

Perspective

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Made in the Image of God

Unquestionably, the acme of God's grand physical creation has been a man and a woman. Genesis 1:27 states: *"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God, He created him; male and female He created them."* God bestowed that high distinction on only men and women, and He bestowed that distinction on no other creature. Adam considered all the animals in the garden of Eden, and as Genesis 2:20 says, *"So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him."* So, God then created Eve from the rib of Adam. Why did God create such marvelous creatures?

The human body is an awesome creation

The physical human body is an incredibly intricate entity consisting of cells, tissues, and organs assembled into highly organized systems which work together perfectly to perform a vast variety of functions which allow us to see, touch, hear, smell, and taste. Our skeletal structure and strategically placed tendons and muscles from our eyebrows to our fingers and toes—all coordinated by the brain through our nervous system allows us to breath, walk, run, play a musical instrument, and think out and solve a problem.

On average, a human lung takes about 16 breaths per minute, which translates to approximately 23,040 breaths a day and 840,960,000 breaths in a lifetime for an average lifespan of 80 years. This estimate can vary based on individual factors such as age and activity level. Your heart beats an astounding 100,000 times per day. During the average person's lifetime, their heart beats more than 2.6 billion times. No machine man can invent can function that long at that intensity.

Sir Francis Crick and James Watson unraveled the double-helix structure of DNA molecule in 1953 and won the 1962 Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine. Each strand of DNA in every cell of the human body measures about two meters, and there are 30 trillion cells in a human body. Crick said if you lay each strand of DNA, end to end, it would stretch out 125 billion miles. He also stated that only about 5% of the DNA code was needed to create a human being. It makes one wonder God's intention for the other 95%. Any thinking person ought to see by the utter intricacy of the human body that there is a Creator God.

As part of the collection of the last psalms attributed to David, King David wrote these powerful words in Psalms 139:14: *"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well."*

Why did God create such an astounding creature as man?

The human body was intended from the very beginning to be something incredibly special. When Adam was created Genesis 2:7 says, *"God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."*

God imparted life to Adam by His Own breath, so it was special in that way, but He gave much more. The apostle Paul gives us a fuller picture of what happened. Adam's intellect was greater than all other creatures. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 2:11: *"For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?"*

The spirit in man imparted consciousness to man so he could have a greater awareness. So, man could be aware of the environment around him to the farthest star. A cow stands in the pasture chewing grass, but it isn't aware of cows in Australia or Japan or Kansas. Animals do not have that level of awareness. We are amazed by them, but much of what they do is preprogrammed into their nature. You probably have heard of the story about the scorpion and the frog. A scorpion wants to cross a river but cannot swim, so it asks a frog to carry it across. The frog hesitates because he fears the scorpion might sting him and he will die. The scorpion promises not to, pointing out that it would drown if it killed the frog in the middle of the river. The frog reconsiders and agrees to transport the scorpion. Midway across the river, the scorpion stings the frog anyway, dooming them both. The dying frog asks the scorpion why he stung him though he knew the consequence, to which the scorpion replied: "I am sorry, but I couldn't help myself. It's my nature."

There is a spirit in man

The oldest book in the Bible is Job. Job 32:8 indicates the spirit in man is vital because it imparts the ability to comprehend, *“But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.”* King Solomon was inspired to write, *“The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.”* (Proverbs 20:27) This highlights how the spirit in man illuminates our inner thoughts and feelings.

Notice too, it is called the “spirit *in* man” because it is in the man, but it is not a part of the man. The spirit in man is not flesh. The spirit in man is a non-physical component which imparts intellect to humans. When God created Adam and Eve, it was an uncompleted creation. They needed another spirit attached to the spirit in man. The apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 2:9-12: *“But as it is written: ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.’ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.”*

Just as the spirit in man imparts intellect and the ability to comprehend physical knowledge, the Spirit of God given to those called and baptized by water and the spirit, by the laying on of hands, is imparted to give understanding of the spiritual matters of truth. God even calls the human body a temple, because it houses the spirit in man and the God’s Holy Spirit.

Man desecrates the sanctity of human temple

God is not at all pleased with the way man treats the sanctity of the human body which He gifted to humankind by His creation. Most do not eat in a healthy manner though they could, but that it is not our main focus here. The focus is the physical mutilation of the body through the gaudiest tattoos and piercings imaginable. The focus is the body is desecrated by sinful practices of adultery and fornication. Paul admonishes, *“Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.”* (I Corinthians 6:18)

Man is taking desecration of the body to a whole new macabre, almost Frankensteinish level. At bbc.com an article was published September 4, 2025 titled, “Organ transplants for immortality: Might Xi and Putin be onto something?” The article stated, “Is it possible to become immortal with the help of organ transplants? That was the unexpected topic of discussion this week between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin when they met at a military parade in Beijing. A translator, speaking in Mandarin on behalf of Putin, told Xi how human organs can be repeatedly transplanted ‘so that one can get younger and younger’ in spite of age, and might even be able to stave off old age ‘indefinitely’. ‘It’s predicted that in this century it might become possible to live to 150,’ he added. Their smiles and laughter suggest it was a bit of banter, but might they be on to something?”

Still, other sources indicate the U.S. Congress has recently received testimonies about forced organ harvesting in China. Recent congressional testimonies estimate that 25,000 to 50,000 prisoners in China undergo forced organ transplants annually. Imprisoned and detained religious and ethnic groups, including the Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities, account for the majority of victims.

Add to this the millions of women and children who are forced into slavery by deplorable practice of human trafficking. They are used for sex and even organ harvesting. The crying and tears of it all must be heard by God in heaven. God will take vengeance on these desecrators of the human body. I Corinthians 3:17 emphatically warns: *“If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”*

May God speed the day when the desecration of human beings will end, when all will understand their purpose and be led by God’s Spirit. We are of those very privileged to understand now the sanctity of human life and our special calling: *“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”* (I Peter 2:9) God desires to bring everyone into His family. Paul wrote, *“... I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named”* (Ephesians 3:14-15)

As spirit beings in the kingdom, perhaps then we will see the great purpose of the 95% of our DNA that Dr. Crick said was not needed to create a mortal man. Imagine, if you functioned in everything at a level which was twenty times better than when you were mortal. We will have an awesome future in the family of God as His children! You don’t want to miss it.