

**For a discussion of physical death before Adam's sin
see:**

Douglas Moo in *Romans*, 188ff. Biblical evidence suggests that at least plant "death" occurred before Adam's sin (cf "seed bearing plants" of Genesis 1:11ff), but what about animals? Many animal fossils have been found with other animal fossils within, obviously having been eaten. Then what about humans? This raises the issue of the origin and dating of human beings? The Bible clearly presents Adam as the first human. (Genesis 1-3, Matthew 19:4, Acts 17:26, etc).

See also John Stott, *Romans*, 164ff.

No less a scholar than John Stott suggests that homo sapiens may have existed for millennia but not until later did God create man in the image of God, breathing into him a living soul. So while death may have been part of the experience of plants and animals, it was not part of man created in the image of God until Adam's sin.