

This translation, "a living soul," is ^{quite} ~~an~~ unfortunate ~~one~~. This Hebrew phrase occurs repeatedly in the Book of Genesis. In Genesis 1:20 it is translated "moving creature" and in verse 21 "living creature." In both of these verses it refers to fishes. In verse 24 it is used of land animals and is again translated "living creature." In Genesis 2:19 it is translated "living creature" and refers to all the animals that God brought to Adam to be named. In Genesis 9:10-16 it is translated "living creature" four times, and in every one of them it refers to animals. It is unfortunate that in this one case in Genesis 2:7 it should have been translated "living soul," for it clearly means "living creature."

According to Genesis 2:7 it was only after God breathed into man the breath of life that man became a living creature. It was only after man had been formed by God from the dust of the ground that he became physically what the animals already were. This clearly rules out the possibility that any animal could have developed into a human being. God's direct creation of man from inorganic matter is one of the clearest teachings of the Book of Genesis, and sharply contradicts the evolutionary theory.

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At these definite points the Bible clearly contradicts the theory of evolution. There are many other matters on which the Bible does not give us information. When we imagine an answer to questions on which the Bible does not speak, we do injury to the cause of Christ. If our imaginings are proven untrue, it results in making people think that the Bible is not dependable.

One matter on which the Bible is definitely silent is the question as to when the world was created.

Four hundred years ago a number of attempts were made to calculate from the Biblical data the time of the creation of man and many different results were obtained, since the Biblical data are incomplete for this purpose. Archbishop Usher assumed