

"Creation"

Day 6

Part 3

Introduction: This morning we return to our study of the 6 days of creation. Now since we have been away for a while we need to do a review so as to bring us up to where we are today.

Day 1 – God created the earth, started the earth's rotation, and created all existing light.

Day 2 – God created the heaven and set the canopy of water over the earth.

Day 3 – God gathered together the dry land into one place and created all vegetation.

Day 4 – God created the all the heavenly bodies, the sun, moons, stars, and all the planets.

Day 5 – God created all birds and all aquatic life.

Day 6 – God created all land animals as well as all animals that creep on the ground insects etc. He also created on this day his master piece which was man.

In all of this we looked at how there is absolutely no room for evolution. To attempt to insert the teaching of evolution into any verse or between the verses is a very serious offence to God.

Here are the 3 offences:

1. **You have now cast doubt upon the entire Bible.**

If Genesis 1 is not true then you can't possibly say the rest of the Scriptures are true.

2. **You are guilty of suppressing the Truth of God's Word.**

Romans 1:18

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

3. You are in danger of facing the wrath of the God.

Revelation 22:18-19

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Now the last time we were together we looked at Genesis 1:26 and the statement:

Notice Genesis 1:26a

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

The word "our" refers to the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We also considered the fact that when God spoke this statement He was now committed to sending His Son to the cross. Let me just back up to the 3rd day and be reminded that when God spoke into existence the trees in His mind He knew that from the seed of those trees there would one day grow a tree that be used to build a cross on which His Son would die.

This now brings us up to where we are today.

Before we get started into the verses let me show you a picture on the screen.

"Drawn by science illustrator Carl Buell, working with 23 very learned, picky, choosy scientists, it's the American Museum of Natural History Team's best guess of what the Mother Of All Modern Mammals looked like. After a giant

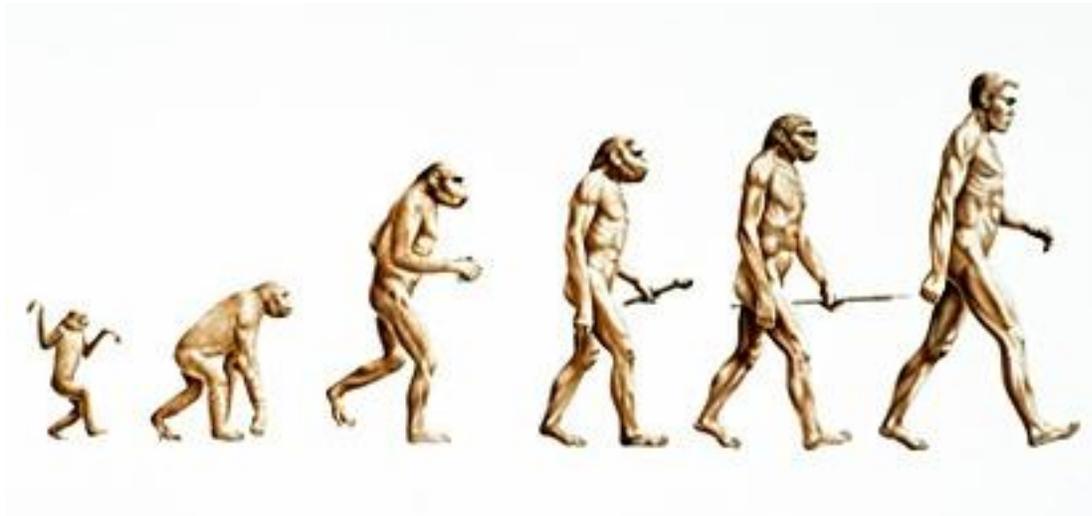
asteroid smashed into Earth, wiping out the dinosaurs, "a small, scampering, insect eating animal" poked its head out from wherever it was hiding, and found itself suddenly in a big, empty, inviting, dinosaur-less world.

Free to roam, eat and grow, it had lots and lots and lots of babies, who eventually speciated into lots of different looking babies, and 66 million years later, one of those babies (great, great, great etc. grandchild of the original) is ... you! You reading this. That little animal in our picture about to eat a beetle is your ancestor: the original mammal that led to all the mammals we see today, from aardvarks to elephants to kangaroos."

Many believe this very animal is what man evolved from.

Eric shared this with me but he also made a very important statement I felt needed to be touched on. He shared with me that artists are some of the most power people in the world. They formulate on their canvas what they believed to be the mother of all mammals and people look at this and because they see it with their eyes it is forever scribed in their minds.

Remember what I showed you the last time we were together?



This was used to teach us many years ago that man evolved from a monkey and it is still in your mind.

Man did not come from a monkey or a shrew. There has never been one fossil or bone found that would prove to be the missing link in the chain of evolution.

*In 1922 there was a tooth that was found which was believed to be one of the missing links between man and monkey. Further study was done in 1927 and it was determined the tooth was from a pig. **Someone said that is when a pig made a monkey out of the man.***

Two weeks ago we started to look at the creation of man and the Truth that man did not evolve but man was created by God.

I. In God's Image (1:26-27)

Notice Genesis 1:26-27

We are told 3 times in these 2 verses that man was created in the image of God. But we must ask what that means? This is a thought which we could never exhaust but I will give you some things to consider which will help you to wrap your mind around what God is saying.

It is the "image" of God that separates us from the animal world. To be created in the image of God means that we were endowed with some of the very attributes of God. I will just touch on a few but it will be enough to stir your mind:

1. **Language** – Regardless of what you have heard or what you have been told humans are the only animals that are able to communicate through language with one another. I came across some very interesting information on man's ability to speak.

At one time behaviorists believed that children learn to speak by mimicking words they hear, which were then reinforced by the mother. By chance, so the theory went, a child would make a sound like "momma," the mother kisses and hugs him so that he feels good and says the word again. By this method, incessantly repeated, language was supposed to develop. What a naive oversimplification! Speech is acquired too rapidly, and the utterances, even of infants, are too unique for this to be true.

The only possible answer is that they were taught by God. How does a newborn baby learn to speak? It is now accepted by linguists that speech is innate, or inborn. That is, speech happens because the infant is human; it is part of his heritage. Try to stop a child from learning a task. Unless he is mentally retarded, profoundly deaf or severely emotionally deprived, it cannot be done. Even deaf children learn to "talk" in their own nonverbal

language. If a child does not use the language he hears around him, he will construct one of his own.

God gave us the ability to speak and to communicate for 2 reasons:

a. **He desires to have communion with us.**

Genesis 3:8-11

⁸ *And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.*

⁹ *And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*

¹⁰ *And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.*

¹¹ *And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?*

Here was Adam after he had disobeyed God and God seeks him out and to restore the communion they once had.

This communion that was between Adam and God was broken when Adam sinned.

Jesus came to restore that communion between God and man.

Luke 19:10

¹⁰ *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

This is the New Testament picture of Genesis 3:8-11. Just as God sought out Adam so Jesus has come to seek out all who are lost so that the communion between man and God can be restored.

b. **He desires that we praise Him with our words.**

Psalm 107:8, 15, 21

⁸ *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*

15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Three times in this Psalm we are told of the writer's desire for people to praise God.

Psalm 150:6

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

Back to the thought again;

The ability to communicate our thoughts to one another and to God is a result of man being created in the image of God.

But I also need to say that the original intent for our gift of communicating was greatly distorted by the fall. Sin has caused men to use his means of communication for other things.

Here are some facts that you may find interesting:

The average person speaks about 8-10 thousand words a day. It would be interesting to know how many are spoken with the intent of promoting self. Most people use their words to speak of themselves or to put others down which really is to promote them.

That is what sin has done. Man was created and given the gift of speech in order to commune with God and to praise God.

Now man's words condemn him.

Romans 3:10-14

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

Conclusion:

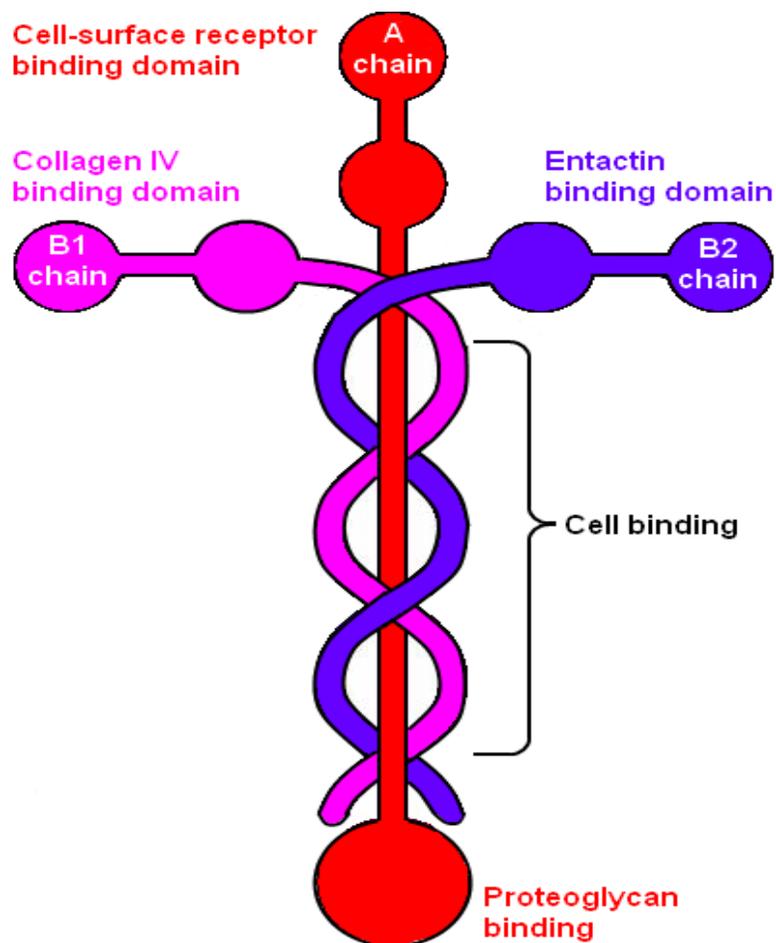
Psalm 139:14

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

There is within the body a protein called "laminin".

Let me show you Webster's definition of laminin:

"glycoprotein that is a component of connective tissue basement membrane and that promotes cell adhesion."



It holds everything together.