In the Beginning, A

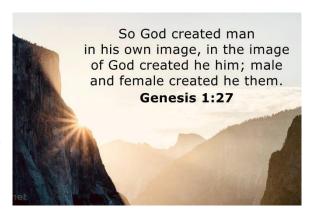
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Then God created mankind in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Gen. 1:27 ulb

God and His Garden

God created a perfect world with its spectacular solar system and more, and He made a beautiful place called "The Garden of Eden."

Then He made man (Gen. 1:26-27) and gave him the Garden to live in. He even entrusted to man His dominion over every living thing!



God looked at His creation and said it was "very good."

Man, in God's Garden

There was no conflict, and what we know as the Fruit of the Spirit (<u>Gal. 5:22-23</u>) was just their natural way of life!

There was no need for patience because there was no capacity for impatience. There was no need for forgiveness because there was no capacity for one to act in a way that required the forgiveness of the other. Imagine that!

In the Garden, their bodies were healthy because they were nourished by appropriate portions of nutritious food. They drank pure water and breathed clean air.

The human body was not designed to handle the stress that now causes so much emotional and physical sickness, but life there was stress-free!

God alone influenced man and his environment, and everything was in total harmony. There was nothing to deprive man of absolute health, comfort, freedom and peace.

All of that was part of God's plan. It portrayed "man" as God intended us to be, and that has not changed.

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