

IDENTITY CRISIS: CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE

Gen. 1:24-27



VSS. 24-25

Creation, Day 6

“Let the land produce...livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals...

And God saw that it was good.”

And then God said...

“Let Us...” (Heb. ‘Elohim’ Plural noun) A reference to what we would later understand as the godhead, ‘Father, Son and Holy Spirit.’

“in Our image...” from a root which means ‘to shade.’
Image. Likeness. Resemblance. Representative

It's not a physical likeness, because God is Spirit (John 4:24). It is not an exact duplicate, but is a shadow of a thing.



Before we go any further,
it's important to note the designation of
'created in God's image'
was assigned to
NO other part of Creation



SO WE KNOW WHAT IT ISN'T. WHAT THEN IS THE 'IMAGE OF GOD' IN ADAM?

Adam possessed an immortal spirit at Creation.

Adam was created good and sinless. (One author describes our 'moral compass' as being a vestige of that original state. When we hate evil, love good, feel guilt for wrongdoing, etc., we reflect this moral compass)



Adam (mankind, by extension) was given authority over all the earth. This authority includes the responsibility to work toward God's purposes being carried out. A stewardship, if you will.

(Mankind was not seen as an equal to the rest of creation even once.)

Adam was given the ability to reason. He was given intellect, will and emotions.



Mankind was given a soul. See Gen. 2:7

“...it was only into humanity that God breathed what derives exclusively from Himself – not simply breath, but in fact the soul. Of its 24 occurrences in the OT, this term is applied only to God and people. Hence it describes what humanity and the Creator uniquely share, namely, the capacity for spiritual relationship.”

(Moody Bible Commentary)



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“male and female He created them.”
(Matt. 19:4)

And on the heels of that,
“Be fruitful and increase in number...”

WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

“For by (Jesus Christ) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created **by Him and for Him.**”

- Col. 1:16 (See 1:15-20)