

~MAN (647)

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• The highest form of earthly life and a product of the Creator, Yehowah God. Yehowah formed the man out of dust from the ground, blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man came to be a living soul.

• And Yehowah God proceeded to form the **man** out of dust from the ground and to blow into his nostrils the breath of life, and the **man** came to be a living soul. (**Genesis 2:7**)

• It is even so written: The first **man** Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. (**1 Corinthians 15:45**)

• After Adam was created and after he named the animals, Yehowah caused a deep sleep to fall upon him, and while he slept, God took one of Adam's ribs and used it to make the **woman**.

• Therefore, when she was presented to the man, Adam could say; This is at last bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. He called her Woman, *'ish-shah'*, because from man this one was taken.

• Hence Yehowah God had a deep sleep fall upon the **man** and, while he was sleeping, he took one of his ribs and then closed up the flesh over its place. (**Genesis 2:21**)

• And Yehowah God proceeded to build the rib that he had taken from the **man** into a woman and to bring her to the man. (**Genesis 2:22**)

• Then the **man** said; This is at last bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This one will be called Woman, because from man this one was taken. (**Genesis 2:23**)

• Adam later gave her the name Eve, meaning, **Living One**.

• After this Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she had to

become the mother of everyone living. (**Genesis 3:20**)

- A number of **Hebrew** and **Greek** terms refer to **man**. '*A-dham*' means, **man, human, earthling man, mankind, generic, 'ish, man, an individual, a husband, 'enohsh', a mortal man, ge'ver, an able-bodied man, za-khar', a male**, a few other **Hebrew** words are also sometimes translated, **man**. The **Greek** *an'thro-pos* means, **man, mankind generic, a-ner', a man, a male person, a husband**.
- Testifying to **man's** creation by Yehowah God, the apostle Paul told the Athenians; He made out of one **man** every nation of **men**, to dwell upon the entire surface of the earth.
- And he made out of one **man** every nation of **men**, to dwell upon the entire surface of the earth, and he decreed the appointed times and the set limits of the dwelling of **men**. (**Acts of Apostles 17:26**)
- Hence, all nations and races have a common origin.
- Adam and Eve were created toward the end of the sixth creative day.
- And God went on to say; Let the earth put forth living souls according to their kinds, domestic animal and moving animal and wild beast of the earth according to its kind. And it came to be so. (**Genesis 1:24**)
- And God proceeded to make the wild beast of the earth according to its kind and the domestic animal according to its kind and every moving animal of the ground according to its kind. And God got to see that it was good. (**Genesis 1:25**)
- And God went on to say; Let us make **man** in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:26**)
- And God proceeded to create the **man** in his image, in God's image he created him, male and female he created them. (**Genesis 1:27**)
- Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and

become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:28**)

- And God went on to say; Here I have given to you all vegetation bearing seed which is on the surface of the whole earth and every tree on which there is the fruit of a tree bearing seed. To you let it serve as food. (**Genesis 1:29**)
- And to every wild beast of the earth and to every flying creature of the heavens and to everything moving upon the earth in which there is life as a soul I have given all green vegetation for food. And it came to be so. (**Genesis 1:30**)
- After that God saw everything he had made and, look! It was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, a sixth day. (**Genesis 1:31**)
- There are no actual records of ancient **man**, his writing, agriculture, and other pursuits, extending into the past before **4026 B.C.E**, the date of Adam's creation.
- Since the Scriptures outline man's history from the very creation of the first human pair, there can be no such thing as prehistoric **man**. Fossil records in the earth provide no link between **man** and the animals.
- Then, too, there is a total absence of reference to any subhuman's in man's earliest records, whether these be written documents, cave drawings, sculptures, or the like.
- The Scriptures make clear the opposite, that **man** was originally a son of God and that he has degenerated.
- In case they sin against you, for there is no **man** that does not sin, and you have to be incensed at them and abandon them to the enemy, and their captors actually carry them off captive to the land of the enemy distant or nearby. (**1 Kings 8:46**)
- For there is no **man** righteous in the earth that keeps doing good and does not sin. (**Ecclesiastes 7:20**)
- If we make the statement; We have no sin. We are misleading

ourselves and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)

- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous so as to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)
- If we make the statement; We have not sinned, we are making him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:10)
- **Archaeologist O. D. Miller observed:** The tradition of the golden age, then, was not a myth. The old doctrine of a subsequent decadence, of a sad degeneracy of the human race, from an original state of happiness and purity, undoubtedly embodied a great, but lamentable truth. Our modern philosophies of history, which begin with the primeval man as a savage, evidently need a new introduction. No, the primeval man was not a savage. [Har-Moad, 1892, p. 417]
- The Bible reveals that **man's** original home was a garden in Eden.
- Further, Yehowah God planted a garden in Eden, toward the east, and there he put the **man** whom he had formed. (Genesis 2:8)
- Its indicated location is relatively near the place of **mankind's** early post-Flood civilization. The view generally accepted by scholars is expressed by **P. J. Wiseman** as follows; All the real evidence we have, that of Genesis, archaeology, and the traditions of **men**, points to the Mesopotamian plain as the oldest home of **man**.
- Far Eastern civilization, whether Chinese or Indian, cannot compete with this land in the antiquity of its peoples, for it can easily sustain its claim to be the cradle of civilization. [New Discoveries in Babylonia About Genesis, 1949, p. 28]

See Also EDEN 1

.. In What Sense Is Man Made In God's Image

- In disclosing to his master worker the divine purpose to create **mankind**, God said; Let us make **man**, '*a-dham*', in our image, according to our likeness.
- And God went on to say; Let us make **man** in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the

- domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. ([Genesis 1:26](#))
- And God proceeded to create the **man** in his image, in God's image he created him. Male and female he created them. ([Genesis 1:27](#))
 - Then I came to be beside him as a master worker, and I came to be the one he was specially fond of day by day, I being glad before him all the time. ([Proverbs 8:30](#))
 - Being glad at the productive land of his earth, and the things I was fond of were with the sons of men. ([Proverbs 8:31](#))
 - In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. ([John 1:1](#))
 - This one was in the beginning with God. ([John 1:2](#))
 - All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence. What has come into existence ([John 1:3](#))
 - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ([Colossians 1:15](#))
 - Because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All other things have been created through him and for him. ([Colossians 1:16](#))
 - Also, he is before all other things and by means of him all other things were made to exist. ([Colossians 1:17](#))
 - Note that the Scriptures do not say that God created **man** in the image of a wild beast or of a domestic animal or of a fish. **Man** was made in God's image, he was a son of God.
 - Son of Enosh, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God. ([Luke 3:38](#))
 - As to the form or shape of God's body, at no time has anyone beheld God.

- At no time has anyone beheld God. If we continue loving one another, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. (**1 John 4:12**)
- No one on earth knows what God's glorious, heavenly, spiritual body looks like, so we cannot liken **man's** body to God's body. God is a Spirit.
- God is a Spirit, and those worshiping him must worship with spirit and truth. (**John 4:24**)
- Nevertheless, **man** is in God's image in that he was created with moral qualities like those of God, namely, love and justice.
- And clothe yourselves with the new personality, which through accurate knowledge is being made new according to the image of the One who created it. (**Colossians 3:10**)
- He also has powers and wisdom above those of animals, so that he can appreciate the things that God enjoys and appreciates, such as beauty and the arts, speaking, reasoning, and similar processes of the mind and heart of which the animals are not capable. Moreover, **man** is capable of spirituality, of knowing and having communication with God.
- For who among men knows the things of a **man** except the spirit of man that is in him? So, too, no one has come to know the things of God, except the spirit of God. (**1 Corinthians 2:11**)
- Now we received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God, that we might know the things that have been kindly given us by God. (**1 Corinthians 2:12**)
- These things we also speak, not with words taught by **human** wisdom, but with those taught by the spirit, as we combine spiritual matters with spiritual words. (**1 Corinthians 2:13**)
- But a physical **man** does not receive the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot get to know them, because they are examined spiritually. (**1 Corinthians 2:14**)
- However, the spiritual **man** examines indeed all things, but he himself is not examined by any man. (**1 Corinthians 2:15**)

- For, who has come to know the mind of Yehowah, that he may instruct him? But we do have the mind of Christ. (**1 Corinthians 2:16**)
- Furthermore, we used to have fathers who were of our flesh to discipline us, and we used to give them respect. Shall we not much more subject ourselves to the Father of our spiritual life and live? (**Hebrews 12:9**)
- For such reasons **man** was qualified to be God's representative and to have in subjection the forms of creature life in the skies, on the earth, and in the sea.
- Being a creation of God, **man** was originally perfect.
- The Rock, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice. Righteous and upright is he. (**Deuteronomy 32:4**)
- Accordingly, Adam could have bequeathed to his posterity human perfection and opportunity for eternal life on earth.
- For this is what Yehowah has said, the Creator of the heavens, He the true God, the Former of the earth and the Maker of it, He the One who firmly established it, who did not create it simply for nothing, who formed it even to be inhabited; I am Yehowah, and there is no one else. (**Isaiah 45:18**)
- He and Eve were **commanded**; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it. As their family increased, they would have cultivated and beautified the earth according to the design of their Creator.
- Further, God blessed them and God said to them; Be fruitful and become many and fill the earth and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:28**)
- The apostle Paul, in discussing the relative positions of **man** and woman in God's arrangement, says; I want you to know that the head of every **man** is the Christ, in turn the head of a woman is the **man**, in turn the head of the Christ is God.

- He then points out that a woman who prays or prophesies in the congregation with her head uncovered shames the one who is her head.

- **Man** was created first and for some time was alone, being in God's image by himself. The woman was made from the **man** and was to be subject to the **man**, a situation unlike that of God, who is subject to no one. **Man's** headship, nevertheless, comes under the headship of God and Christ.

- But I want you to know that the head of every **man** is the Christ. In turn the head of a woman is the **man**. In turn the head of the Christ is God. (1 Corinthians 11:3)

- Every **man** that prays or prophesies having something on his head shames his head. (1 Corinthians 11:4)

- But every **woman** that prays or prophesies with her head uncovered shames her head, for it is one and the same as if she were a woman with a shaved head. (1 Corinthians 11:5)

- For if a **woman** does not cover herself, let her also be shorn, but if it is disgraceful for a **woman** to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. (1 Corinthians 11:6)

- For a **man** ought not to have his head covered, as he is God's image and glory, but the **woman** is man's glory. (1 Corinthians 11:7)

•• A Free Moral Agent

- Being made in God's image, according to His likeness, **man** was a free moral agent. He had the freedom of choice to do good or bad. By his willing, loving obedience to his Creator, he was in a position to bring honor and glory to God far beyond that which the animal creation could bring.

- He could intelligently praise God for His wonderful qualities and could support His sovereignty. But Adam's freedom was a relative freedom, it was not absolute.

- He could continue to live in happiness only if he acknowledged Yehowah's sovereignty. This was indicated by the tree of knowledge of

good and bad, from which Adam was forbidden to eat. Eating of it would be an act of disobedience, a rebellion against God's sovereignty.

- **Thus Yehowah God made to grow out of the ground every tree desirable to ones sight and good for food and also the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and bad. (Genesis 2:9)**
- **And Yehowah God also laid this command upon the man. From every tree of the garden you may eat to satisfaction. (Genesis 2:16)**
- **But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. (Genesis 2:17)**
- **Since Adam was a son of God.**
- **Son of Enosh, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God. (Luke 3:38)**
- **His relationship to God was that of a son to a father, and he should have obeyed accordingly. Additionally, God created in man an innate desire to render worship. This desire, if perverted, would take man in the wrong direction and would destroy his freedom, bringing him into bondage to what was created instead of to the Creator. This, in turn, would result in man's degradation.**
- **A rebellious spirit son of God caused Adam's wife Eve to sin, and she placed the temptation before Adam, who deliberately entered into rebellion against Yehowah.**
- **Now the serpent proved to be the most cautious of all the wild beasts of the field that Yehowah God had made. So it began to say to the woman; Is it really so that God said you must not eat from every tree of the garden? (Genesis 3:1)**
- **At this the woman said to the serpent; Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat. (Genesis 3:2)**
- **But as for eating of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, God has said; You must not eat from it, no, you must not touch it that you do not die. (Genesis 3:3)**
- **At this the serpent said to the woman; You positively will not**

die. (**Genesis 3:4**)

- For God knows that in the very day of your eating from it your eyes are bound to be opened and you are bound to be like God, knowing good and bad. (**Genesis 3:5**)
- Consequently the **woman** saw that the tree was good for food and that it was something to be longed for to the eyes, yes, the tree was desirable to look upon. So she began taking of its fruit and eating it. Afterward she gave some also to her husband when with her and he began eating it. (**Genesis 3:6**)
- For Adam was formed first, then Eve. (**1 Timothy 2:13**)
- Also, Adam was not deceived, but the **woman** was thoroughly deceived and came to be in transgression. (**1 Timothy 2:14**)
- They became like those whom Paul later described in,
- For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship, so that they are inexcusable. (**Romans 1:20**)
- Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God nor did they thank him, but they became empty-headed in their reasonings and their unintelligent heart became darkened. (**Romans 1:21**)
- Although asserting they were wise, they became foolish. (**Romans 1:22**)
- And turned the glory of the incorruptible God into something like the image of corruptible **man** and of birds and four-footed creatures and creeping things. (**Romans 1:23**)
- By his transgression Adam lost his sonship and perfection and he introduced sin, with imperfection and death, to his offspring, the entire **human** race. Even at birth, they were in the image of their father Adam, imperfect, with death working in their bodies.
- And to Adam he said; Because you listened to your wife's voice and took to eating from the tree concerning which I gave you this **command**: You must not eat from it. Cursed is the ground

- on your account. In pain you will eat its produce all the days of your life. (**Genesis 3:17**)
- And thorns and thistles it will grow for you, and you must eat the vegetation of the field. (**Genesis 3:18**)
 - In the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you will return. (**Genesis 3:19**)
 - That is why, just as through one **man** sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned. (**Romans 5:12**)

See Also ADAM 1

•• The Man We Are Inside

- In speaking of the conflict of the Christian, including that with the fallen, sinful flesh, the Bible uses the expressions, the **man** I am within, the **man** we are inside, and similar phrases.
- I really delight in the Law of God according to the **man I am within**. (**Romans 7:22**)
- Therefore we do not give up, but even if the **man we are outside** is wasting away, certainly the man we are inside is being renewed from day to day. (**2 Corinthians 4:16**)
- To the end that he may grant you according to the riches of his glory to be made mighty in the **man you are inside** with power through his spirit. (**Ephesians 3:16**)
- These expressions are appropriate because Christians have been made new in the force actuating their mind.
- But that you should be made new in the force actuating your mind. (**Ephesians 4:23**)
- The driving force or inclination of their mind is in a spiritual direction. They are making efforts to strip off the old personality, literally, old **man**, and clothe themselves with the new personality, literally, new one.

- Do not be lying to one another. Strip off the old personality with its practices. (**Colossians 3:9**)
- And clothe yourselves with the new personality, which through accurate knowledge is being made new according to the image of the One who created it. (**Colossians 3:10**)
- And quit being fashioned after this system of things, but be transformed by making your mind over, that you may prove to yourselves the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (**Romans 12:2**)
- In being baptized into Christ, anointed Christians have been baptized into his death, the old personality has been impaled, that the sinful body might be made inactive.
- But until their death in the flesh and their resurrection, the fleshly body is still there to fight the spiritual **man**. It is a difficult contest, about which Paul says; In this dwelling house we do indeed groan.
- But the ransom sacrifice of Jesus Christ covers the sins of the old personality with fleshly desires working in its members, unless these Christians give in and deliberately go the way of the flesh.
- Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? (**Romans 6:3**)
- Therefore we were buried with him through our baptism into his death, in order, that, just as Christ was raised up from the dead through the glory of the Father, we also should likewise walk in a newness of life. (**Romans 6:4**)
- For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection. (**Romans 6:5**)
- Because we know that our old personality was impaled with him, that our sinful body might be made inactive, that we should no longer go on being slaves to sin. (**Romans 6:6**)
- For he who has died has been acquitted from his sin. (**Romans 6:7**)

- I find, then, this Law in my case, that when I wish to do what is right, what is bad is present with me. (**Romans 7:21**)
- I really delight in the Law of God according to the **man** I am within. (**Romans 7:22**)
- But I behold in my members another Law warring against the Law of my mind and leading me captive to sins Law that is in my members. (**Romans 7:23**)
- Miserable **man** that I am! Who will rescue me from the body undergoing this death? (**Romans 7:24**)
- Thanks to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So, then, with my mind I myself am a slave to God's law, but with my flesh to sins law. (**Romans 7:25**)
- Not only that, but we ourselves also who have the firstfruits, namely, the spirit, yes, we ourselves groan within ourselves, while we are earnestly waiting for adoption as sons, the release from our bodies by ransom. (**Romans 8:23**)
- For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, should be dissolved, we are to have a building from God, a house not made with hands, everlasting in the heavens. (**2 Corinthians 5:1**)
- For in this dwelling house we do indeed groan, earnestly desiring to put on the one for us from heaven. (**2 Corinthians 5:2**)
- So that, having really put it on, we shall not be found naked. (**2 Corinthians 5:3**)

·· The Spiritual Man

- The apostle contrasts the spiritual **man** with the physical **man**. He says; But a physical, literally, soulical, **man** does not receive the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him.
- But a physical **man** does not receive the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot get to know them, because they are examined spiritually. (**1 Corinthians 2:14**)

- This **physical man** does not mean merely one living on earth, one with a fleshly body, for, obviously, Christians on earth have fleshly bodies. The **physical man** here spoken of means one who has **no spiritual side to his life**. He is soulical in that he follows the desires of the **human soul** to the exclusion of spiritual things.
- Paul continues about the **physical man**, that he cannot get to know the things of the spirit of God because they are examined spiritually. Then he says; However, the **spiritual man** examines indeed all things, but he himself is not examined by any **man**.
- The spiritual man has understanding of the things God reveals, he sees also the wrong position and course of the **physical man**. But the spiritual **man's** position, actions, and course of life cannot be understood by the **physical man**, neither can any **man** judge the **spiritual man**, for God only is his Judge.
- Who are you to judge the house servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for Yehowah can make him stand. (**Romans 14:4**)
- But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you also look down on your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God. (**Romans 14:10**)
- For it is written: As I live, says Yehowah, to me every knee will bend down, and every tongue will make open acknowledgment to God. (**Romans 14:11**)
- Now to me it is a very trivial matter that I should be examined by you or by a **human** tribunal. Even I do not examine myself. (**1 Corinthians 4:3**)
- For I am not conscious of anything against myself. Yet by this I am not proved righteous, but he that examines me is Yehowah. (**1 Corinthians 4:4**)
- Hence do not judge anything before the due time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring the secret things of darkness to light and make the counsels of the hearts manifest, and then each one will have his praise come to him from God. (**1 Corinthians 4:5**)
- The apostle says by way of illustration and argument; For who has come to know the mind of Yehowah, that he may instruct him? No

one, of course. But, Paul says of Christians, we do have the mind of Christ. By getting the mind of Christ, who reveals Yehowah and his purposes to Christians, they are spiritual **men**.

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See Also OLDER MAN

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