

woman, Gen 2:7 reads:

to chapter 2 and we find a more detailed account of the creation of man. There we find the statement made in Genesis 2:7: "and the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Here we

find that the creation of man involved Does this word demand instantaneity? Surely it proves the exact opposite, there are

at least two states in it, the forming of his body from the dust of the ground, and then the breathing into his nostrils of the breath of life. This cannot be taken as an instantaneous act. Furthermore, the statement in Genesis 1:27 said, "male and female created he them." According to Dr. Rimmer's statement this wording requires

It sounds as if it is an instantaneous immediate creation of man, "male and female." But in chapter 2, we read of various things that happened between verse 7, when man was created, and verse 22, when woman was created. The statement in Genesis 1, which at first sight sounded like an instantaneous act, on examination proves in the light of chapter 2 not to be an instantaneous act at all. God could of course if he chose, have simply said, "Let men and women be standing here, wholly formed and complete," but that is not what He did. Genesis 2 shows that something quite different occurred. [to 9f]

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