**Genesis 2 Part 1**

**What does it mean to be human? America’s current identity crisis**

**Time is Sacred**: use it Wisely! (Ps. 90:12; 39:4-5)

“Thus the heavens & the earth were finished, & all the host of them. [*1st Law of Thermodynamics instituted*] (2) & on the 7th day God ended his work which he had made; & he rested on the 7th day from all his work which he had made. (3)  & God blessed the 7th day, & sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created & made” (**Gen. 2:1-3**). **God calls it** “**My Sabbath**” (Ex. 31:13; Lev. 19:30; 26:2; Ezek. 20:12, 20-21; Deut. 5:14). God sanctified the Sabbath to accomplish His Holy purposes (Mk. 2:27; Isa. 58:13). We all need to set one day aside to refresh spiritually (Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:2; Rom. 14:5; Col. 2:16-17). Illus.: *Russian communists tried to eliminate it*

***By creating a 7 Day Week The LORD of Time assures us of the Inspiration of Genesis*** (Rom. 1:20). All important time markers are based on astronomical constants but the week has no astronomical basis whatsoever. But most of the world functions around a 7-day cycle The most obvious explanation: It’s just as Genesis says! (**Gen. 1:14-15**).

**The Day** is the duration of one rotation of the earth on its axis. **The Month**: sidereal (27.32 days); synodic period (29.5 days) is the time between new moons. **The Year & Seasons** is the duration of 1 orbit of the earth around the sun (365.25 days).

 **Jesus Proved He is LORD of Time by dividing it** into BC & AD (Mk. 2:27-28; Matt. 12:8; Lk. 6:2-5). The Sabbath is a Prophetic Type of our Glorious Rest in Christ’s Eternal Kingdom (Heb. 4:1-11 & Col. 2:14-17).

Now we will study God’s word to learn what it truly means to be human so we can live the most meaningful satisfying life possible.

**TO FULFILL OUR HUMANITY, WE MUST KNOW THE SOURCE OF HUMAN DIGNITY & VALUE**

God reveals that He Created man in His image, a unique eternal Being, for eternal purposes. Evolutionary Science [*materialism*] teaches that man is the temporary product of unintelligent chance without any purpose (*Reduces man to a hominid animal: no soul, no spirit*).

**In Scripture God communicates with us in Human Language but in His own Unique Way** (Isa. 55:8-9; Rom. 11:33-36). The Bible is 25% Prophesy: Unique to an Omniscient God. To do this God uses 1600 years to record His Word for mankind. The Book of Hebrews reveals how to understand God’s unique Prophetic Types that powerfully connect the O.T. to the LORD Jesus Christ.

**The Holy Spirit Guides us to understand God’s thoughts** (John 14:17, 26; I Cor. 2:9-14, 16). 4 Different Gospels make studying the Life of Christ like an exciting search for hidden treasure! [*Why Four Gospels, by Danny Akin, or J. Vernon McGee, or A.W. Pink is available free online PDF*]. Not knowing the Bible’s Author, lost liberals find errors instead of treasures & use God’s Unique Thoughts to attack His Word (Matt. 11:25; 13:11-16; 2 Cor. 4:3-6). A common attack says: Genesis 1 & 2 are contradictory! The bible is not inspired by God!

 **Let’s Look at the Supposed contradictions between Genesis 1 & 2**

**1.**  **In Gen. 1:11** trees made on day 3 before man. The entire story is chronological. **In Gen. 2:9** trees made on day 6 after man. Gen. 2:4-6 summarizes the 1st five days. **Gen. 2:7-25** describes only events on the 6th day in the Garden of Eden. The trees in Gen. 2:9 are only in the Garden of Eden. ***This allowed Adam to observe God Create***!

**2.**  **In Gen. 1:20** birds are made out of water on day 5 before man. **In Gen. 2:19** birds are made out of ground after man on day 6. Birds created out of the ground in the Garden of Eden, on day 6 allows Adam to name some “kinds.” The rest of the world was full of birds from day 5.

**3.** **In Gen. 1:24-5** animals made on day 6 before man. **In Gen. 2:19** animals made on day 6 after man. Gen. 2:19 only describes animals created in the Garden, after man. ***The Purpose is for Adam to exercise dominion by naming & realize none make him a suitable mate*** (2:20-2)

**Righty understood, there are no Contradictions Between Genesis 1 & 2**. Chapter 2 just explains in more detail the events in the Garden of Eden on Day 6. Watch a debate between Kent Hovind (*creationist*) & Michael Shermer (*atheist*) where Shermer who left Christianity cited the difference between Genesis 1 & 2 along with evolution as reasons for abandoning his faith. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPGtCuEvmBA&t=5493&ab\_channel=TheBible-smithProject

***Choose your Teachers Wisely*** (Prov. 13:20; Isa. 54:13; John 6:45).

**SPIRITUAL ANATOMY 101 [*With God as our Teacher*]**

“God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male & female created [*Hebrew = bara*] he them” (Gen. 1:27)

***Here the male & female soul is created***! Then “**the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground**…” (Gen. 2:7).
 Here the word “form” [*Hebrew = yatsar*] means to “mold something into form” like a potter molds clay (Ps. 139:14-16)

***Part of every Human being is ‘created’ & part is ‘formed.’***

“Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him” (Isa. 43:7).

***The male & female body is ‘formed’ by God***. The 1st Male body is formed from the ground (Gen 2:7). The 1st Female body is formed from Adam’s rib (Gen. 2:21-22). The soul is man’s essence (Matt. 10:28).

**THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE SOUL & BODY**The body is the house for the soul (I Cor. 5:1-9; 2 Pet. 1:13-14)

My body is the physical part of me; but “I” (*my soul*) lives in ‘my’ body.

The soul fits into the body just as a hand fits into a glove. 5 senses [*gates*] connect the Body & Soul: eye; ear; nose; mouth; feeling.

Jesus explains what the soul is like after death in the true story of the rich man & Lazarus (Lk 16:19-31). There Jesus reveals the 5 senses are present in the Soul with our consciousness.

**Male/female distinction is one of the most basic irrefutable scientific facts of Humans** (I Pet. 3:7). Our world is becoming insanely irrational by blurring the clear biological & psychological differences between male/female. Facebook offers 58 gender options! They replace hard Science with abnormal psychology. CNN said “It’s not possible to know a person’s gender at birth.” James Talarico, Dem. Rep. Texas, (*Harvard grad*) – says there are 6 biological sexes: XX, XY, X, XXY, XYY, XXXY. But these are abnormalities in sex chromosomes not biological sexes. If they have a ‘Y’ they are male.

***Psychology’s great disservice to mankind is its Failure to acknowledge the Reality of Sin***. Our soul can be sick. Psychology that denies sin cannot heal the soul. We can only find mental health through God given moral values. “I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee” (Ps. 41:4).

 Destructive chaos results from rejecting God’s revelation: Allowing men in woman’s sports (MMA fighters; track & field, men in women’s’ prison, etc.). They try to punish those who won’t go along with their insanity! Trying to change one’s gender is a rejection of God’s design. Every cell in your body is male if you are a male & every cell is female if you are female. Surgery can’t change that! We all need salvation!

**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT US**

Our main identity is not found in our sexuality but in our relationship with God through Christ. Sexuality is sacred. It has a divine purpose to fulfill according to God’s will. There is no more accurate or healthy source for what it means to be male or female than god’s word. Don’t become a victim of secular anthropology or psychology gone astray or a lost world’s bad ideas.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD & THE SPIRIT OF MAN**

(**Gen 2:7**) “the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, & **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life** (*plural*); & man became **a living soul**.” (Job 33:4; 34:14-15; 32:8; Isa. 42:5)

**God’s Spirit** - “*breath of lives*” gives life to both our body (Ps. 146:4; 104:29) & soul (Ps. 22:29; 89:48; Eccl. 8:8; James 2:26)

The Hebrew & Greek word ‘Spirit’ = breath, spirit, wind (John 3:8). Jesus said it is the “spirit that gives life” (John 6:63). This is the “Law of Biogenesis” – life only come from life! There’s an intimate relationship between our breath (*spirit*) & God’s Spirit (breath) (I Cor. 2:9-12; Ps. 104:29-30; James 2:26; Zech. 12:1; Heb. 12:9; Num. 16:22). The spirit of man was formed from the Spirit of God! Thus God is called “the Father of spirits” (Heb. 12:9; Eccl. 12:7; Zech. 12:1)

**The Trinitarian God Creates a Trinitarian Man**

“the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; & I pray God your whole spirit & soul & body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (I Thess. 5:23).

I have a body; I have a spirit; but I am a soul (Matt. 16:25-26).

 ***Only God’s Word can reveal distinctions of Soul, Spirit & Body***! [*Not Psychology; not science*] (Hebrews 4:12). Read Hebrews 4:12 & I Corinthians 14:24-25. Without the light of God’s Word, Science in studying the body & psychology in studying the soul, are heavily tainted by sin (*& rejection of God*) & easily go astray (Rom. 1:22; Prov. 26:12)

**THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOUL, BODY & SPIRIT**

**IS SO INTIMATE WE MUST TAKE CARE OF ALL 3**!

Our spirit has a profound effect on our body (Prov. 17:22; 15:13; 18:14) [*illus: Norman Cousins miraculous healing*]. The emotional state of our soul effects our body (*psycho-somatic*)(Prov 12:4; 2Cor. 7:10). Living in obedience to God’s Word promotes health (Prov 3:1-2,7-8,13-16; 4:7-10)

**Man’s Trinitarian nature explains 3 levels of consciousness**.

We are all self-conscious (*through the soul*), (emotional); World conscious (*through the body*) (physical); God-conscious (*through the spirit*), (spiritual). Depression can be emotional, physical, or spiritual!

**We choose our soul’s eternal destiny in this life**!

The soul of lost unbelievers descends into hell inside the Earth & begins its eternal torments (Prov. 9:18; 15:24; Isa. 14:9, 15; Rev. 20:13-14). The soul & spirit of saved believers ascends to the presence of God in Heaven (John 11:25-26; 14:3; 2Cor. 5:1-9; Phil. 1:21-23; I Thess. 4:13-18; Eccl. 12:7; Acts 7:59; Ps. 73:24-26; Rev. 7:14-17) to experience eternal pleasures & fullness of joy (Ps. 16:11).

**What happens to our body when we die**? “The dust (*body*) returns to the earth” (Eccl. 3:20; 12:7) to await the resurrection (I Cor. 15:42-54; 2Cor. 5:1-9; I Thess. 4:13-18; Rom. 8:22). ***Are you prepared emotionally*** (Phil. 3:20-24), ***physically*** (I Cor. 9:24-27), & ***spiritually*** (Heb. 12:14) ***to spend eternity in Glory with the Lord Jesus***?