

GOD MADE YOU

Genesis 1:27 - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Introduction

Many scientists tell us that men and women appeared as a result of evolutionary processes.

The Bible teaches that God made men and women as a direct, special creation.

Key Points

- God created the first man and the first woman.
- Humans were a separate creation from the plants and animals.
- God created us because he loves us, and has a purpose for us.
- Evolution is a theory based on what some scientists believe about the origins of the universe and life.
- The Bible is the word of God and can be trusted.
- Trusting God's word gives us peace and answers to many of life's difficult questions.



Discussion

The book of Genesis explains that God created the first humans and wanted them to multiply and rule over all the other living things on the earth. It describes the creation of Adam and Eve, who were made separately from all the animals, being created "in the image of God" (Genesis 1:26-28). This means that humans, unlike animals, have the ability to reason, to understand and plan for the future and also to *choose* to do good or evil.

King David beautifully described how God makes each of us as individuals, when he forms our bodies inside our mothers' wombs (Psalm 139:13-16). More than that, the Bible teaches that God loves us individually (1 John 4:19) and assures us that he rewards us when we are faithful to





What do you think?

- What evidence is there that men and women were created?
- What is the consequence of believing that humans are just a product of evolution?
- Why do you think you exist?

Further Reading

- Job 38-41 - God challenges Job with questions about how everything was made.
- Psalm 19:1-6 - David tells us that the heavens declare the glory of God.
- Isaiah 45:18 - Teaches us that God intended the earth to be inhabited.
- Romans 1 - Paul explains that the evidence of God is all around us and warns us not to reject the evidence.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 - We are invited to accept Christ and be part of God's "new creation."

him (Hebrews 11:6).

The Bible confirms that God wants to bless us and has a plan for us, both now and in the future. It explains that **all** people will be resurrected after death and given a new life in his future Kingdom (Acts 24:15, 1 Corinthians 15:12-28). Everlasting life is dependent on accepting Jesus Christ as our Saviour (Acts 4:12).

Evolutionary theory teaches that today's humans have gradually evolved over millions of years from other life forms. It suggests that everything we see, including men and women, has come about through random, chance processes.

Evolutionary theory cannot tell us why we exist or what happens to us in the future. It does not offer hope for an escape from the evil in the world.

The Bible, by contrast, has been given to us by God, who was there in the beginning, and can be trusted. When we choose to trust God and believe his word, we experience peace, and start to find satisfying answers to many of life's questions.

When you think about yourself and the natural world around you, where do you think it came from? Why do you think you are here? The Bible has answers to these questions.

