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Throughout centuries, this question of “Who Am I” has plagued the minds of many around the world. It is the fundamental question of existence and unfortunately, many have searched and died, without finding the answer. We have been told by science, society, our friends, and family members that we are “just humans.” Other than our highly developed brains, there is nothing special about us. I am sure that you have also heard that we evolved from apes, right? There is no purpose for our existence; we have no value or importance. If you are like me, you have been told many things such as—you are not wanted, you are not smart, you are not pretty, or you are weird. I am sure you could fill in your own blank here _____. In other words, you are *nothing!* You are just here to live, work, reproduce, and then die. “I refused to accept those answers and decided to discovery for myself, who I am and what I am created to be.”

I have been on this journey of discovery for many years and have seen the deception of the enemy. He knows that if he can get us to think of ourselves as lacking, less than, insignificant, and valueless beings, he

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would be able to rob us of *all* that God has planned for us from the foundation of the world, just as he did to Adam and Eve. He robbed them of their identity, their inheritance, their joy, and their peace; and he could do the same to us—if we let him. So instead of walking in our kingdom authority—as sons and daughters of the Most High God—we would walk in defeat, fear, insecurity, offense, and jealousy. We would then be living as victims, when we were instead created to be victorious.

In my discovery, I have also found that in order to know who you are, you must first know who God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ are. Our true identity is found in Christ. Therefore, the best thing to do when you want to know the “purpose of a thing is to ask the creator of that thing for his original intent,” according to the late Dr. Myles Monroe. “When purpose is not known, abuse is inevitable.” If we do not know our purpose or value, we will allow others to define who we are and, when that fails, we find ourselves lost and hopeless. Some may even abuse themselves looking for that “thing” to fulfill a need that’s missing in their life. But thanks to our God, who is the Master Strategic Planner of all time, He has made a way for us and His way is always perfect. Therefore, we need to ask the Creator of our life what was His original intent, instead of letting others define and devalue us.

Who is man and why did God create him?

Let us go to the beginning of the Bible, in the book of Genesis, where we see God’s original intent for man. In Genesis 1:26-28, God says, “Let us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image after Our likeness and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.”

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In Genesis 1:24, we see that all things were made after its kind: The birds were made after their kind, the animals after their kind, and fish of the sea after their kind. And then in Genesis 1:26 we see that God made *man* after *his* kind—in God’s image and in His likeness. Not only that, God breathed the breath of life into us and we became living beings (see Gen. 2:7). Question: Would it be safe to say then that we have God’s DNA since we are made after His kind?

What is DNA? It’s an acronym that stands for, Deoxyribonucleic Acid—DNA for short and it is the “molecule of life.” In my internet search, I found that “Your DNA is what makes you uniquely you. It’s that double helix that your genes are made of. Your DNA accounts for why you resemble your parents.”¹ So if we are made in God’s image and likeness, then wouldn’t you agree that we have His characteristics and as the Bible says, “we are partakers of His divine nature” (2 Peter 1:3-4). The Bible also says in Genesis 2:7b that “God breathes into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being [an individual complete in body and spirit].” Therefore, according to the definition above, we have the DNA of God.

So the answer to the question of why God created man is that He wants to exhibit His glory upon this earth and for us to be an open expression or reflection of Him on this earth. I would also add that God loves relationships and His desire is to have a relationship with man. That is why He visited His garden in the cool of the day to have a rap session with His creation in Genesis chapter three.

Man, or mankind, is created with *all* the ability and power within him, coupled with all the wisdom, in the entire universe. Some might say man looks like nothing. Yet within him is hidden all the knowledge in all the heavens and the earth. (See 2 Chron. 1:12, Col. 2:3, 1 Cor.

2:16, and 1 John 4:17.) In our cells is the ability to create another human being (we birth babies). Scientists are trying to duplicate humans but it's not possible. They are often faced with numerous blockages, such as trying to duplicate the human blood; they have tried but were unsuccessful. I read an article published by Scientific American, which explains what happened when they took a human DNA into space. They were surprised that the human DNA survived the trip there and back.² However, the real agenda is to see how humans can live on other planets. So since the DNA survived space travel, they believe that they could take the human DNA and leave it on certain planets and the human DNA would be able to transform that planet, giving them the ability to live on those planets.^{3,4} I don't know about you, but this blows my mind how powerful our DNA is, but yet the world tries to make it seem as though we have no value. They say, "We are only humans," and have no significance. Yet our DNA can transform planets! It makes me say . . . hmmm.

Man is important to God and God is very mindful of man. Why? Because He has packed *all* hope inside of us. Let's look at Psalm 8:1-9:

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent (majestic and glorious) is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory on [or above] the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and unweaned infants you have established strength because of Your foes, [WHY] that You might silence the enemy and the avenger. When I view and consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained and established, What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him? Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings], and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, The birds

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of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent (majestic and glorious) is Your name in all the earth!”

What is man? He is made a little lower than Elohim, which is God. Can you think about that for a moment; God made us a little lower than *Himself*! I am not saying that we are the fourth person of the Trinity—*no!* (See Col. 2:9-10). But just as you have taken on the characteristics of your earthly parents that you might not want to acknowledge, we have taken on the characteristic of our heavenly Father and are equipped to do greater works than Jesus did. He did *not* choose the angels to represent Him, He chose man. They, too, want to know why God has placed so much value in man. The Bible even said in Revelation that we will judge angels (see 1 Cor. 6:3). How can they be greater when we are going to judge them? I have a Jewish friend who once told me that in her culture, she was taught that the reason why the devil hates humans so much is because God prefers us over him. I don't know how true that is, but I remember saying wow when I heard that statement. It made sense to me because the devil does hate us!

We are the only being that carries God's DNA and are a replica of Him on the earth. It's time to *stop* listening to anyone who tells you that you are less than who you are. God places value in *you* and me. God rejoices over us according to the Word. Even when man fell—God did not let man go. Why? Because man is:

- That being that carries within him the possibility of hope and love that is in God's heart. Colossians 1:27 says, “Christ in you and among you the hope of glory.” Hope is the joyful expectation and glory is the presence of God. Man may cause one to shake his head sometimes in dismay, yet God values man so much that He decides to die as him and dwell in him.

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- Man is that being that was in the mind of God before one speck of dust was created on the earth or in space. He created the heavens and the earth for us, not us for the heavens and the earth (see Gen. 2:5).
- Man is that being that has the technology that teaches a child to speak already imbedded inside of them. We clearly carry something more significant than the “universe” in which we live. I am saying universe because people are always talking about the “universe” and how powerful it is. The universe this, the universe that, but we transcend this universe because God decided to abide in us. We are the mansion that He desires to live in (see 1 John 3:24).
- Man is that being that was in the thought of God before He thought of any other creature or creation.
- Man is that being that God has placed His purpose; wisdom, knowledge, and power within (Eph. 1:8-10 and Eph. 3). Man can do things that blow your mind. Think about these for a moment: Man built aircraft to travel to the moon and then figured out how to walk on the moon. Man walked on water, raised the dead, built robots, bridges, buildings, and man even created the internet, for crying out loud.
- Man is that being whose words are a powerful force that can change and rearrange things. The Bible says in Psalm 45:1 “My tongue is like the pen of a ready writer.” What does that tell you? Every time you open your mouth, you are writing your future and your destiny. God also says in the Bible, death and life is in the power of our tongues (see Prov. 18:21).
- Man is that being that has a divine nature and even though untapped, it’s still there, and when it is tapped, it can transform every situation or circumstance—through him, and around him. There are scientists like Dr. Caroline Leaf, who are saying: “we

can change our DNA; Man's mind is the microcosm of divinity; and who you are upon the earth is the small manifestation of who God is in the heavens." Dr. Leaf also said that "through our thoughts [man] can do their own brain surgery"—this is how man is design. ⁵ Wow!

- Man is that being who God uses to do His good pleasure upon this earth. We are God's medium in which He executes *His* purposes here on earth. For example: Elijah, Moses, Joshua, David, Esther, and Jesus—in the biblical days, along with Smith Wigglesworth, Kathryn Kuhlman, and Billy Graham in more recent history. We are the multiplier in times of scarcity; we are the oil in dry times; and we are the hope in times of great sorrow.
- Man is the *love* or apple of God's heart. You are what God carries in His heart because He gave *all* to redeem us back to Himself.
- Man is that being that God was willing to leave His throne in heaven to come and search for; you are *that* important to him. *You* are God's own masterpiece. Therefore, you are His prize possession and a precious commodity. Why else would God give His Son for you; or lay down His life for you if you weren't valuable? Think about that for a moment. He values us so much that He became one of us. Man is the only creation in the universe that sits in the Godhead (see Eph. 1, Eph. 2:6). We don't need to "fit in" as the world wants; our value is in Christ.
- Man is everything and worth everything to God. By becoming man, Jesus redeemed man back to God. Equal value in exchange because He gave us all.

The deception

Let us look at Genesis 3:5-7 to see what happened between Satan and man. "But the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die, For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened,

and *you will be like God*, knowing the difference between good and evil and blessing and calamity”. Question: Weren’t Adam and Eve already made in God’s likeness? So, what the devil is trying to convey to Adam and Eve is that they are lacking in the very thing they already have—the perception of a lack is a powerful device. Adam and Eve were already like God, they were made in His image and in His likeness. The sad part is that the devil is still using the same tactics today; trying to convince us that we are in lack, when God said in Ephesians that He gave and blessed us with *all* things. Satan is still trying to make us obtain by works what we already have by God’s grace. God gave everything to Christ and Christ then gave it all to us. Therefore, we possess everything—which means we lack nothing, in and through Christ.

So because of Adam and Eve’s sin, we were disconnected from God’s original intent for man and sin entered the world. Question: Do you believe that God knew this would happen before He created the universe? Yes, He did. Before He created this world and long before man ever sinned, God came up with a plan to redeem or reconcile man back to Himself. Think about that for a moment. He knew we were going to sin, yet he *still* created us, loves us, and gave us free will—the very thing that would cause separation and judgment. My God! (see Gen. 2:16-17). Thank God that He had a plan and His plan is *always* perfect.

Continuing with Genesis chapter three, we see that man sinned and through that one man, “sin entered into the world, and death through sin and so death spread to all men, because all sinned”. This meant that everything God has given to man: glory, power, authority, and dominion were turned over to Satan. In other words, the devil was the most powerful authority on the face of the earth (see Luke 4:6). However, God had a plan!