



Made, Formed, and Created

I would like to take you into the subject of Formed, Made, and Created. Are the meaning of these words the same? Most people say yes, but the right answer is a resounding NO! God means what he says, when he says it, how he says it, why he says it, where he says it, and to whom he says it. Let's me show you three related words; body, soul and spirit. Are they synonymous? Again, the answer is NO! As recorded in the bible, man was made, formed, and created.

The body was formed, the soul was made and the spirit was created.

(Isa 43:7 KJV) Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Here, we have these three words, formed, made and



created, in one verse.

(1 Th 5:23 KJV) And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here, we have body, soul and spirit in one verse.

Formed

'Formed' means to fashion out of something that already exists. What part of man already existed? The ground existed; it was the body that was formed out of the dust of the ground.

(Gen 2:7-8 KJV) And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. {8} And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

The part of man that was formed came from the dust of the ground. That which you see, the body, is the part that was formed. You can go to the deepest parts of Africa and tell that a Pigmy has the body of a man. When God says 'formed,' he is talking about the body because of the law involved.

(Eccl 3:20 KJV) All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

Everything must ultimately return to its original state. This is a natural law. Take

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a desk. You cannot destroy a desk; you can only change its form. God formed the body with pretty little curves and graceful beauty. If he wanted the body to look differently, he would have done that. Every person is made of the same stuff, and, so far, every man ultimately has gone back to dust.

If God wanted man to look differently, He could have made him look differently. He made animals look differently. He made monkeys, didn't he? Even though man acts like a monkey sometimes, that doesn't make him a monkey. You can go anywhere in the world and distinguish between a man and a monkey. It's just not that difficult. The Hebrew word for man is adam, and it means 'red.' The same basic parts in the dust of the ground are what form man.

Made

What part of man was made? Whatever this part was had to come from something that already existed. What did God make?

(Gen 2:7 KJV) And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

'God breathed into man's nostrils,' is a figure of speech condensensciso. God imparted life, for He made man a living soul. "Made" is the Hebrew word asah, meaning "a substance required of which the thing made consists." The soul is referred to as spirit because it is life. It is that which gives you life, but it has nothing to do with being a Christian or non-Christian. The soul is not immortal or eternal. The Word is exact in it's usage's of words relating to this topic. Did you know that the new bodies Christians will receive at the gathering together will be 'powered' by a 'quickening spirit?'

(1 Cor 15:45 KJV) And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

NEPHESH is the Hebrew

word for soul. CHAI means, 'living.' Both together mean a living soul. Man will be a living soul as long as he is breathing.

(Acts 2:41 KJV) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

This is the account of the people that believed on the day of Pentecost. These people were added to the church and they were called "souls" before they were added.

(Gen 46:27 KJV) And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.

It's talking about the sons of Joseph. Were they Christians? No, Christ hadn't come yet.

When there is a living soul in an animal, it can move.

(Gen 1:21 KJV) And God created great whales, and every liv-

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ing creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Verse 21 tells us that God created soul life *first* in the creatures. That is what gives them life, movement, their being.

This life is called "soul." There is substance required of which the thing made consists. In other words, something had to be created prior to God making it [in man]. Once initially created, God never had to create it again. He only had to make it. The soul in man is his very life, his breath. The soul is the spirit of man, the life of man and is common to all mankind.

(Gen 1:24 KJV) And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

God made every beast wherein is a living soul. Does old Betsy the cow

have a soul? If she didn't, she couldn't go moo moo. Does Rover the dog have a soul? If he didn't, he couldn't bite the mailman. All Eastern religions teach that the soul is spirit and that the spirit is soul. And they teach that there is a heaven for all animals, and this is logical. If the soul is spirit, it's logical that they get to go to heaven too. The Protestants talk about the soul going to heaven, but they don't believe that animal souls go. At least the Eastern religions are logical. Either all go or none go if what they teach is true, but it isn't true. The soul is that which makes you you and it cannot exist in heaven.

Where is the soul life in man?

(Deu 12:23 KJV) Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

The life of the flesh is in the blood. It is passed on from one generation to another. It is passed on through the sperm. In the book of Genesis, the word

'created' is used three times. God didn't create soul in man, for it had already been created. The soul is passed on to children, but if I have no children, my soul does not pass on; it dies. Have you ever heard the phrase? "He took his last breath." That's when the soul dies. When man takes his last breath, that's the end of his life; he becomes a dead person.

We saw in Genesis 2:7 that the soul was breathed into man. The soul is not immortal like so many religions teach. It dies when man dies. The body was formed, the soul was made, but what part is 'created?'

Created

Created was technically used in the bible three times. It is used whenever God brought something into existence for the first time. Once God has created something, that thing never has to be created again. The body was formed, the soul was made, and now we will find out what was created.

(Gen 1:27 KJV) So

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God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

God created man AND woman in his own image. Either God looks like a mixture of male and female or there is a greater truth herein.

What is God's image?

(John 4:24 KJV) *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

God is spirit and he created man in his own image. God is a spiritual being, and he looks like man if that verse is true. God created man in his own image. We all know what man looks like. Adam and Eve were spiritual beings, at first. This is what they lost when they sinned; they died spiritually. They were three parts: body, soul, and spirit. Did you know that God can only communicate to that which He is. He is spirit. God could communicate with Adam because Adam had this third part, spirit. Adam and Eve were

God's companions.

In the beginning

(Gen 1:1 KJV) *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

God is the first word in the Bible, not "in the beginning." The text reads: 'God created . . .' Everything that was needed was created in Genesis 1:1 with the exception of soul. We read that soul was created for all living creatures and given to man. When was the beginning? In the beginning! The 'beginning' wasn't a single point in time. It was an event that spanned time. The word will be accurate no matter what the scientists find. Equally great scientists disagree thousands and thousands of years. If I missed a friend's age by 10 years, it would be terrible. Scientists can be wrong and nobody cares. Suppose that a scientist is right? Great! But the word says it all started "In the beginning," and that is that.

Much Love in Christ.

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