

MAN - CREATED A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS – Psalm 8

The Bible reveals that God created man a noble creature in His own image - not a brute. This being true, how could we ever find creatures more advanced than ourselves in the universe? What could be superior and/or more intelligent than beings created in the image of the Living God?

The Bible indicates man began higher than the rest of the creation in every way - physically and mentally. Adam was brilliant (he named all the animals) and powerful – in order to rule the world.

Genesis 1:26

Genesis 2:19-20

Jesus – taken in His humanity apart from His divinity as merely an unfallen man (like Adam) – was superior in every way to us. Read and list all the various beatings he received in so short a time during His six illegal trials. No fallen man's body could have withstood such. He did not even pass out.

Furthermore, His brilliance (although He was humble before the Father, gentle and meek) demolished the combined efforts of His antagonist with the ease of child's play despite all their education, philosophy, and experience. His examples are so simple and folksy - homespun rather than erudite - and they crushed all opposing views with ease. That is what so greatly enraged and angered them. Their pride and ego could far better have survived being put down in a learned debate - but not this.

Further, He did not carry the cross because He lacked the physical ability to so do. The Father saw to it that He did not carry it for the simple reason that He was innocent of all the charges brought against Him. Under Roman law one was forced to carry the cross as a testimony of their guilt.

Luke 7:46 No man ever spoke like this man.

Matthew 22:29 - ye do err **not knowing**: This was not the use of His God power - although it was present. Our Lord entered the arena against Satan equipped with only the same weapons Adam had at his disposal - the Word of God and His unfallen human nature (although He never stopped being God).

John 8:28: I do nothing of myself.

John 14:10: The Father in me does the works

Matthew 12:28

Luke 5:17

John 12 (last 2 verses)