

# GENESIS STUDY—Welcome to the Human Race

## Genesis 2

1. **Two Trees-- The tree of life . . . the tree of the knowledge of good and evil:** These two trees were among all the other trees God created and put in the Garden of Eden.

The **tree of life** was to grant (or to sustain) eternal life (Genesis 3:22). God still has a tree of life available to His people (Revelation 2:7), which is in \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 22:2).

The **tree of the knowledge of good and evil** was the “temptation” tree. Eating the fruit of this tree would give Adam an experiential knowledge of good *and* evil. Or, it is possible that it is called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil not so *man* would know good and evil, but so *God* could \_\_\_\_\_ good and evil in man?

2. **Four Rivers** (First mention of BBQ? LOL) Why can't we find these rivers today?

3. **Why do you think the creation of man was described separately and more fully (ch. 2) from the animals though they were created on the same day?**

4. **“Let us” make man in “our” image?** Could it be a reference to angels/other created beings?

The plurality in the Hebrew refers to plurality of the same \_\_\_\_\_ or homogeneous plurality!

“**image**” would denote some kind of \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Let us “make man” and not woman? Wow! That’s sexist?**

The Hebrew word for “man” here is *adam* (pronounced aw dawm) which is the general term for \_\_\_\_\_ in general as opposed to *iysh* (pro. eesh) which is the Hebrew word for “male.” Greek has the same arrangement *andron*-male *anthropos*-mankind.

6. **“And breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”**

With this Divine “breath” man became a living Also, only man is a living being made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Not said of any of the animals.

The word for breath in Hebrew is *ruach* - the word imitates the very sound of breath - is the same word for \_\_\_\_\_ as is the case in both ancient Greek (*pneuma*) and Latin (*spiritus*). God created man by putting His *breath*, His *Spirit*, within him. This only said about man and not any of the animals. Humans have “souls” while animals have \_\_\_\_\_.

**7. “in our image”? What does it imply?**

**8. In what ways are we different from the animals?**

**9. How are we “like God” (image)?**

**Communicable traits**

**Non-communicable traits**

**10. “male and female he created them”**

Does this imply that only man and woman together form the image or each alone?

What implications might that have for marriage?

**11. What was God’s instructions to Adam?**

**12. What conditions on earth would allow there to be “no rain”?**

**13. After saying everything was good God, now says it is not good for man to be alone?**

What does this point to?

**14. Why a “deep sleep” for Adam when making Eve?**

**Why did God take a rib from Adam?**

**15. “And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy..”**

Exodus 22:11

Mark 2:27