Where Did I Come From,
Why Am I Here and Where Am I Going?

Does the Bible have anything to say about where I came from, why I am here and where I am going? These are basic and fundamental questions which all of us must answer? Is it that we are a cosmic anomaly, that time plus matter plus chance brought about our existence? Or is there something different about men and women when compared with all the rest of living things?

The Bible tells us that man was made in the image of God. Everything man is, images God. What God is without a body, man is with a body. God thinks, has passions, makes moral decisions, has relationship, has dominion. So does man. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God, He created him; male and female He created them. (Genesis 1:27)

Man is different from animals, not in virtue of some extra added substance, but rather in virtue of his unique capabilities for rational and moral behavior. Man's body is special because God has endowed it with abilities other bodies do not have, e.g. moral, intellectual, verbal. God has made man's body, His own image in the created order. Man is made with the breath of life. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Genesis 2:7)

Man is a special kind of body. He is a thinking body (mind). He is a body that has compassion and reasons and makes decisions (heart). He is a living, animated body that has a relationship with God (spirit). When man was created, he was perfect, a true reflection of God's holy character. He exercised his ability in a God honoring way.

What is man to do? He was to glorify God and exercise dominion over the creation which God had made. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth. (Genesis 1:28) Therefore, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

When God looked at the finished product of man and woman, and all His creation, He declared, Indeed it was very good. (Genesis 1:31) Man was satisfied in God and his place in the order of things, and God was satisfied with all that He had made. There was peace between God and man, and there was harmony between man and woman, and there was rest in the world at large.