

Man Made in God's Image

Study 2—Genesis 1:20 – 2:7

1. According to the Bible, how did the fish, birds, reptiles, dinosaurs, all other animals, and plants come into existence on our planet? Do you believe the Bible's account of the origin of biological and plant life? Why or why not?
2. **Genesis 1:26** states, *"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.'"* Do you think this is a literal comment that God actually expressed at some point in time? Why, or why not? If this comment is literal, to whom was God speaking to at that particular time?
3. Why do you think that the passage records God saying, *"Let 'us' make man in 'our' image"* instead of *"Let 'me' make man in 'my' image"*? Do you think the "us" (plural) instead of "me" (singular) is a literal translation of what God actually said? If it is not literal, why does the Bible print it this way? If it is a literal translation, what do you think is the reason for God using the plural pronoun? Suggested Reading: *John 1:1-5, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-12*
4. **Genesis 1:26-27** states that God made man in His own *"image, after His likeness."* What do you think it means that Adam was made in the *"image of God"*? Are you made in the *"image of God"*? Why or why not? If you are made in the image of God, what does it mean to you personally, and what is your purpose on earth as a result?
5. According to the passage, what did mankind and the animals ate at this particular time in history? Why do you think this was the specific diet at this particular time?
6. **Genesis 2:7** states, *"The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature."* Do you think this is literal account of how the first man and all his complexity came into existence? Why or why not? If so, why do you think God made man in this fashion? How do you think God actually did it?