

What in the World happened to us?? You know Humans weren't always messed up!..so we have come along way !!! It is a matter of critical importance that Christians not think of God as a ruler who "ad libs" His dominion of the universe...

- God does not "make it up as he goes along"
- Nor is he a bumbling administrator who is so inept in His planning that His blueprint for redemption... The Bible... must be endlessly subject to revision by surprises God has not taken into account in which He must now alter his plan...
- God's eternal plan according to scripture is not revised because of imperfections within it that must be fixed.
- Nor are His plans in need of ongoing correction because He has gained new knowledge that He lacked at the beginning.
- The God of Scripture has no "plan b or plan c"...His "plan a" is from everlasting to everlasting
- It is both perfect and unchangeable because it rests on God's eternal character, which among other things is holy, all knowing and absolute.
- His plans are not corrected because He has gained new knowledge that He lacked at the beginning.
- God's eternal plans as revealed in scripture never change because He never changes and because perfection cannot be improved upon

The book of Genesis "in the beginning" origen... is the first book of Gods message to us; it is the message of origins today we will begin the study of the origin of man... and what happened to us...

Understanding our origin is critically related 1) To our sense of purpose 2)To our sense of worth 3)To our understanding of destiny 4)To our hope for the future

Genesis tells us that God created our home the heavens and the earth before he made any of us...

NIV ISA 45:18 For this is what the LORD says- he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it

to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited-- he says: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

➤ **He Formed the earth to be inhabited by us and he formed us to be inhabited by him. Let's pick up God's dialogue before any of us existed...**

NLT GE 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

God... (Elohim) Is the plural form in Hebrew of God....It stresses His Majesty and omnipotence...

- It is used as the mighty name of the creator, the first of over two thousand times in the Bible it is used in this way.

It is a plural name with a singular meaning. The Uni-plurality of God.

God is one yet more than one It is where The Christians speak of the Trinity or Tri-unity of God. One God made up of three distinct persons The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- The triune God calls a meeting, the father son and Holy Spirit...he is not speaking to the angels...for we were not made in their likeness. Nor the animals or any other creature
- To make and create man in His image....not evolve... create.

In God's Image and Likeness... God designed and created man in accordance with his nature.

The essence of God's nature is Relational...

- the relationship is in complete unity Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- yet each is unique and separate.
- They exist in each other
- God's nature is personal with personality in his moral and spiritual capacities, in his emotions, intellect, conscience and will
- Man stands apart from the rest of creation...for man begins with reference to his moral and spiritual nature and relates to God...his body is not mentioned until chapter 2 verse 7
- relationships were designed in the human race from the beginning...*Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule*

NLT GE 1: 27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God then Created ... Create is the Hebrew word **Bara** and is used only of the work of God.

Only God can create...that is to call or speak into existence that which had no existence. and those that which is created and died and bring back into existence...

NLT Romans 4:17.... “the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.”

So God created everything out of nothing...then created us out of the earth he created...

God is not against our body. And it houses the Soul and Spirit

Then God formed... his earthly body... the body as physical, which means using the five senses; the sense of sight, the sense of hearing, the sense of taste, the sense of smell, and the sense of touch. that part of man which interacts with the natural world.

he is a hands on God...formed... like a potter forming the clay...

NLT GE 2: 7 Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person.

From the ground, God makes a groundling, and places this unique creature in the garden.

NLT GE 2: 7 Then the LORD God formed the man

- **Lord God...First time the singular personal name of God is used...**

Now he gives a personal name...Lord who is God...that is Jesus the one like us... He is the personal God of the Triune Godhead.

NLT John 13: 13 You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am. ¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet.

Also the personal I am Jesus called himself both Lord and I am He is the personal God of the Triune Godhead.

Then And Formed... formed out of the same matter as the material of the earth, but who is given the vocational distinction of blessing, sustaining, and advancing creation in partnership with God.

And God houses this image (reflection) of himself in a body like Jesus

- **The work of making and forming consist of organizing already existing materials into more complex systems.**
- **Man and God can make and form things but only God can create something out of no thing.**
- **Our Creator's hands are covered with the dust of our existence. God is not afraid to get dirty.** At this point in the creation narrative God is fashioning the earthen vessel that will bear God's image.
- **He will go on and name him "Adam" means "groundling"** and refers to one who is cultivated from 'adama.
- He breathed the breath of life into him...that is our spirit...
The body is our created of the earth home for our spirit (the breath of life) and soul to live in...

So man is created spirit and soul... So we being made in His likeness and image...spirit and soul.... person and personality)

- **Our nature is relational...hence we are created male and female...the ability to procreate and relate giving expression through our emotions intellect and will...**
- **We have a soul...**

and a human body is formed as a residence for us...

And breathed in man life ... Man is made...Spirit... Soul and Body...completely unified and whole... And as God is Triune he is Three in one ...We also were made in relationship to our selves Three in one A triune person.

First spirit...that which is of the essence of God...spirit the eternal part of man...his spirit body... The spirit is called, 'Pneuma'. Adam and Eve's spirit

were alive to God...everyone since has a spirit but it is dead to God... because you were born spiritually dead...your spirit was not alive to God... but theirs was... A person can have a brilliant mind, and be spiritually dead at the same time

Now, your spirit is totally different from your soul - The spirit is the part where we get spiritual discernment, peace and revelation. It is the part where we communicate with God Himself. So our spirit has a deeper discernment between right and wrong.

NLT 1 Corinthians 2:14 says: "14 But people who aren't spiritual^[g] can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

And our spirit also receives revelation which is insight and understanding from the Spirit of God.

The Bible talks about unbelievers having a spirit that is obviously alive but is in rebellion against God— The spirit is the part where we get spiritual discernment, peace and revelation. It is the part where we communicate with God Himself. So our spirit has a deeper discernment between right and wrong.

Spirit is where the Holy Spirit dwells

Paul says, NLT "Rom 8:9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

It's not just one part of us (the spirit) that has been made alive in Christ.

We are a "new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

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ESV 1 Corinthians 2:14 says: "4 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

And then, in our spirit, we also have peace.

Romans 8:6 says: "The mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace."

- **Our spirit is also the part where we have communion with God, where we can have that deep relationship between us and our Father.**

*NLT John 4:23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true **worshippers** will **worship** the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to **worship him**.*

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NLT 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him.

Adam and Eve had this already in them.... But we get it at conversion.

*God says in NLT Ezekiel 36:26 And I will give you a new heart, and **a new spirit** I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put **my Spirit** within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules*

The spirit is also the part where true ministry happens, where we share the gospel to other people.

NLT Acts 1:8 says: ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Now, it's interesting that the Bible also talks about this in the Old Testament, in Joel – giving us the plan...before it all went into action

Joel 2:28 says: "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream, dreams, your young men shall see visions."

The Holy Spirit. Now, this is just incredible, right? That's why some people don't understand Christians. It's because it's spiritual - it's not physical.

All this is connected to our soul ... that part of man which has “Self Consciousness” The I am of you The conceptual part of man...The software in the hard drive sometimes called the heart... **the soul, the Psyche**...

Now, this is the part where people communicate with YOU. This is basically YOU; it consists of yourself, meaning, your identity, your personality, your character... and then, your emotions; which is your feelings and passions... and then, your intellect; which is your mind and your thoughts... and then, your will; which is your own will and desires... and then, your conscience.

And then, very importantly - not a lot of people know this... but it is also a dwelling place for evil, meaning your sinful nature and evil spirits.

So, if somebody hits you or poke you in your physical body, you feel pain, right?

And when somebody use abusive words, you also feel pain, in your soul.

Now, from the moment you're born, you only ever operated through these two; through your body and your soul, that's all you ever knew.

The soul has the incredible power over itself, its volition and energy, and is mutable, i.e., able to be changed....when the Spirit has control over the soul...we heal...and change and do good works....the opposite is true too...

- **When man was created in the image of God...He was created, Spirit soul and body...**
- **His body in synchronization with the visible created world**
- **His soul ...Heart ...Who he is... was both in union with his body and Spirit.**
- **And his spirit in union with God**

NLT GE 1: 28 Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

NLT GE 1: 31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

They were blessed... had God's favor...

I. They were Secure

II. He/She was acceptable and belonged to God

III. They had Purpose... *"Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over vs. 28*

1. Procreate

2. Fill... spread out and explore and travel...

3. Subdue....mandate for sciences... to discover and develop technology... building and designing...learn to harness control...

4. Rule...be a good stewards over God's creation it is interesting that the word also has the idea of protect...from what?

IV. They had food and no need to fear...animals wouldn't hurt them and they didn't eat the animals.

And it was very good in the eyes of God....that what we were originally... The story of God, humanity, and the world unfolding here in Genesis is good news.

but some things happened... .. we became deformed....warped bent out of shape.....Jesus had to come...to reform us...

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