

## 01.02 Details of the Creation of Man (Gen 1:26-31; 2:1-25; 3:20; 5:1, 2)

✓ “Check” it out; opinion, inference, supposed conversation, or fact one can verify follows  
[. . .] indicates a remark to the teacher that usually should not be read. It also indicates answers to questions.

### Visuals and Tools:

- The visuals found at the end of this lesson. Please give credit to the sources listed under the pictures.
- A Beka Books has excellent flash cards.

**Bible Time Tips and Terms to Teach:** [See flashcard words at the end of this lesson. Print, cut out, and glue to card stock.]

- *man; mankind*: all people, not just males. This lesson also speaks of *man* as the first man, Adam.
- *righteousness*: doing right

### Scripture: (ESV)

Gen. 1:26 Then 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 birds of the heavens and over the livestock and 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 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2:5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 7 then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” 19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the

rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

3:20 The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. 2 Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.

### **Introduction/Review:**

The very first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1, states, “In the . . .” [Have students complete the verse with occasional helps from the teacher if needed: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”]

Let’s review what and when God made all things. [Sing “In the Beginning” by Marilyn Alexander, found in last week’s lesson, for a good review of the days of creation: Day 1, Sunday, light; Day 2, Monday, sky; Day 3, Tuesday, dry ground and plants; Day 4, Wednesday, sun, moon, and stars; Day 5, Thursday, birds and fish; Day 6, Friday, animals and land.]

Now, how did God make all these things? [He just spoke the word, and the thing was made.]

### **Story:**

#### ***Man is formed.***

Merely speaking things into existence is how God created everything except one thing. What was that one thing that required forming? [Humans; mankind.] This is how God made the first man: According to the Bible, “The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature” (Genesis 2:7). What did God do to form man? [Fashioned him from the dust of the ground; breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.] Although animals had been made from the ground (Genesis 2:9), God had not made them in His image, nor had He breathed “the breath of life” into them as He had for man. What a special creation man was—different from all other things that God created!

God named this special man Adam, a Hebrew word that means “man.” It’s interesting, too, that God made Adam out of the *adamah*, the Hebrew word for *earth* that sounds almost like *Adam*.

#### ***Man works.***

What do you suppose that first man did after being made directly by God? Did he lie around all day? No, he worked. God told the man to rule over all the creation—birds, fish, animals. Adam was their boss; they were all to obey him. You might ask, “How did the lion, tiger, and other carnivores obey Adam without trying to eat him?” The answer is that those animals were not carnivores at that time; they were not dangerous. We will explain that in a later lesson. So, what was the first job God gave to Adam? [To rule over all the animals.]

God gave Adam at least two others jobs. One was to name all the animals. “God . . . brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field” (Genesis 2:18, 20).

Can you imagine what a job that was?! I challenge each of you students to come up with just three new names for animals. [Teacher, if you want to take time for this activity, go ahead. It may not be worthwhile, however, especially in a large class.] Adam must have had super intelligence in order to be able to name every kind of animal on the earth. There are lots of animals on the earth! ✓According to one source, there are nearly 300,000 species (species include such categories as amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals) of land

animals. That number does not include almost a million insects! (The International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) 2007 Red List). Could you think up 1,300,000 names for animals? Adam could, and he did! (Note that we are not including animals of the sea here.)

### ***Man needs a wife.***

You know, looking over all those animals—male and female frogs, male and female snakes, male and female dogs, *etc.*—Adam noticed something: all the animals had both male *and* female—all except him. There was no female to go along with him, man.

Of course, God knew all about this need. He said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” How did God make Adam's helper? The Bible tells us: “The Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.” This was the first surgery. How did God make the first woman? [He made her from one of Adam's ribs.]

### ***Man meets his wife.***

When Adam saw what God had done for him in making a woman, he said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Some people interpret Adam's excitement upon seeing Woman for the first time with his saying, ✓“Yippee! Now I have my female!” Adam “called his wife’s name Eve (meaning “living”) because she was the mother of all living” (Genesis 3:20).

You will notice that our pictures of Adam and Eve cover up the private parts of their bodies. We might be a little embarrassed by looking at these pictures because we cover our bodies these days. The Bible states, “And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.” There is a reason that we'll learn about in a later lesson why Adam and Eve were not ashamed to be naked and why we now cover our bodies with clothes.

### ***Man cares for the garden.***

A third job Adam had was to take care of a beautiful garden in which Adam and Eve lived. It was called the Garden of Eden. A mist came up to water this garden of beautiful trees and plants from which Adam, Eve, and all the animals could eat. Additional water came from a river that split into four tributaries at the edge of the garden. Two of these are still famous rivers—the Tigris and Euphrates. In the middle of this garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

### ***Man is made in God's image.***

So that's how God made man, but there is one thing, maybe the most important, that we have not mentioned. God made man in His own image—God made man like Himself somehow. Just what this term, “in God's image,” means might be difficult to explain, for many ideas have come forth about this subject over the years. First, we need to know that being made in the image of God is *not* physical: God is spirit and does not have a body like man.

[Teacher, use the chart at the end of this lesson to aid you in the explanations.] ✓Here are some ideas of what being created in the image of God means:

1. Although God knows everything and man does not, man is like God in having intelligence beyond that of other animals.
2. Man can worship God; animals do not.
3. Human beings can reason and choose.
4. Humanity was originally created in righteousness and perfect innocence, a reflection of God's holiness.
5. God shares some of His attributes with man: Attributes such as love, self-awareness, justice, grace, and mercy are distinct from attributes associated with animals.

### ***Man is not just an animal.***

Children, this, contrary to what some would want you to believe, shows that, although humans are animals in the sense that they are not plants, humans are superior to animals. So, if someone says, “Humans are just animals,” that statement is not true. Humans do share common characteristics with mammals, but they are not just animals. Humans are made in God's image; animals are not.

Here are other evidences of humans' superiority over animals: (Points are from Answers in Genesis)

1. Woman, unlike the females of the animals, was made directly by God from the male.
2. Though humans die, their spirit lives forever. When an animal dies, there is no further life for it.
3. Most important, Jesus Christ took human form so that He could die on the cross to take away the sins of humans, not of animals.

After God created man, He gave Adam one warning: “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” Remember this warning; it will come up in later lessons and answer many of our questions.

### **Lessons from this lesson:**

- God said after making Eve, “Man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife.” God's plan is one man for one woman for life.
- Since humans are made in God's image and animals are not, we should regard human life more important than mere animal life.

### **Activities:**

- Play dough: form a person [Teacher, you might have students try to “breathe into” the “man” they have made so that you can demonstrate that only God can made something come to life. Also, discuss which is more powerful, the object or the person who sculpted it. We must remember that our make has the power and we owe him our obedience (from ebibleteacher.com).]
- Sing songs found at the end of this lesson.
- Short true or false quiz:
  1. Angels made man. (F)
  2. Animals are more important than people. (F)
  3. Man has no obligations to God. (F)
  4. Man is made in God's image. (T)
  5. Man is superior to the rest of creation? (T)
  5. Man was to rule all the animals. (T)

### **Handwork:**

- Have students take home their clay/play dough images.

**Memory Verse[s]:** Genesis 1:26: God said, “Let us make man in our own image.”

**man**

**righteousness**

# Made in God's Image

Intelligence



Worship



Reason and choice



Original righteousness



# Shared attributes with God

- Love



- Self-awareness



- Justice



- Grace



- Mercy





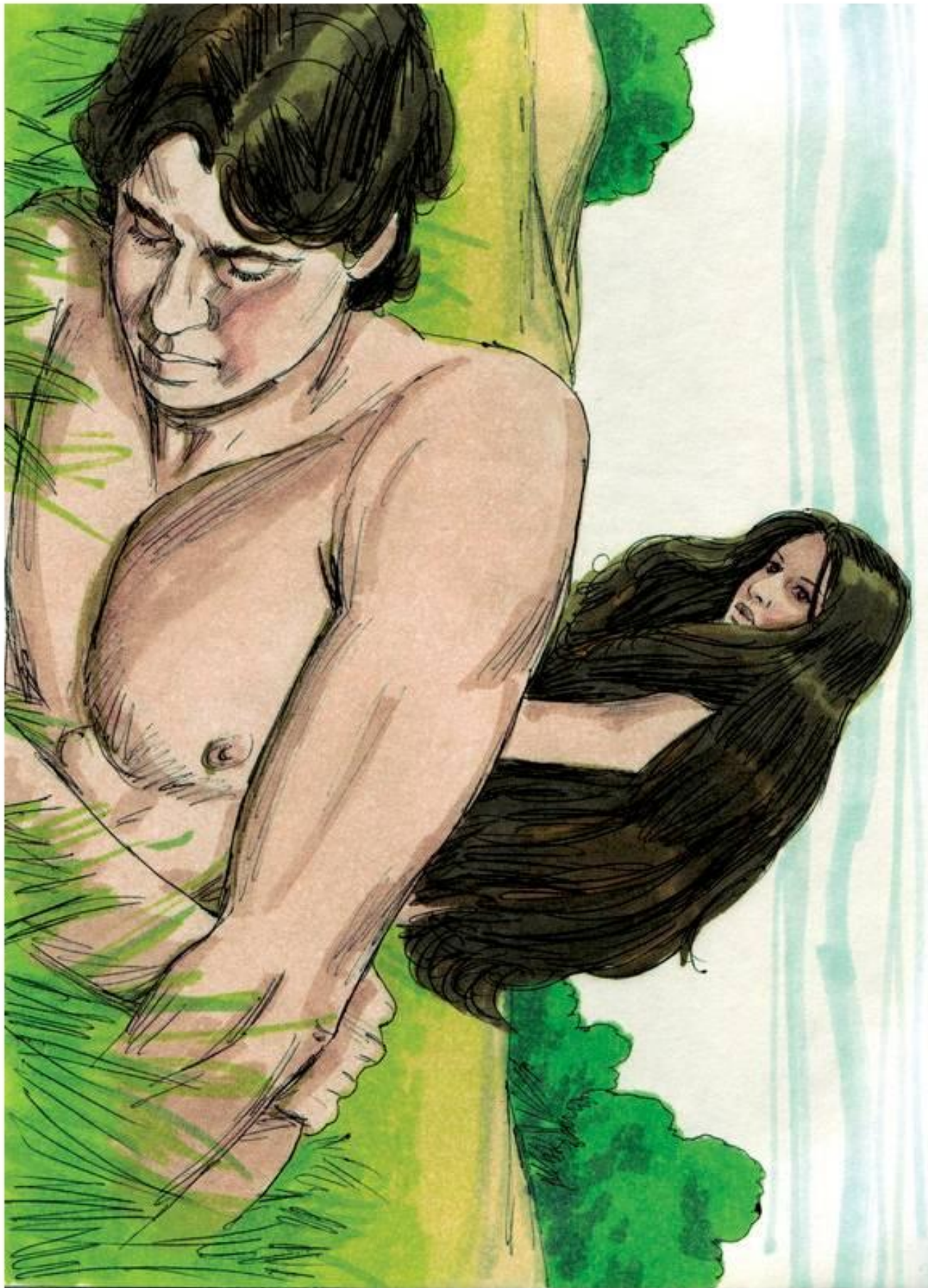


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## THE HUMAN MACHINE

If you happen to be an adult of about average weight, here's what you do in 24 hours.

Your heart beats 103,689 times.

Your blood travels 168,000,000 miles.

You breathe 23,040 times.

You inhale 438 cubic feet of air.

You eat 3¼ pounds of food.

You drink 2.9 pounds of liquids.

You lose in weight 7.8 pounds of waste.

You perspire 1.43 pints.

You give off 85.6 degrees F.

You turn in your sleep 25-30 times.

You speak 48,000 words.

You move 750 major muscles.

Your nails grow .000046 inch.

Your hair grows .01717 inch.

You exercise 7,000,000 brain cells.

• It pays to take care of the machine. There are no used parts for sale!

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