

What the bible says:

Genesis 1 v 26 – 28 tells us where man originates from:-

“ Then God said, “ Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God Blessed them and said to them, “ Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.”

Malachi 2 v 10:- “ Have we not all one Father? Did not One God create us?”

Main Point: Our creation was not an accident, but a deliberate act of God to create a being superior to the rest of creation with the wonderful ability to experience His love and provision.

If we do not have this relationship with the Creator God then we are not fulfilling the Original Purpose each one of us was created for.

Famous Quote - Bernard Levin (Columnist – not a Christian)

*“ Countries like ours are full of people who have all the material comforts as they desire, together with such non-material blessings as a happy family and yet lead lives of quiet and at times noisy desperation, understanding nothing but the fact there is a hole inside of them. And however much food and drink they pour into it, however many cars and television sets they stuff into it and however many well balanced children and loyal friends they parade around the edges of it, **it aches!**”*

Discussion – Do you agree with this quote?

Do you think that people know there is something missing / something more for their lives?

Teaching Point 3: “Made in God’s Image.”

The bible says something even more amazing than just the fact of this loving relationship we were created for. It says in Genesis Chapter 1 v 26 – 27 that God made us in His own image. What does this mean? It means that when God created us as a species He gave us special attributes that were similar to some of those He Himself possesses. The reason He created us this way was so that we would have both the natural and spiritual abilities to make contact with Him and enjoy His love. God is a Spiritual Being and so to have a relationship with Him, we were created with a spirit.

A number of ways we were created like Him:

Given a spirit – so that we can have a relationship with a spiritual God.

Rational mind – so that we are able to conceive ideas, make decisions and think through concepts.

Ability to be creative and imaginative

Created to Worship – and have a sense of awe.

Ability to express complex emotions and feelings.

All these attributes were given to us to enable us to have a relationship of closeness and intimacy with the God who created us.

Point 2: The reason Jesus came to the world was to open this loving relationship with God to all people.

What the bible says:

How Long has God known of you? - Psalm 139 v 13 – 16 “ For YOU created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know them full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be!”

This is all about God’s love: 1 John 4 v 7 –8, 10 “ Dear friends let us love one another, for love comes from God..... Whoever does not love does not have God, because God is love... This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son Jesus as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

Why did Jesus come into this world? - John 10 v 10

“ I have come that you might have life and life in all its abundance!”

The reason you were born was to know God and enjoy His plan for your life!