



Welcome!



Human Beings





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Created to rule ('have dominion over') earth and all that is on it.



Created to share in God's work.



Created to be like God (in His image).



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You have made them a little lower than angels and crowned them with glory and honour.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:

all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

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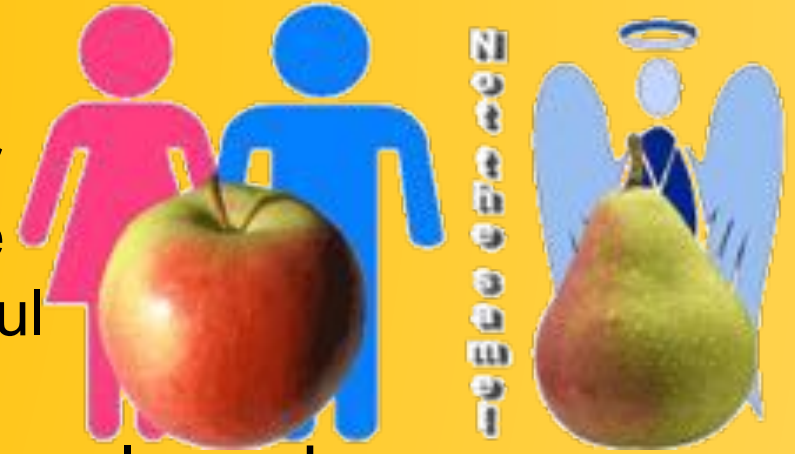
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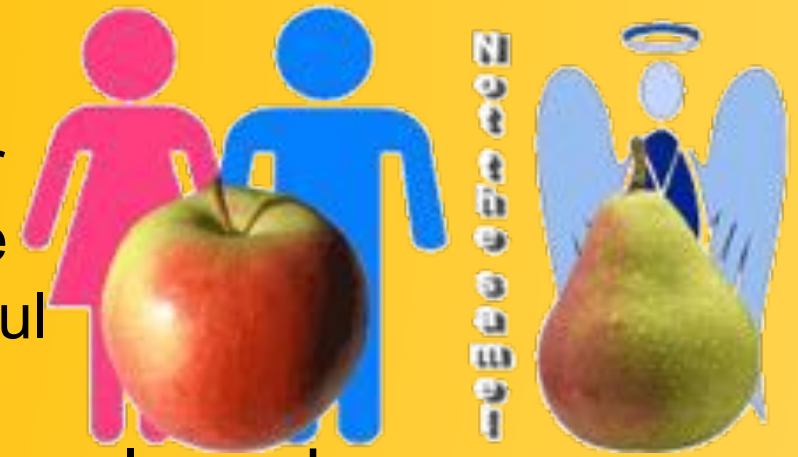
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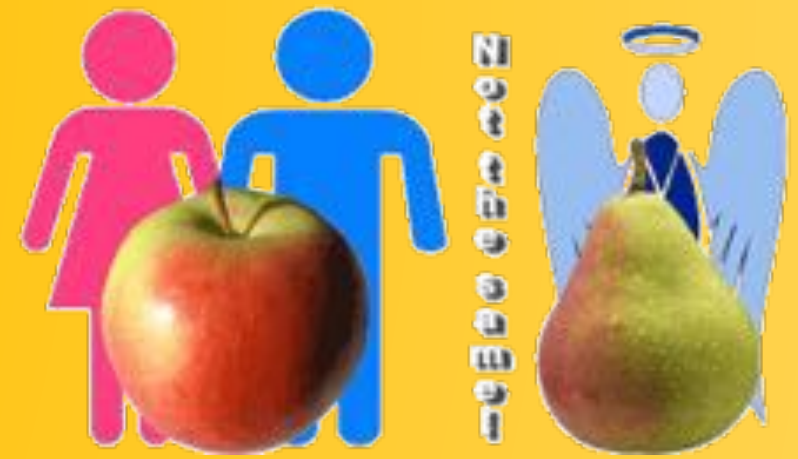
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We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings.



Humans were created as the
pinnacle of all God's works.
Rest of creation made for mankind.

Anthropic Principle in Science:
the cosmological principle that theories of the
universe are constrained by the necessity to allow
human existence.





Then it all went wrong, but

that doesn't change the purpose God made
human beings



God's gifts and his call are
irrevocable.
(Romans 11:29)





What we were Created for

‘Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.’

Isaiah 43:6,7

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:16





God's heart for the lost

The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

(Psalm 14:2)

Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?'
(Genesis 3:9)

the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

(Matthew 13:45,46)

The Lord will call you back
(Isaiah 54:6)

For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. (Exodus 34:11)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

(Romans 3:23,24)





For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "I myself will search for my sheep and look after them."
(Ezekiel 34:11)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost
(Luke 19:10)









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Why does God allow suffering?

God gave humans dominion, and they signed it over to Satan.





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**Only Man himself, following
God's guidance, could
achieve this.**





God chose a man (Abram/Abraham) to establish a dynasty to walk in obedience with God.

This led to what we call the Old Covenant/Testament established between God and Israel.

...but they failed to keep it.



So God became Man

He alone kept the Covenant completely and fulfilled all its demands

He provided a means for a re-start for humanity.



"...whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son."
John 14:11,12





God's Plan





Meanwhile.....



Proclaim Jesus as King and
demonstrate Kingdom values while
you wait



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CATECHISM.

QUEST. I. What do the chief end of man?
ANSW. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. What do you mean by that end which all men propose in their actions?—A. That which they seek to obtain for good by their actions.

Q. What ought man to make his chief or highest end?—A. The glorifying and enjoying of God, Rom. ix. 5.

Q. Why ought man to make the glory of God his chief end?—A. Because it was God's chief end in making, preserving, and redeeming man, Prov. xvi. 4.

Q. May man have his chief end in any of his actions?—A. Yes; but it must be a subordinate end, which tends to obtain the chief end, 1 Cor. x. 31.

Q. What may be some of man's subordinate ends?—A. To provide food and raiment, and procure health, riches,








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Summary

- Pinnacle of Creation
- Distinct from all other creation, including angels
- Created to rule with God
- Created for God's glory
- Spoilt God's creation
- Redeemed by the Man Jesus
- Original purpose to rule still stands
- Eternally seated with Christ
- Dominion over 'your own patch'



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-  What's been good to have been reminded of?
-  Was there anything you had not thought of before?
-  Are you unsure about anything or disagree with anything?
-  What is the area you have responsibility for as a 'wall-builder'?
-  Who are the others who share this with you?



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To download colour version of notes and this powerpoint

Also for a short video explaining the “anthropic principle”

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NOT Next Week



→ 28th January

→ 4th February

**Thank you
for coming!**

