

# FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY *Made*





“ For You formed my inward parts; You wove me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You, for *I am fearfully and wonderfully made*. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. (Psalm 139:13–14) ”

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# INTRODUCTION & FOREWORD





## INTRODUCTION FROM KEN HAM

**When does life begin?** A short question, but one with profound implications and real life-and-death consequences. And when it comes to life and when it begins, we want to start with God's Word as the foundation for our thinking, not the ever-changing opinions of our culture.

Our powerful pro-life exhibit at the Creation Museum is titled Fearfully & Wonderfully Made. That phrasing comes from Psalm 139:13–14:

“ For You formed my inward parts;  
You wove me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are Your works;  
my soul knows it very well. ”

According to the psalmist, inspired by the Holy Spirit, we are persons from the very beginning—from the moment of fertilization—as God carefully knits us together in the womb. The prophet Jeremiah said that God knew his name even before he was conceived. Genesis 1:27 reveals that each person is made in the very image of God, and this would include unborn children who are skillfully being wrought together. The testimony of all of Scripture definitively answers the question “When does life begin?” with “at the moment of fertilization” and attributes infinite worth to that person from that instant.

I've been passionate about the sanctity of human life for decades. Since its beginning, the Answers in Genesis ministry has had an emphasis on dealing with the abortion issue (and other sanctity of life issues) through the lens of God's Word, beginning in Genesis. I'm thrilled we now have such an incredibly unique and powerful exhibit that will quite literally save lives while giving glory to God for his handiwork in fashioning us.

But the exhibit is more than that. It celebrates life in the womb, shares biblical teaching and a biblical worldview regarding that life, and then it presents the gospel




message. You see, it's the gospel that shows us in dramatic fashion how much God values human life and our eternal souls. Our culture says that life is dispensable, kept or discarded based on "wanted-ness." **God says human life is so valuable that he dispensed his own life (in the person of his Son) and then raised him for the dead to save our lives!**

Jesus, the Son of God who is fully God and fully man, came to this sin-cursed earth to live the perfect life none of us can live (Romans 3:23) and die on the cross in our place. Second Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) proclaims, "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God," and Romans 5:8 (ESV) states, "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." All who turn from their sin and trust Christ are forgiven and given new and eternal life.

Because of his great love for us, and his mercy and grace, God gave the ultimate sacrifice that we might live—his very own life in the person of Christ. It's this message that people must believe and, when they repent and believe, they are changed through the power of the Holy Spirit and, Lord willing, are willing to sacrifice much for life, in honor of their Savior who sacrificed so much more than any of us will ever experience.

The most pro-life message ever proclaimed is the life-changing message of forgiveness, eternal life, and peace with God found in the gospel. And it's this message that we're humbled to point museum guests toward each day in this beautiful exhibit and throughout the entire museum, as well as in our resources. There's nothing greater to proclaim.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Ham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ken Ham

CEO & Founder of Answers in Genesis, Ark Encounter, and Creation Museum

## FOREWORD BY DR. MENTON

It was over 20 years ago after my retirement from the anatomy faculty of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis that I was honored to receive the opportunity from Ken Ham to join the young but growing Answers in Genesis organization. I will never forget my first visit when Ken showed me a plot of Kentucky farmland featuring a large pond with cows walking around it and assuring me that this is where the Creation Museum would be built. I was a bit skeptical at the time, but not only was the amazing museum built but the unimaginable Ark Encounter, as well. And now as I enter my year of retirement from Answers in Genesis, I am honored yet once again to participate in the production of a new multi-million-dollar Creation Museum exhibit that is influenced by and named after my pro-life lecture and DVD *Fearfully & Wonderfully Made* (Psalm 139:14).

Looking back, it was nearly 40 years ago when I first came up with the idea of putting together a creation lecture dealing with the early in *utero* development of the baby and placenta. My first motivation came from attending several lectures by Washington University scientists who were experts in these matters. The placenta in particular, with its close interaction between both mother and child, left me stunned by the results of God's creative work in the womb. The need for such a creation lecture was really



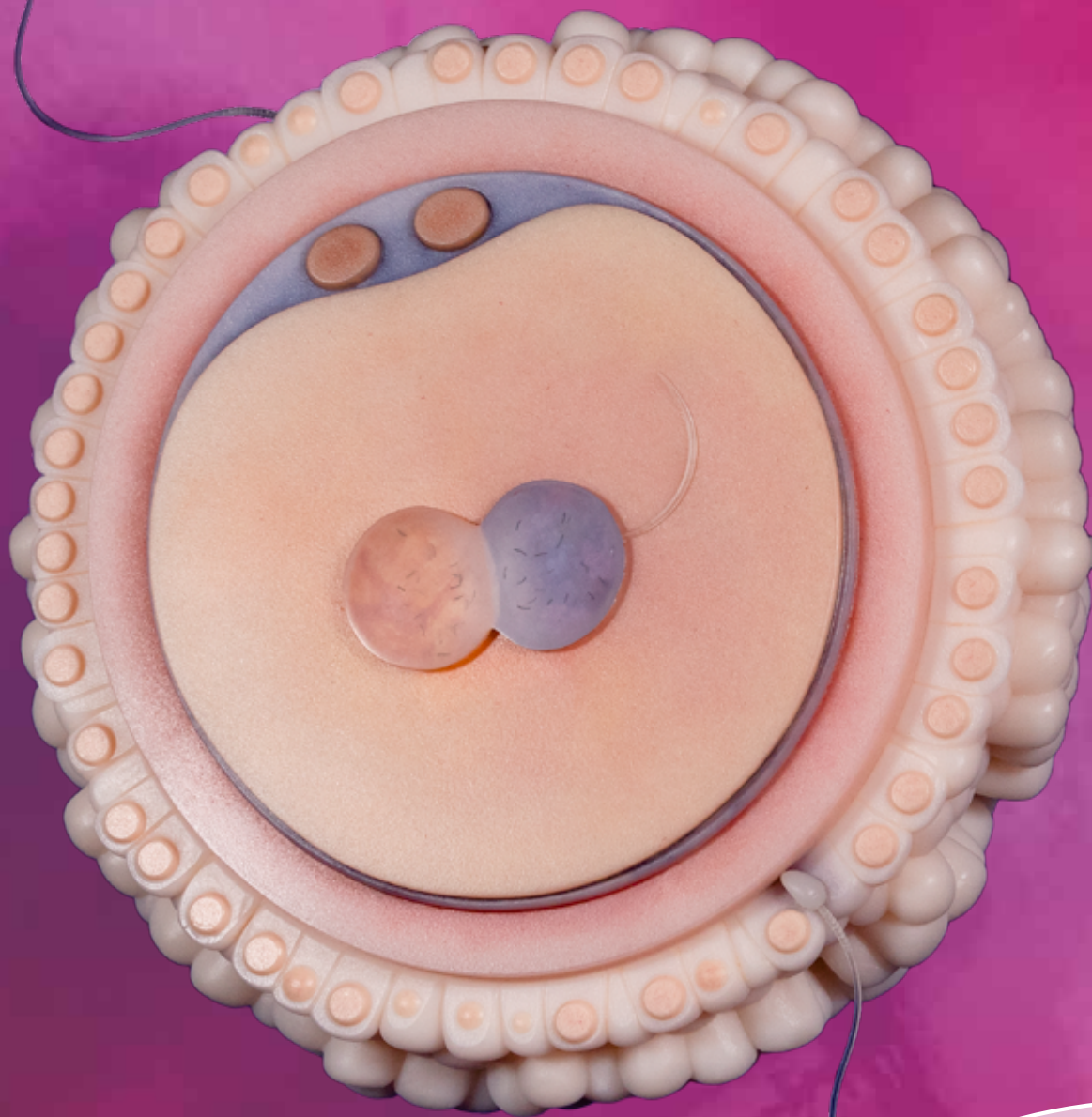
driven home a few years later when I had a table promoting creation at the annual Missouri State Teachers Association convention in St. Louis. Across the aisle from my table was a lady with a pro-life table. At my first opportunity, I thanked her for her work on behalf of the unborn and told her that as a creationist I felt I was fighting the same battle she was. Sadly, she told me that she did not want the pro-life movement linked in any way to creationism lest it lose its appeal and respectability. But I was convinced that a pro-life position was not sustainable without the recognition of God's special creation of man in His image and His active knitting together of each child in its mother's womb (Psalm 139:13). And so it was that I came to adapt lectures I gave to medical students on human reproduction to my presentation Fearfully & Wonderfully Made.

Finally, I want to say what a privilege it was to work with and witness firsthand the marvelous talents of the large team of God-fearing artists, animators, fabricators, and writers who put the Fearfully & Wonderfully Made exhibit together. Their creativity surely reflects the creativity of our Lord and Savior.



# THE EXHIBIT





## A HUMAN LIFE BEGINS

LENGTH .0005 in (.00127 cm)

WEIGHT <1 oz (<1 g)

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color added for clarity.



# THE IMAGE OF GOD

All human beings are made in the image of God. Theologians strive to adequately describe all that this truth entails, but we can be confident of the following implications of being made in God's image because they are revealed in His Word.

## DISTINCT FROM ANIMALS

After He made the animals, the Lord created the first man and woman, setting them apart by making them in His image and giving them dominion over the animals.

“ God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”  
(Genesis 1:26) ”

## EVERY PERSON

Though marred by Adam's sin, every human being, both male and female, from the moment of fertilization, is made in God's image, regardless of one's level of development, physical or mental ability, ethnicity, or age.

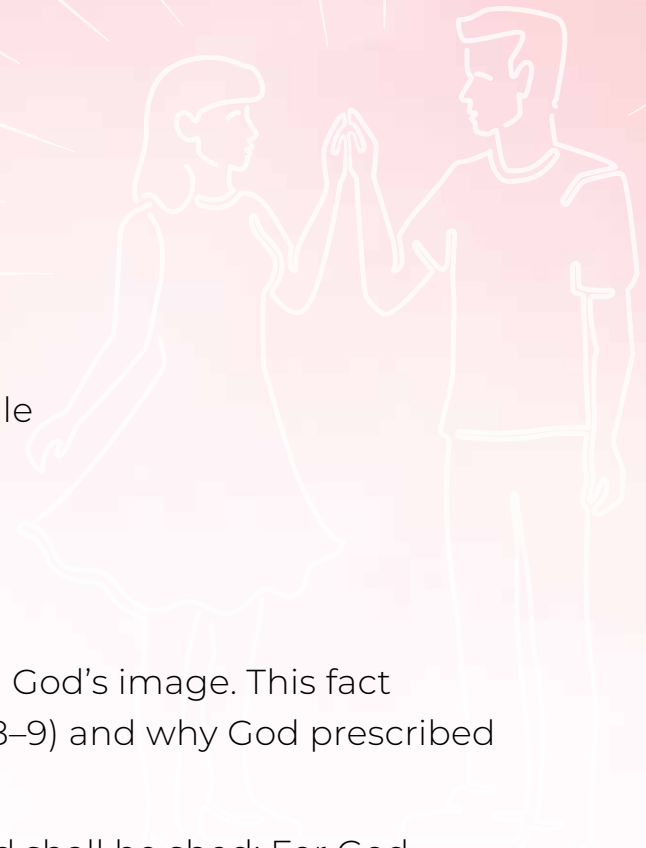
“ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (Genesis 1:27) ”

## IMMEASURABLE VALUE

All human life is precious because we are made in God's image. This fact explains why it is wrong to curse others (James 3:8–9) and why God prescribed a severe penalty for murder.

“ Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; For God made man in His own image. (Genesis 9:6) ”

“ But no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who are made in the image of God. (James 3:8–9) ”



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