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The truth pertaining to the origin of all human beings is a matter dear to the hearts of many. People from different walks of life, including various ethnic origins and differing educational backgrounds have attempted explanations, however, no story or explanation can take the place of the truth. In the *Qur'an Allah* informed us of the truth regarding the origin of the humans, and His Prophet, *Muhammad*, explained this matter to his companions, who explained it to their followers, who explained it to their followers, and so on, until the truth reached the people today.

Allah created all the other kinds of creations before He created the humankind. *Allah* created the water, the air, the heavens, the earth, the trees, the mountains, the valleys, the animals and even the small insects--before he created man.

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created all these kinds of creations in six days. Each day was like one thousand (1,000) years. At the last part of the sixth day, after the

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was created. It was
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--Friday.

Adam was not derived from apes or animals similar to apes. The apes existed, as did all the other animal kind, before *Adam* was created. The truth is: the origin of all the humankind is clay, i.e., soil mixed with water, as *Allah* said in *Surat*

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The origin of this clay was the soil of this earth. *Allah* ordered one of the angels to gather a handful of all the different types of the earth's soils: the black soil, the white soil, the red soil, and all the colors in between these colors; including the soft soil and the firm soil. This angel took a handful from all these different kinds of soil and brought them to Paradise. This soil was mixed with the water of Paradise and from this mixture, the shape of

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was formed. This is why you find among the offspring of

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--which includes all people--the white, the black, the red, the yellow, those who are easy, those who are difficult, and those who are in between.

For a period of time this shape remained as clay. Then *Allah* turned this clay into something dry and hard, like pottery. In

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which means: [*Allah* created *Adam* (the human being) from a clay that was poured and then dried taking the shape of *Adam*.]

Before *Allah* turned this clay to flesh, blood, and bones, and before *Allah* put *Adam's* soul into

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his body, the devil (

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) came and examined this creation. Upon inspection,

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found this creation had internal cavities, and thus he knew that this creation would need to take things inside its body.

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knew this creation would not have the ability to go for long periods of time doing different matters without being in need of some things, like food, drink, rest, and the like.

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knew this creation was not like the angels, because angels do not have internal body cavities and need neither food nor drink nor rest.

□ *Allah* gave them the strength to perform all what *Allah* ordered them to perform--without the need for eating, drinking, or resting to do so. The angels can bear things which the humans cannot bear. All this, *Iblis* knew. So *Ibli*

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, who was created from a pure flame of fire (which does not produce any smoke);

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, and the ancestor of all the

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, who was a believer at this period of time and living in Paradise with the angels worshipping

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created you for a matter which I cannot perceive."

After the soul of *Adam* joined his body, *Allah* bestowed on *Adam* the knowledge of the names of everything. *Allah* gave *Ada*

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that knowledge without a teacher, i.e., without
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having to learn from someone to acquire that knowledge. Then

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ordered the angels to prostrate to

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out of respect for this special new creation (not out of worship). Iblis was living with the angels, so he, also, was ordered to prostrate to

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The angels prostrated to *Adam* because all the angels are obedient; they do not disobey *Allah*.

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, however, was arrogant. He objected to

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said, "I was created from fire, and he was only created from soil, so why should I prostrate to him? I will not." By his statement

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meant that

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was not just in ordering him to prostrate to

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blasphemed. This was the first blasphemy

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committed.

When *Adam's* soul joined with his body, he sneezed, then said, '*al-hamdulillah.*' Thus, the first words *Adam*

uttered were in praising and thanking

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Adam

stayed in Paradise for a period of time. During that period

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wife. She was tall, suitable for the height of

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who was sixty cubits tall and seven cubits broad.

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(Eve) was created from one of

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ribs.

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(Eve) from the shortest rib on

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left side.

□ *Adam* and *Hawwa'* (Eve) lived together in Paradise for a period of time. *Allah* permitted them to eat from all the fruits of Paradise, except the fruits of one particular tree.

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enabled them to go from one place to another in the apparent locations of Paradise to eat from the fruits and to benefit from these locations.

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(Eve) were not given permission to eat from that tree but

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whispered to them to eat from it. Then

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(Eve) started encouraging

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to eat from that tree. Eventually they both ate from it. Doing so was sinful, however it was a small sin and they both quickly repented. What they said is mentioned in

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which means: [O Allah, we did injustice to ourselves. So if You do not forgive us and You do not have mercy on us, we would be losers.] They repented and Allah accepted their repentance.

After this incident, Adam, Hawwa' (Eve), and Iblis were ordered to leave Paradise. Adam descended from Paradise into India, in a land called

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(Syri Lanka, now-a-days).

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(Eve) descended in a location different from

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(Eve) were reunited.

After *Adam* descended from Paradise, where he had lived for 130 years, he received the revelation of prophethood from *Allah*. *Adam*, the first man, became the first prophet and the first Messenger to whom *Allah* revealed. Prophet

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and his wife had many children.

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(Eve) gave birth to forty sets of twins. Each womb held a son and a daughter. Their children married and had children, who married and had children, and so on until the humans were spread in the different areas.

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is the ancestor of all the human beings--without any exception. The lineage of all humans goes back to

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Prophet *Adam* taught his children and their children about *Islam*. *Adam* lived for many years. He didn't die until he saw 40,000 of his descendents--and all of them were Muslim. Prophet

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(Eve) loved and worshipped

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(pilgrimage).). Prophet

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taught his offspring about the attributes which befit

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and the difference between the Creator and the creations. He taught good behavior, truthfulness, trustworthiness, and sincerity.

Allah bestowed many knowledges on Prophet *Adam*. *Allah* created in *Adam* the knowledge of the languages--without having to study them. He spoke eloquently and without having to use signs. *Allah*

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the knowledge of the matters of earning a living--including how to plant wheat, how to make clothes, and how to make money from gold and silver.

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created in

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the knowledge of how to make instruments for planting, like the shovel and sickle, and the knowledge of how to plant seeds, vegetables, and fruits as well as how to harvest. Prophet

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knew how to build and construct homes and houses and he used to make ceilings and doors for them. Prophet

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was the first to build the

Ka^bah.

During his time, the

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Mosque was built in Palestine.

Important warnings:

Beware of those who claim matters contrary to the truth of *Islam*. *Adam* was not the first creation, and all human beings originate from him. Moreover, Prophet

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descended from Prophet

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was not the first creation, as some people claim. Also, beware of those who claim the first creation is the light of our Prophet. This is also invalid. There is no

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. What was confirmed from the Prophet was that the first creation was the original water, which exists now underneath the

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Beware of theories which say human beings descended from apes or that *Adam* was a primitive caveman.

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was the first man and the first human to receive the Revelation of prophethood. He was the first messenger of

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and he is the ancestor of every member of the humankind. He taught the first people how to live and how to worship

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correctly. He was an honored and blessed creation of

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which means: [O you people, if you doubt about the matter of the Resurrection, then think about the matter that *Adam* was created from soil.] That is, should one have difficulty conceptualizing that a person can be resurrected--considering this matter is unlikely, a weak possibility, or one that does not occur--then remember that *Allah* created *Adam* from soil.

Know that the One Who created

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from soil has the Power to resurrect you after you turn back into soil.

This is the truth about Prophet *Adam*.