

the ground"), but *not* secondary causality. The substance from which Adam was formed was not living substance before God communicated life to it at this point.

In connection with this assertion, the translation in the Authorized (King James) Version is unfortunate, since it obscures a very important truth, and also makes the verse teach something that simply is not there. Genesis 2:7 should be translated, "And the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils breath of life, and man became a *living being*" (or "living creature"). The Hebrew simply says that man became אִישׁ חַי (nephesh hayyah).

Looking back to Genesis 1:20-21, we notice that God created aquatic life. This life is called אִישׁ חַי. In Genesis 1:24-25, God created terrestrial life. This life is also called אִישׁ חַי. And then in Genesis 2:7, as a result of divine inbreathing of life into the body which God had created for him, Adam became a אִישׁ חַי. The facts are clear: Adam was *not* a living creature before Genesis 2:7; the animals *were* living creatures before the time of Genesis 2:7; therefore Adam could not have been descended from the animals, since in that case Adam would have *been* a living creature *before* he *became* a living creature, which is plainly absurd. And further, since Genesis 2:7 is speaking of the creation of Adam's *body*, and of the bringing of that body to *life*, neither Adam as a whole nor Adam's body descended from animals.

Event #13 (recorded in Genesis 1:27 and 2:19-23) -- God's Ex Nihilo Creation of woman's soul, and His Immediate Creation of woman's body.

It should be emphasized that God also created woman in His own image and likeness. Again, this likeness, as in man, refers to woman's soul. As to her body, however, she was created from Adam's flesh and bone, not from dust from the ground. Nevertheless, since Adam's flesh and bones were formed from the dust, Eve also (indirectly) was from the dust; and, as a result of the Fall, was destined, by the sentence of death, to return with Adam to the dust. Thus the curse in Genesis 3:19 falls upon both Adam and Even, and upon all of their posterity.

Event #14 (recorded in Genesis 2:1-3) -- The Cessation of God's Immediate Creation; the continuation of God's Mediate Creation.