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A Scriptural Journey from Creation to Resurrection**



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This narrative reflects the theological perspective of Aaron Standberry, Founder and CEO of NewDawn Media Network, a faith-based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to exploring and disseminating scriptural truths. The discussion centers on the belief that Jesus, as the last Adam, fulfilled and completed what Adam initiated. This fulfillment was realized not through His resurrection, where He became Emmanuel, the fullness of the Godhead bodily, "God with us."

Adam, the first man, was uniquely created by God as the only living soul, as stated in Genesis 2:7, "Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living soul." This direct act of creation set Adam apart as the only living soul imbued with the breath of Yahweh and established as the ruler of all creation. Genesis 1:26-28 further clarifies this role: "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'"

Adam's dominion was not a mere stewardship but a divine appointment to rule, cultivate, and guard creation. Genesis 2:15 states, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." This position of authority was further reinforced in Genesis 3:22, where God declares, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil." This statement signifies a transition rather than a fall. Adam's newfound knowledge equipped him with the capacity to exercise judgment and moral discernment, aligning his role more closely with God's divine purpose.

Eve's declaration in Genesis 4:1, "And Adam knew Eve, his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord." highlights Adam's lordship within creation. The term "Lord" here is understood as "ruler, the position God appointed him when he set the hierocracy in Genesis 3:16," acknowledging Adam's divinely appointed authority. This authority, rooted in God's creative plan, was not diminished but transitioned, a transition from innocence to conscience, which set the stage for the eventual fulfillment through Jesus Christ.

The New Testament draws a direct connection between Adam and Jesus, framing Jesus as the last Adam, the Christ, who fulfills and completes the mission initiated by the first. In 1 Corinthians 15:45, Paul writes, "So it is written: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit." This verse underscores the continuity in God's plan. As the initial ruler and steward of creation, Adam's role finds its culmination in Jesus. The cornerstone of this is Luke 3:33, where Adam is scripturally identified as "the son of God." Now, Adam is the only living soul. What makes him unique is that he was formed from the dust of the earth. Adam's connection to the dust established his role as the ruler of creation, fully integrated with the earth's elements while empowered by God's Spirit in him. He and the earth were interwoven into one organism (The Man, Genesis 2:5).