

## **“Is Genesis History” by Thomas Purifoy Jr.**

## **Man, Life, & Science Chapter 3 (1st half)**

Review: We previously discussed that God created everything, including time, for man. And that throughout the Bible there is scripture stating that God “created”, including the words of Jesus in Mark 13. We also discussed the Hebrew word “yom” being used in Genesis. This means a literal “day” in Hebrew, not billions of years. Have you thought of this?

### **The Doctrine of the Image of God**

Man was made in the image of God. What does this mean? What is “the image of God”? Do you have the following?:

1. A moral nature
2. Rationality
3. Intelligence
4. The ability to express the fruits of the Spirit such as love

### **Adam and Eve were created in God’s Image**

**Gen. 2:7** – “the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” What does this tell us about our makeup?

**Gen. 2:15** – “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord commanded the man, ...”. What does this tell us about ourselves?

### **Man’s Capabilities**

1. Relational Capabilities – We can communicate, reason, and love. How does this make us different from other creatures?
2. Moral Capabilities – We can obey or disobey God. Can other creatures do this?
3. Dominion Capabilities – We have the ability to discern the purpose and nature of animals. What does this mean?

### **Who is Adam?**

1. The Son of God – **Luke 3:38** - ...” the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.” Adam was created from God without an earthly mother and earthly father. Who else has this similar makeup?
2. Keeper of the Animals – Adam has the God-given ability to understand the nature of the animals and identify what their purposes are. Where did he get this knowledge?
3. Husband to Eve – The marriage between one man and one woman under God’s direction is the foundation of all civilization. Where else can you see this relationship in scripture and how did God use it?
4. Father to Children – God tells us to go forth and multiply. Adam was a father to his children Cain and Abel. Why does God want us to multiply? Why does God want us to raise children?

### **The Hierarchy to the Created Universe**

**Psalms 8:3-8** – “When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.” Who are we below? Who are we above?

**1 Cor. 6:3** – “Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!” How are we to judge those we are below?

**Jude 1:6** – “And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home – these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgement on the great Day.” This scripture implies that angels have assigned positions of responsibility and locations of authority. Who will judge these angels?

What will the hierarchy be different after the day of judgement compared to today?

### **The Theory of Evolution**

Evolution relies on a progressive, slow-changing, and interconnected relationship between all living creatures. The Bible states that all of creation was created within a few days of each other, fully-formed, each according to its kind. There is no way to reconcile the evolution theory with creation in the Bible.

Man is the steward of God’s creation. Have you ever considered that you are the keeper for God’s creation story?

**Rev. 22:7** – Jesus said: **“Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.”**