

## Transhumanism in Genesis

### Commentary for June 14, 2021 — An Attempt to “Improve” God’s Creation of Adam

In news and in media today you often encounter the term “transhumanism.” It was coined in 1957 by secular author, biologist, and philosopher Julian Huxley who thought that natural evolution can be refined and improved by social and technological means. His goal was to improve the human species, which he thought was seriously flawed.<sup>1</sup> What does Transhumanism mean? Read the [Cambridge Dictionary](#) updated definition of transhumanism:

**“... the theory that science and technology can help human beings develop beyond what is physically and mentally possible at the present time.”**

[Dictionary.com](#) defines transhumanism as,

**“a philosophy that explores human transcendence above or beyond organic, corporeal limitations through technological and philosophical evolution.”**

According to [etymonline.com](#), the “*trans-*” portion in the word “transhumanism” is a:

**“word-forming element meaning ‘across, beyond, through, on the other side of, to go beyond,’ from Latin *trans* (prep.) ‘across, over, beyond ...’”**

Here is “transhumanism” used in current writing, **“... transhumanism, where man supposedly ascends to godhood and life extension.”** “Life extension” means avoiding or transcending death by technological means. To sum up, present proponents of transhumanism seek to:

1. Enhance human abilities, and quality of life,
2. Extend life to a practical immortality, or
3. Change or ascend to some type of “godhood,” however that is conceived.

Others in Scripture long before Huxley have attempted to improve on God’s creation of man.

### God’s Creation of Human Beings

Man was created a little lower than *elohim*, or “gods.” He was created to have dominion over all YHWH’s works (Psalm 8:1, 9), as we are told in four verses in Psalm 8:3–8:

**“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained; what is man [*enosh*, a mortal person], that You are mindful of him? and the Son of man [*adam* in Hebrew, meaning a human being made from the soil, like all of us], that You visit him?”**

**For You have made him a little lower than the angels [*elohim* in Hebrew],<sup>2</sup> and have crowned him [the Son] with glory and honor.**

<sup>1</sup> *Britannica Online*, article, “[Transhumanism: social and philosophical movement](#).”

<sup>2</sup> The Hebrew term *elohim* in Psalm 8 should correctly be translated from as “gods” (small “g”). However, the *elohim* in Psalm 8 are specifically identified to be **“angels”** (ἄγγέλους) in Hebrews 2:7 and 2:9, subordinating the angels to Jesus, the only begotten Son of God (Hebrews 1:5, 5:5, 11:17).

**You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under His feet.”**

These verses say YHWH created amazing and marvelous heavens occupied with living beings.

### ***A Failed Attempt at Transhumanism Before the Flood***

In Genesis chapter 6, the sons of God mated with human women. They desired to alter the following generations to be more than what God created through Adam and Eve. They sought to “enhance” human beings by making them larger and stronger than ordinary humans.<sup>3</sup> The sons of God were not angels, no matter what some scholars believe, or the books of Enoch and Jubilees say:

**“Being made so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said He at any time,  
‘You are My Son, this day have I begotten You’?**

**And again,**

**‘I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son’?**

**And again, when He [the Father] brings in the firstbegotten [Christ] into the world, He said,**

**‘And let all the angels of God worship Him.’**

**And of the angels He said,**

**‘Who makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.’**

**But unto the Son He said,**

**‘Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever [for the eon of the eon]:  
a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Your kingdom.’”**

**• Hebrews 1:4–8**

The offspring from the sons of God were enhanced with two identifiable qualities: larger size and greater strength. They succeeded in making the earth, suffering the effects of sin, more violent (Genesis 6:1–7, Romans 8:19–23). Incredible violence resulted in God sending the flood and keeping alive only 8 people during the flood — all others died.

**“There were giants in the earth in those days [before the flood]; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.**

**And GOD [YHWH in Hebrew] saw that the wickedness of man [adam] was great in the earth, and that EVERY imagination of the thoughts of his heart was ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY. And it repented YHWH that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. And YHWH said,**

**‘I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, ... for it repents Me that I have made them.’”**

**• Genesis 6:4–7**

Even in this God worked all things after His own will (Ephesians 1:11).

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<sup>3</sup> The offspring, the Nephilim, are considered by God to be human beings, “**of adam.**” See my article, “[Who Are the Nephilim](#)” and particularly my June 2017 Commentary, “[Anakim Are from Adam.](#)”