

## CHAPTER THREE

### The creation of Man

The time was drawing near when God was to create man. God's plan was to make an animal creature that he could breathe a soul into. The plans called for redesigning a primate to the shape that God thought appropriate. God wanted man to feel good about himself! Man would not be the fastest or the biggest, nor have offensive or defensive weapons to control all dangers. Instead God would give man intelligence and creative thought, the power to observe and draw conclusions. It was this intelligence that would give man dominion over the beasts.

God began with an ape. About 18 million years ago God removed the tail from the ape. About 14 million years ago the ape began to walk on the hind legs for short periods of time. All the while God was experimenting with various models to get the desired end result.

Around 5 million years ago the development of today's deer, antelopes and cows was almost complete. A few minor changes have occurred since, but basically the hoofed animals were ready for man.

About 3 million years ago God developed the earliest hominids. They walked upright and were therefore different from the apes. The skull was similar to an ape with a brain the size of a chimpanzee. The early hominids ate mostly vegetation but one variety could possibly have eaten meat. At 1.8 million years ago the first human-like man was developed. It had a larger brain, could run and grip objects, and used very simple tools.

God was getting closer with both intellect and talent. At one million years ago the brain expanded and the body was similar in appearance and function to modern man. The head was flat on top with a large bone over the eyes. He used a greater variety of tools and was the first human to use fire. This model lasted for 800,000 years.

At 130,000 years ago, God created the animal that would develop into the final desired result. They were the Neanderthals. The brain size was the same as modern man and he used tools that were designed for specific purposes. They buried their dead and they had rituals. They also lived during the ice age, so were able to clothe themselves. But the Neanderthal still had the heavy bone over the eyes and God wanted man to be attractive.

At 30,000 years ago the modern man was called the Cro-Magnon. The brow had been redesigned to look like today's skull and now had modern man's appearance. God had increased intelligence and creativity. The Cro-Magnon man lived in wooden huts and it was these people that left paintings on cave walls. This was the first man to invent the ax by attaching a stone on the end of a wooden stick. Man's creativity was beginning to blossom.

At this same time in Northern Europe and Siberia the mammoth hunters appeared and developed the culture of killing for survival. The hunters used the mammoth bones and tusks for houses, skins for dress and used whistles and put beads and embroidery on clothing.

When God invented the brain it was intended to be the central control center. This device was to take messages from all the sensors of the body, process the information and make a conclusion and then a reaction. The brain consisted of cells

called neurons that do the processing and they are connected to each other and to the sensors using nerves. Electric current passes through the nerves and into the neurons just as current passes through wires and into a computer chip. The more chips, the smarter the computer. The more neurons the smarter the animal.

The size of the brain cavity does not necessarily mean the intelligence level. The neurons in man's brain are on the outside layer of the brain. God wanted man to be smarter, but he did not want his head to be so big and heavy that he would be ugly and clumsy. God solved the problem by folding the outside layer to give more brain area without increasing overall brain size and skull size.

It should be noted that muscles in the body only contract when stimulated by brain signals. This contraction provides the pull of the bone to give motion to man's body. Therefore to lift your arm, eat or run requires the use of dozens of muscles. Each muscle requires a signal from the brain to react and to contract. If man had to consciously send a message to each muscle used in running, his mental process could not keep up. In addition man would have to know all the muscles required for running and to know what muscle sequence to move the legs forward and backward. Can you imagine what life would be like if we had to do this. In God's infinite wisdom He elected to give man a computer to perform this function. All man had to do is think "run" and the computer automatically signaled each muscle and in the proper sequence. God did this for his love of man even though most don't even know it.

God now had the animal he wanted for man. A body that he thought man would be proud of and enjoy inhabiting. Now he needed to bring the intelligence up to the point so that man could rationalize and have conscience, that which would determine whether

he had salvation or death. So during the final ice age God folded the brain and when the ice retreated man was ready.

After the ice age, man's cultural progress didn't start out with a bang because God didn't want man to advance too rapidly. It wasn't in God's plan to give every person super intelligence or creative genius. Had He done so, man would have advanced to the atomic age before there was any real history.

At 12,000 years ago the ice was leaving and man emerged as hunter-gatherers. God had made man capable of eating almost anything from flesh to plants. Eating was something that God wanted man to enjoy and to use not just to sustain life but for family gatherings and social events. At first man lived in family tribes and invented tools for use in a variety of ways, including spears, harpoons, axes and bow and arrows. These tools were to take the place of speed, strength and size and were to be used for hunting and to protect him from predators. From the very beginning of life, if there was an animal or plant that God designed He also designed another plant or animal to feed on it. Every organic thing on Earth was a nutrient for something and man was no different.

When man's brain expanded and folded, his intelligence and cunning gave him a distinct advantage over the animals. The animals knew man had dominion and gave man lots of leeway. However the cunning also gave man the idea that he could conquer other men and make them his slaves. This would give him free labor so he could live in luxury. Thus man had to defend himself not only from animals but also from other men.

During the end of the ice age the hunter-gatherers, in the Middle East area, began raising their own food. Instead of the nomadic life, they began raising grain grass such as wheat and barley. They began to take wild grains and through the selective process

developed grains that were bigger and hardier. This was the beginning of agriculture. These people around 9,000 BC also began domestication of pigs, sheep and goats, which gave them meat, milk and clothing. No longer were people migrating and looking for food because now they had farms that they planted every year. These farms in turn created towns and villages that supported the farms by making farming utensils, pottery, and distribution of products, transportation and a source for farm labor. From here agriculture spread around the world and by 3000 BC it had spread to England. Everywhere agriculture went new types of plants and animals were developed by man to be compatible with the local climate conditions.

At 7,000 BC, metalworking began in the Middle East. With the development of farming and town support, the metalworking only supplemented the agriculture. Gold, silver and copper were first smelted. The metal was used for ornamental design as well as tools. Man has always decorated himself and his habitat. No matter where you go in the world, from the most sophisticated to the most primitive, man decorates himself and his house. Man has the need to make a statement, which is a peculiar trait God thought he needed to describe himself. God also has this trait in that he surrounds himself with natural wonders. If there's doubt about this just go to the depths of the ocean or high into the mountains or the rain forest or look out into deep space. The wonders make one dizzy.

In 3,000 BC man developed the technique of smelting bronze. A metal that was hard and could be used for hard working tools. In 1,500 BC man learned how to work iron, which provides a means for even stronger tools and weapons for defense and offense.

Man the body was now ready for God's purpose. Man had developed a culture and was able to control his destiny. He had the intelligence to exist even when the weather changed and he could store food for a rainy day. Also man had formed tribes and nations to defend and to conquer. But man had no consciousness of cruelty. Man could kill, rape and steal at will and he would feel no guilt. Guilt is that which separates man from beast. The time was now. Now, all that was needed was a soul to separate man from the beast. Unto this, God added a conscience. The first true humans were Adam and Eve. They were the first humans to know guilt. They were the first humans to have a soul and the first humans to have a choice between death and everlasting life with God. At this point in time, God wrote Genesis.