

MAN
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When God created man (Adam) He used the dust of the ground, and He breathed into Adam the breath of life and Adam became a living soul. Adam was totally unique because he was created in the image of God. He (Adam) exists as a clear distinction from animals; because animals were not created in the image of God.

God then took from Adam's side a rib and fashioned a woman (Eve). Eve was to be a helpmate for Adam. And while these two persons equally shared God's image and together exercised dominion over creation, they were by divine design physically diverse in order to accomplish God's mandate to multiply, i.e. (that is) neither one could reproduce offspring without the other.

God having just created the universe now has created His representatives. They were to fill the earth and oversee its operation. They were above and distinct from the animal kingdom, for they were to have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

So God made man using the plural pronouns us and our (indication of the triunity of God, or as it is commonly called: The Trinity). "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: . . ."

There has been much debate over the two words image and likeness. But these two words define man's unique relation to God. Dr. Ryrie says image and likeness are, "Interchangeable terms indicating that man was created in a natural and moral likeness to God. When he sinned, he lost the moral likeness, which was his sinlessness, but the natural likeness of intellect, emotions, and will he still retains."

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