

## Adam's Race

There is the controversy, curiosity and perplexity regarding the common parentage of all Mankind. The question of, "*How could the White, Black, Red and Yellow races all have a common origin in Adam and Eve?*" However, profoundest scholars, both believers and non-believers, maintain that there is nothing in the various grouping of color, stature or physiognomy to prove that they did not descend from the same common stock. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* carries an article on "*complexion*" which presents a logical theory, the greatest factor being that of climate.

However, we will deal with this subject of "*How Did The Races Begin?*" when we get to what the Bible teaches concerning the Tower of Babel in Genesis 10:32 through 11:9.

God's Word is the final court of inquiry and Acts 17:26 states, "*God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth.*" And although "*blood*" is omitted in some translations, science corroborates the fact that there is no difference; the same "*life*" is in the blood no matter what the color of the skin may be.

Some may ask, "*Since Scripture teaches that we are born in sin, why are we responsible for the sin and depravity of Adam?*" The answer lies in the fact of the common parentage of all Mankind. God "*created*" only one man – Adam – and God "*breathed into his nostrils he breath of life.*" In the original Hebrew text the word translated "*life*" is actually in the plural form – meaning, "*lives.*" This undoubtedly referred to the revelation that the inbreathing of God produced a twofold life – Physical and Spiritual. However, the meaning also refers to the God-endowed physical miracle of ***Procreation***. That the "*inbreathing*" of life actually meant the beginning of "*lives*" – the fountain spring of all future generations of Mankind. For in Adam was contained the self-perpetuating life cell of the race – ("*Cell,*" capable of uniting the one of opposite sex prepared to receive it, to produce a New Living Organism – the process of procreation). Endowed with the power of reproduction, Adam was commanded to "*be fruitful and multiply,*" the whole future of the race of being contained in his life-perpetuating seed. Even as every herb contained within itself the germ of life representative of its kind (Genesis 1:11).

Adam was the Federal, or representative head of the race. However, he was also the "*seminal*" head – (the *determining, influential* and *decisive* head.) Therefore, the infection of Sin and Depravity, the result of his disobedience was received by hereditary transmission of his "*seed.*" The Adamic race; the "*lives*" contained in him and through his posterity. Hence the meaning of Genesis 5:3, "*Adam begat a son in his own likeness, after his image,*" – not in the image and likeness of God, in which Adam himself was created" but in his own sinful, fallen and depraved likeness. Having lost the pure and holy likeness of God, he could not convey it to his children. Therefore, as Romans 5:12 teaches, "*by one man sin entered into the world.*" Consequently, the sinful or depraved nature of that "*One Man*" (Adam) is inherent in his seed, or posterity, begotten in his image and likeness.

We are all "*sons of Adam*" by birth and by nature, and as long as we remain "*in Adam*" there is no way out of the consequences of the sin that separated him – (and us "*in him,*" for he is both Federal and Seminal head of the race) from Holy and Eternal communion with God. We cannot change our Adamic nature, no matter how we try we, "*come short of the glory* [character, or likeness] *of God*" (Romans 3:23). But Hallelujah – for the "*Good News of the Gospel,*" as the

panorama of Divine revelation unfolds it, tells the wondrous story that God has made a way “*out of Adam into Christ*” Out of spiritual death into spiritual and everlasting life! Out of separation into communion! “*As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive*” (1 Corinthians 15:22). Although sin and death are ours “*in Adam,*” Righteousness and life are ours “*in Christ.*”

### **“Man created in God’s Image”**

All the events that took place on the days of creation, previous to Man’s creation were the result of God’s divine command, “Let it be so, Scripture responds, “*and it was so.*” However, when it came to Man’s creation, there was a counsel of the Godhead and the declaration – “*Let us make man in our image.*” Man was a special creation, different from all the others. The Father, son and Holy spirit have a kindred interest in the body, soul and spirit of Man. The triune pattern of man’s original and perfect creation (though now marred by sin) will be eternal in God’s perfect purpose – a Redeemed Spirit, a Perfected Soul and a Glorified Body!

Created in God’s “*image*” and “*likeness,*” could not have been a physical resemblance for “*God is a Spirit.*” No, man’s “*likeness*” was the he was created a moral creature, conscious of right and wrong; he was created with intelligent, immortal, with power of forethought and reasoning ability. He was created with a pure, holy and undefiled nature – herein lies “*the likeness of God.*” The Personality of God was reflected in Man’s personality at his creation – and God said, “*It was very good.*” But, the imprint of God’s image was defaced by the sorrows and scars of sin, and only in *Regeneration*, “***The New Birth,***” can that image be restored.

There are questions one may have concerning early man that Scripture does not make it absolutely clear. Enquires we ask about, but there is no explicit statement of Scripture that can be used as positive ground upon which to stand. Any suggestions made should be considered as theoretical. Such details are not intended to be presented as absolute truth, but rather, possibilities that are interesting to the curious.

With this in mind, there is an interesting passage in Exodus 34 that, perhaps, helps us to appreciate at Genesis 3:7, which states, “*And the eyes of them both [That is, Adam and Eve] were opened, and they knew that they were naked.*” Where they really naked? What was their appearance before their tragic Fall?

When Moses came down from the mount after communing with God, we read, “*the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him...and Moses put the veil upon his face*” (Exodus 34:30 and 35). The children of Israel could not see Moses’ physical features for the Glory of God, shining so brightly, hid them. The Hebrew word that is used to describe this phenomena is “*qaran,*” meaning, “*to shine out*” or “*dart forth* – referring to “*shinning rays from his face,*” as being blinded by the sun. It is entirely possible that Adam and Eve, before their sin, was clothed with God’s Shekinah Glory and this effulgent Glory of God’s Light lifted when they sinned and they realized that they were naked. Not destitute of clothes, as we think of nakedness, but destitute of God’s presence.

### **Were the Days of Creation, Literal 24 hour days?**

Let’s consider a few Biblical facts:

1. The Hebrew words that are used for “*evening*” and “*morning*” are never used in a *figurative* sense in God’s Word.
2. Exodus 20:9-11 tells man to “*work on the same amount of time*” that it took God to “*remake,*” (not create), the earth – and then to rest on the 7<sup>th</sup> day.
3. Scripture suggests that Adam’s wife, Eve, was given to him very soon after the seventh day (Genesis 2:18-25) – and, if a “*day*” indicated a long duration of time, that would make Adam a very old man before Eve was given to him, an idea that is preposterous since Adam was only 130 years old when his *third* son, Seth, was born.

Scripture tells us in both the Old and New Testaments that we are to take God’s Word *literally*, unless figuratively is *clearly* implied.