

# True Story: Beautiful and Broken

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**Question:** What makes Genesis 1:27 one of the most important verses in the Bible? What are some of its implications of viewing human beings this way?

The creation story is revolutionary. From it we learn:

- **Humans are physical creatures**

Read Genesis 2:7.

- **The human body is precious and essential to our identity.**

A very popular belief today is that your body doesn't really matter. Who you really are has nothing to do with your physical body.

**Questions:** What impact does this way of thinking have on how we live our lives? What are some examples? What impact does it have on our beliefs, even if you are a Christian?

Read Psalm 139:14.

God said this physical world and our bodies are good.

- **Humans are spiritual beings created in God's image.**

**Questions:** How does this truth effect and impact human rights? What happens when you devalue human beings in general or value certain humans over other ones?

**The Christian story brings dignity to humanity that isn't found in other stories.**

Most stories / worldviews agree that there is something terribly wrong in our world. One of the main objections people have with the existence of God from a Christian perspective is how broken our world is.

**“If God is who he says he is, why is this world such a mess? Either God is not good or not powerful.”**

**Questions:** Was there a time when you asked that question? If you no longer ask this question, what changed for you? How do you respond when other people ask you this question?

The Christian story explains why the world is broken. It's not about an apple but a real rebellion.

**Question:** How does looking at Adam and Eve's sin as rebellion change you view of this story?

**You can't make someone love you.**

**True love requires freedom.**

**Question:** Why do you agree or disagree with these statements on love?

**“Our world is exactly the kind of place we'd expect it to be if the Story were true and not just religions wishful thinking.”** Gregory Koukl

When God's children disobeyed their Heavenly Father, they damaged everything, but the story isn't over yet. He didn't turn his back on Adam and Eve and he hasn't on you either.