

No. 2 **We bear God's image**

Is the Bible's creation story fable?

In reality it gives the true distinction between animals and humans. If we really want fable we can turn to modern biology textbooks! There we find that humans, *homo sapiens*, are classified as members of the animal kingdom.

Does it matter?

First, researchers study animals to determine what is normal behaviour. They find that some fight and kill each other. Others practice cannibalism. And some male animals don't bother to stick around to protect, provide for, and educate their offspring.

It is therefore declared that animalistic *behaviour* in humans confirms that we are animals. Is this right?

Second, the Bible is full of instructions about how we should behave. Is anyone silly enough to say that God is addressing these instructions to the animals? Rather it is to our shame if we (who know better) behave like animals.

Third, don't miss the contrast clearly spelt out in Genesis 1.25-27. God made each animal species after its own kind. But he made man after the *God* kind!

The psalmist wrote, "O Lord . . . What is man that you are mindful of him? . . . You have crowned him with glory and honour." Psalm 8.1-5.

Do we behave accordingly?

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God is a specialist. His creation proves it.

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