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27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Man is made in the image of God

John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." God knows the difference between good and evil.

Gen 3:5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Man, like God, knows the difference between good and evil

That moral law is instinctive and not a written code given by God. It is something that is written in the heart of every man, although it can be disregarded.

Rom 2:14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, God intended for man to use his brains to rule over the animals. That is, God created man as the crowning glory of his creation. Man is to rule over, eat and use the animals that God created.

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God has created man so that he could know the "mind of God," however, man does not come by that knowledge in the same way he knows "good and evil." 1 Cor 2:16 For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor?

We do not advise God on what He should do, but we learn of His will as He reveals it to us. Eph 3:3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. 4 And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

God appreciates beauty

Eccl 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

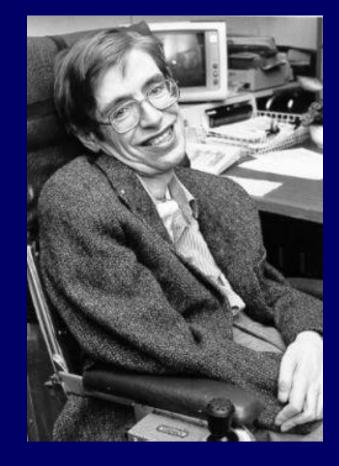
Gen 1:31 And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. It would be difficult for us to view the heavens and earth and not recognize their beauty and splendor. When someone tells you that the differences in your DNA and that of a chimpanzee is 4% (as of 2005), do not think that these slight differences make that chimp more important than he is.

There are people who believe that your right to life is no greater than the chimp's right to life. Be assured that the person stating that fact will believe that his/her rights are far greater than your own due to his intellect.

But he/she will not be the first person to reduce the number of people on the planet by killing his own children or parents. Think about your having been created in the image of God.

"It is extremely difficult to be a normal human being and not think that some actions are wrong and some are right" (Alvin Plantinga, "Right and Wrong", 1998) "Although animals sometimes perform good and even heroic acts, they do not make morally reflective judgments about such acts." (Kenneth Samples, Worldviews, 2007)

Man has come to recognize the innate worth of those people who are deformed, both mentally and physically, whereas animals destroy them or leave them to die.



Stephen Hawking, an atheist afflicted with motor neuron disease, is known for his gravitational singularity theorems in the framework of general relativity



Men continue to create, based upon what God has given them, at an accelerating pace - From sticks to swords of iron and then steel to muskets, rifles, machine guns, tanks and supersonic jets. The weapons of war have been used because they are familiar to everyone who watches TV.

The advances in weaponry are far outpaced by those in medicine. From the dung of a crocodile (1500 BC) to extraction of penicillin from a mold (1944) to the use of recombinant erythropoietin to relieve anemia in cancer patients(1995) to sewing up holes in the heart of premature infants weighing less than 3 lbs (2011).

The cats, dogs, penguins, polar bears and chimpanzees still hunt and fish as they always have, but man is made in the image of God. Man is aware of good and evil, regardless of whether he believes in God.



Hitler's policies and orders resulted in the death of 40 million people.

Man recognizes beauty just as God does.

Man continues to use his intellect to rule the planet and dominate the animals.

"Birds may look to the star patterns in the sky to guide them in their migrations, humans seek to comprehend the source of starlight and what lies beyond the stars they see." These distinctions place us – mankind – in a different category. We are not "just animals."

Mankind was created in the image of God. The opposing view that man just happened is not only implausible, it fights against every piece of data we have on order and disorder.

That we are built using the same kinds of scaffolding God used when He created the animals cannot be denied.

To equate that creation with something that "just happened" is foolishness.

If you believe in God, are you willing to obey Him?

Act 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.