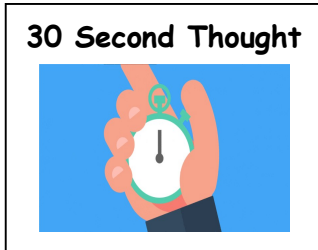


Teen & Adult



If you asked people, "Where did human beings come from?" what kind of answers do you think you might get? Write three down.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

This is the same question that was asked of kids in grades 5-8. If you have a child that age in your family, ask them what they came up with. In the box on the side you'll find some answers that people might give. While people may like to guess, theorize, and imagine what COULD have happened, God tells us exactly what DID happen. It's not wonder that God included this most basic of questions in the opening chapters of the bible.

Read

Read Genesis 1:26-28 and then Genesis 2:7-25. Read yourself or with your family. Looking for a Bible? We have some available at church, or use a Bible app like the YouVersion Bible app, or go online to www.biblegateway.com. I'd suggest using the NIV version of the Bible if possible.



Review What You Read

Reminder!!! Are you wondering about the two accounts of God creating people recorded in the Bible, one in Genesis 1 and the second in Genesis 2? These are not two different accounts, but a general account of the fact in Genesis 1 followed by a more detailed account of the same event in Genesis 2.

1. How did God show that human beings were different than the other things he had created? Look at the following verses and hints.

- Genesis 1:26 How (in what state) did God create Adam and Eve?
- Genesis 1:26 What position did God give to Adam and Eve within creation?
- Genesis 2:7 & 23 Contrast the way that God created all other things (Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,12,20, 24) to the way that God created the first humans?

2. Describe the "home" of the Garden of Eden that God had made for Adam and Eve.

3. What does Adam and Eve's home in the Garden of Eden say about the God who made it for them?

4. Why did God put a tree in the Garden of Eden that Adam and Eve were not to eat from?

5. What purpose did God have in asking Adam to give names to all the animals?

6. God gave both animals and humans the ability to reproduce. He created both as sexual beings. However, in Genesis 2:24 God shows us that for humans, sex is much more than just a reproductive process, or meaningless or self-gratifying activity. What does God connect sexual activity to?

His Word in Your Life

"We are stardust" Joni Mitchell sang in her 1970 song "Woodstock." Little did she know that her words would eventually be taken literally! This has become the claim of many of those holding to the theory of evolution. Human life is nothing more than a collection of star dust resulting from the explosion of stars (Big Bang) which initiated the evolutionary cycle which eventually produced human life. As one college professor said to a student, "You are no different than an eraser on a pencil! We're all made up of the same stuff!" How is your view of humanity effected by your belief in humanity's origins? Consider the differences in such things as...

...the purpose of humans?

...the responsibility/accountability of humans?

...the value of human life?

...the purpose of nature, animals and natural resources?

The debate over what marriage is or is not is nothing new. Two thousand years ago, there were people questioning marriage regarding its permanency. Wives were being divorced for no other reason that their husbands no longer found them "pleasing." Jesus was asked about this practice and he responded in Matthew 19:4-6, "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate." What does Jesus' reference to the words of Genesis 2 written approximately 5000 years earlier say about God's design for marriage and human sexuality? How does this help us when examining any sexually related activities today and in the future?

Answers & Further Discussion

Find the answers and further discussion on this section of the Bible at this week's video Bible study released on Wednesday 7:00 am on the Good Shepherd YouTube channel and Facebook.

