him dominion over His works of creation.

Key verse: 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.”

Man was created perfect (physically and spiritually) but he was not tested. Like Lucifer, he too was made perfect but was not tested. When God tested both man (Adam) and angel (Lucifer) they both failed.

Man was created on Day 6. Adam and Eve were both created on the 6th day (**Gen. 5:2**).

Genesis 1:26 “And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.**” – The Trinity is involved in Creation. Man is made in the likeness of the Trinity (1 Thess. 5:23: spirit, soul, and body).

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 Lord formed – gave him great details (Ps. 139:14). Dust – man is only dust (keep us humble) (this is our physical body). Life – is plural in the Hebrew – spirit and soul of man came from Adam (this is our immaterial part of man). Man is a soul – a total person made up of material and immaterial parts. We do not just have a soul; we are a soul. The personhood is our soul-hood.

Genesis 5:1-3 “This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the **likeness** of God made he him; (v.2) Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. (v.3) And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own **likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:**” – Adam was made in the likeness and image of God, and Seth was made in the likeness and image of Adam.

- The **image** of God, and **likeness** of the appearance of a man (Gen. 9:6; Ezek. 1:26). [**Physical**]
- Four other areas of **likeness** to God: [**Personality; Moral; Intellectual; Social/Relational**]
- God met all of Adam’s needs to function completely. (Gen. 2:8-9): Eden (pleasure), Food, (vv.10-15) Work: dress it (maintain it) and keep it (3:24) meaning to “guard” Eden. (vv.16-17) **Moral** issue: negative command: “*thou shalt not eat.*” Adam was challenged to trust in God, and not eat [eating is a deliberate act]. (vv.18-19) **Intellectual** – naming the animals, and (vv.20-25) **Social**: woman, Eve.

Genesis 3 Highlights the details of how man fell in sin and the consequences of sin:

- (v.1) The **Serpent** was a **beast** at first (prior to the curse). He was “**subtle**” – cunning, crafty.
 - a. He sowed doubt in Eve’s ear.
 - b. He asked questions to have her reveal her heart in the matter of not eating.
- (v.3) The Woman added to God’s word: “**neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.**”
- (v.4-5) The Satanic lie: No death [**deathlessness**]; Ye shall be gods [**deification**]. – the heart of world religions and cults – Atheism and Pantheism.
- Man already knew about good and evil – BUT they have not experienced “evil.”
- (v.6) The sin-pattern: “**saw**” “**took**” & “**eat.**” (this will be repeated throughout Genesis)
- (v.7) Shame comes in with sin as they focused on their **distinction** instead of their **unity**.
- (v.8) They hid themselves (fear, shame, guilt, evil).
- (v.9-12) God dealt with Adam first. Asked him questions to get him to repent. Adam failed.
- (v.13) God dealt directly with the woman with one question, and then the serpent.
- (v.14-19) God curses man, woman, and the serpent. – Sin has consequences. (Rom. 5:12, 17; 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:21-22).