

# Human Origin



## I. Are Humans Special?

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## II. The First Humans

Genesis 1:26-28

v. 26

Planned By God

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v. 27

Designed In God’s Image

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v. 28

Created For God’s Purposes

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## III. Being Human

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## IV. Personal Reflection

*Set aside fifteen minutes this week to pray & respond to the following:*

*There is presently a great struggle being waged between two opposing paradigms on the matter of human origins. One side argues that all life emerged from unguided, natural processes (evolution). The other side argues that mankind is special & has intrinsic value because humans are created in the image of God.*

*Both sides claim various forms of evidence as support for their arguments. Likewise, both recognize that there are great philosophical & theological implications associated with the issue. The matter is exceedingly divisive because the consequences also impact questions about meaning, morality & destiny. The question of origin is the starting place for all other human contemplation. This is why it is vital that you understand how much love & effort God has invested in designing & giving life to you.*

*You are the result of God’s wonderful plan. He has designed you in His image & has revealed His purposes for you in His Word. Moreover, He has empowered you with tremendous abilities. You are capable of living, growing, loving, creating & learning.*

*Are you using these gifts to draw near to Him, to learn His ways & to become more like Jesus? Are you secure in your understanding of who you are & why you are here? His Word has the answers to the questions that all humans long to understand.*

*With a thankful heart, prayerfully express to God how blessed it is to be a masterpiece of His creative will & the object of His relentless love. Commit to promote the dignity of human life & give opportunity for others to know their Creator through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.*