

## Biblical Similarities and Dissimilarities between Man and the Animals

### Biblical Similarities

#### A. Derivation of bodily material

1. Animals - Genesis 2:19 -- "And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky."

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2. Man - Genesis 2:7 -- "Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground."

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#### B. Origin of biological life

1. Animals - Genesis 6:17 -- "And behold, I even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life."

Genesis 7:13 15 -- "On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the Sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his Sons with them, entered the ark, they and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after Its kind, all sorts of birds. So they went into the ark to Noah, by twos of all flesh in which was the breath of life."

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Genesis 7:21-22 -- "And all flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the face of the earth, and all mankind; of all that was on the dry land, all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died."

2. man - Genesis 2:7 -- "Then the Lord God . . . breathed into his nostrils the breath of life."

חַיִּים נְשָׁמַת בְּאַפִּיו וַיִּפַּח

#### C. Resultant creation as a living being

1. Animals - Genesis 1:20 -- "Then God said, 'Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures'"

Genesis 1:21 -- "And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind"

הַחַיָּה כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ

Genesis 1:24 -- "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind'"

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2. Man - Genesis 2:7 -- ". . . and man became a living being."

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