

## Genesis 1:26-28 **Day Six of Creation** - continued

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." NKJV

*In the story of the origin of man, we find that many legal precedents are set by Creator God as to His view of human relationships which will follow through to His Laws and His judgments. In fact, the revelation of the entire Bible is a double revelation; it reveals God and His character, it also reveals man and his character. This revelation is given progressively as man experiences life and its influences on his desires, interests and character. So man learns little-by-little and step-by-step.*

The facts revealed first in the planning stage of creation are as follows:

- ✧ God referred to as Elohiym representing a plurality of Gods is speaking and in doing so there must be more than one Person present as He says, "Let us (plural) make man in Our (plural) image according to Our (plural) likeness. It is interesting to note that the plurality of God is mentioned three times suggesting a Trinity.
- ✧ Man being made in the image and likeness of God is important because God uses that as His reason for many of His Laws concerning mankind. Also, whenever God appears to man later in the Scriptures, He is always in the "*form of man*" indicating that we are in fact made in His image. It is also interesting that God being a **trinity** has made man a **trinity** - body, soul, and spirit.
- ✧ It is evident that, from creation, God intended to have the man master the earth. As He said, "**Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**"
- ✧ It is also evident that God intended for mankind to multiply, from the start, since He used the term "them" in reference to the entity to whom He was granting dominion.

The facts revealed first in the "Formation Stage" of creation are as follows:

- ✧ God demonstrated His triune ways in His description of the creation of man as He said: "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them." Notice how the Master Architect used the word "created" three times in this one statement of creation.
- ✧ In the first two references God stressed that man was created in the image of God. But when He mentioned the female he did not include the reference to His own image, thus indicating that the references to God as a male is consistent to His revelation of the creation of mankind. Also, the references to God in the Creation Story all use the gender specific term "He."
- ✧ God blessed the man and woman in His first command to them to "**multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it.**" It is interesting that the Hebrew word translated as "**fill**" the earth is sometimes translated "refill or replenish" especially in the Authorized King James Version where it is translated both ways.

However the application of the term replenish in the Authorized King James Version has led to many erroneous doctrines in the churches, especially the "Doctrine of a Second Creation" because Satan defiled the first, which is based on hypothetical theory.

☆ In subduing the earth man is commanded to have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, And over every living thing that moves on the earth.