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- 2. WHAT ARE THE ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS?
- 3. HOW WAS MAN CREATED?
- 4. HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD'S IMAGE?
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1. WHAT ARE MAN'S BASIC QUESTIONS?



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2. WHAT ARE THE ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS?

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QUESTION	HUMANISM / EVOLUTION	BIBLICAL CREATIONISM	
WHO AM I?	HIGHEST FORM OF ANIMAL	CREATION IN GOD'S IMAGE & LIKENESS	
WHERE DID I COME FROM?	EVOLVED FROM???	CREATED BY GOD	
WHY AM I HERE?	WISH I KNEW	TO GLORIFY GOD	
WHERE AM I GOING?	LIGHTS OUT !!	HEAVENLY HOME	

## MAN HAS FOUR QUESTIONS:

- 1. WHO AM I?
- 2. WHERE DID I COME FROM?
- 3. WHY AM I HERE?
- 4. WHERE AM I GOING?

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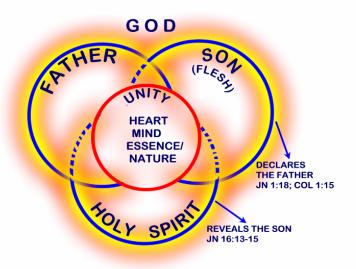
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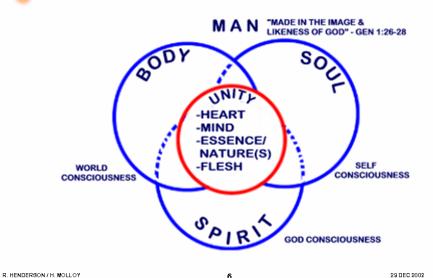
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4. HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD'S IMAGE?

MAN: IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD -GEN 1:26.27

# **GOD'S GLORY**

HOLY RIGHTEOUS JUST

INFINITE **OMNIPOTENT** 

**OMNIPRESENT OMNISCIENT** 

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# MAN'S GLORY (IN CHRIST)

CAPACITY TO BE SET APART TO GOD - 1PET 1:15 " " RIGHTEOUS - ROM 6:19

" " JUST (FAIR)

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CAPACITY TO MANIFEST GOD'S EMPOWERMENT -JN 15:5; PHIL 4:13

IN ONE PLACE AT A TIME

CAPACITY TO THINK ABSTRACTLY, REASON, UNDERSTAND, INTELLIGENCE

DEPENDENT ON GOD FOR PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL LIFE; MAN IS ETERNAL - GEN 2:7

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4. HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD'S IMAGE?

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# GOD'S GLORY

LOVE

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GRACE MERCY

**IMMUTABLE** 

TRUTH **FAITHFUL** 

SPIRIT

SOVERIGN

# MAN'S GLORY (IN CHRIST)

CAPACITY TO LOVE & WORSHIP GOD. " MANIFEST GOD'S LOVE CAPACITY TO MANIFEST GOD'S GRACE MERCY

CHANGEABLE - BUT CAN CHANGE FOR THE GOOD. i.e. CONFORMED TO IMAGE OF CHRIST WE CAN LIARN & IDENTIFY WITH THE TRUTH WE CAN MANIFEST CHRIST'S FAITHFULNESS

WE HAVE AN ETERNAL SPIRIT & CAN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

WE ARE SUBJECTS TO GOD; BEFORE THE FALL GOD GAVE MAN DOMINION OVER ALL LIFE & THE EARTH

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# 5. HOW DOES MAN'S IMAGE DIFFER FROM GOD'S?

## MAN: IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD -GEN 1:26,27

GOD (FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT)		MA (ADA	•
CREATOR -	Gen 1:1	CREATIO	N - Gen 1:26,27
SOVEREIGN -	Ps 103:19	SUBJECT	- 1 Cor 15:27
TRIUNE (FATHER, SON, H	Mt 28: 19 OLY SPIRIT )	TRIUNE (BODY,	- Heb 4:12 SOUL, SPIRIT )
FULLNESS OF GLO	RY - Heb 1:30	IMAGE & LIKE	NESS - Gen 1:26,27
LIFE GIVING SPIRI	T - 1 Cor 15:45	LIVING SO	OUL - Gen 2:7
SPIRITUAL	- Jn 4:24	NATURAL	- 1 Cor 15:44
HEAVENLY	- 1 Cor 15:47,48	EARTHLY	- 1 Cor 15:48
INCORRUPTIBLE	- Rom 1:23	CORRUPT	IBLE - Rom 1:23
FELLOWSHIP OF GODHEAD	D -Jn 17:5,21	FELLOWSHIP W	TTH GOD – 1 Jn 1:3
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6. WHAT IS THE MAKE-UP OF MAN?

# THE OUTWARD MAN (BODY) - GEN 2:7

- GOD FORMED MAN (YATSAR HEB = "SCULPTED")
- FORMED HIM FROM MATERIAL (DUST)
- ABODE OF THE SOUL & SPIRIT
- HAS EVERYTHING EXCEPT LIFE
- DECAYS UPON DEATH

# THE INWARD MAN (SOUL & SPIRIT) - GEN 2:7

- GOD BREATHED THE BREATH OF "LIVES"
- PHYSICAL
- SOUL (SOULISH)
  - EMOTIONS WILL SENSES
  - -INTELLECT REASON CONSCIENCE

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- SPIRIT (SPIRITUAL)
- ALLOWS MAN TO RELATE TO GOD
- LIVES FOREVER

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#### NOTES ON CHAPTER 25 - MAN: HIS CREATION

## I. THE MATERIAL PART OF MAN -

#### THE BODY (WORLD CONSCIOUSNESS)

IT IS FORMED OR FASHIONED BY GOD FROM THE DUST (ELEMENTS)
 OF THE GROUND.
 GEN. 2.7

IT IS GIVEN LIFE BY THE BREATH (OR SPIRIT OF GOD).
 GEN. 2.7

• IT IS A NATURAL OR SOULISH BODY – ADAPTED TO THE SOUL &

EARTHLY ENVIRONMENT. -1 COR.15:44

• IT IS SUBJECT TO DEATH & DECAY VIA THE FALL. - GEN.2:15-17
-1 COR.15:42-44

OUR MORTAL BODIES ARE NEUTRAL. THEY ARE NEITHER
 SINFUL OR RIGHTEOUS – BUT CAN MANIFEST EITHER.
 GAL. 5:19-23

THE LIFE OF THE BODY IS SUSTAINED BY GOD VIA THE SOUL
 THE SPIRIT. PHYSICAL DEATH RESULTS WHEN GOD REMOVES
 THE SOUL & SPIRIT.
 - LU. 16:19-31

THE BODY RETURNS TO THE DUST (ELEMENTS) OF THE GROUND. - GEN.3:19

• THE BELIEVERS BODY WILL BE RAISED A SPIRITUAL BODY -

ADAPTED TO THE SPIRIT & THE ETERNAL HEAVENLY ENVIRONMENT. OUR BODIES WILL BE LIKE CHRIST'S

ENVIRONMENT. OUR BODIES WILL BE LIKE CHRIST'S -1 COR. 15:44
GLORIOUS BODY. -1 JN. 3:2

THE UNBELIEVERS BODY WILL BE RAISED AND HE/SHE

WILL SPEND ALL ETERNITY IN THE LAKE OF FIRE. - REV. 20:11-15

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1. MAN'S SPIRIT IS THE <u>PRINCIPLE</u> <u>OF LIFE</u> WHICH WAS BREATHED BY GOD

2. MAN'S SPIRIT ALLOWS MAN TO KNOW GOD & FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD:

PRE-FALL (ADAM WALKED WITH GOD = FELLOWSHIP) - GEN. 3:8

POST-FALL (SPIRITUAL DEATH - SEPARATION FRM GOD) - GEN, 3:8-15
 SPIRITUAL DISCONNECT (MAN CANNOT RECEIVE OR
 KNOW THE THINGS OF THE H.S.)
1 COR. 2:14

3. GOD IN HIS LOVE & GRACE DESIRES TO FELLOWSHIP WITH MAN FOR ALL ETERNITY, THUS:
-JN, 3:16: 2 PET. 3:9

MAN MUST BE BORN AGAIN – SPIRITUAL BIRTH BY GOD'S SPIRIT
 -BY GOD'S BREATH AGAIN.
 -IN. 3:5-9

 SPIRITUAL BIRTH IS WHERE REAL LIFE BEGINS – WHEN MAN BELIEVES IN THE PERSON & WORK OF CHRIST.
 JN. 1:12-13 - 1 PET. 1:23, 1 COR. 15:45-50

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNICATES TO THE BELIEVER VIA HIS HUMAN SPIRIT WHICH IS NOW ALIVE UNTO GOD.

#### C. HEART:

GENERALLY REFERS TO THE CENTER & SEAT OF HUMAN LIFE:

• PHYSICAL LIFE (PHYSICAL ORGAN) - 2 SAM. 18:14; 2 KI. 9:24

INTELLECTUAL LIFE - DEUT. 8:5; PS. 119:11; HEB. 4:12

• EMOTIONAL LIFE - DEUT. 6:5; PS. 104:15; ROM. 9:2

• VOLITIONAL LIFE - HEB. 4:7; EX. 7:22,23

• SINFUL LIFE - JER. 17:9; GEN. 6:5; ACTS 7:51

• SPIRITUAL LIFE -1 PET. 3:15 (ABODE OF THE FATHER)
(WITH THE HEART MAN -EPH. 3:17 (ABODE OF THE SON)

BELIEVES, RESULTING IN +R)
ROM. 10:9.10

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- 2 COR. 1:22 (ABODE OF THE H.S.)



#### II. THE IMMATERIAL PART OF MAN

#### A.SOUL: (SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS)

- 1. THE SOUL IS THAT ASPECT OF THE IMMATERIAL PART OF MAN THAT IS RELATED TO LIFE & LIFE FUNCTIONS:
- MENTALITY (INTELLECT, DISCERNMENT, THINKING, REASONING, DECISION MAKING...)
- SENSES (INTERPRETATION OF BODILY SENSES)
- EMOTIONS (SENSITIVITY, FEELINGS, COMPASSION)
- WILL (VOLITION TO MAKE CHOICES)
- CONSCIENCE A CO-KNOWLEDGE (WITH ONESELF) OR ONE'S OWN INNER WITNESS AS TO ONE'S OWN THOUGHTS & CONDUCT, WHETHER THEY ARE MORALLY GOOD OR BAD OR IN ACCORDANCE TO THE WILL OF GOD.
- 2. THE WORD TRANSLATED SOUL (HEB: NEPHSH, GREEK: PSUCHE) IS
  ALSO TRANSLATED LIVING CREATURE, PERSON, APPETITE, MIND, ETC:
   GEN. 1:24; ACTS 2:41; 27:37 ETC.
- OFTEN TIMES IT IS USED INTERCHAGEABLY WITH SPIRIT (WHICH HAS SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS AS THE SOUL).
- 4. MAN BECAME A LIVING SOUL BY THE BREATH OF GOD AND THE SOUL IS ETERNAL. GEN 2:7; DAN 12:2; MT10:28
- 5. THE SOUL DEPARTS THE BODY AT PHYSICAL DEATH AND IN ETERNITY WILL EITHER RESIDE IN THE LAKE OF FIRE, (FOR UNBELLEVERS) OR IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THELORD, (FOR BELIEVERS) IN THEIR RESURRECTED BODIES

   REV. 20:11-21:27

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#### D. MIND:

- GENERALLY REFERS TO THE CENTER & SEAT OF REFLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS, COMPRISING THE FACULTIES OF PERCEPTION, UNDERSTANDING, JUDGING, & DETERMINING.
- THE MIND OF THE FLESH
- REPROBATE (ROM. 1:28); VAIN (EPH. 4:17); DEFILED (TIT. 1:15)
- BLINDED (2 COR. 4:4); DARKENED (EPH. 4:18)
- AT ENMITY AGAINST GOD (ROM. 8:7)
- A BELIEVER'S MIND EITHER:
- 1. FLESHLY MINDED (JUST LIKE AN UNBELIEVER)
  - WALKS & MINDS THE THINGS OF THE FLESH

- ROM. 8:4,5; - GAL. 5:16,17

2. SPIRITUALLY OR CHRIST MINDED

- WALKS & MINDS THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

- ROM. 8:4,5; - GAL. 5:16,17

- PHIL, 2:1-5

## E. NATURE(S)

 A NATURE IS WHAT MAKES ANY CREATURE WHAT IT IS (i.e. ANGEL, MAN, HORSE, DUCK, & CHICKEN, ETC.)

 MAN IS UNIQUE IN THAT HE ONLY WAS MADE IN THE IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD.

3. BECAUSE OF ADAM'S SIN THAT IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD IN ADAM WAS SEVERELY MARRED. ADAM'S NATURE BECAME SINFUL & IS PASSED DOWN TO EVERY PERSON. - GEN. 5:3; ROM. 5:12

4. BELIEVERS THROUGH THEIR IDENTIFICATION WITH CHIRST POSSESS A NEW NATURE WHICH IS SINLESS & BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE (CHRIST'S) NATURE.

- ROM. 6:1-4; 2 COR. 5:21;

2 PET. 1:3,4

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## F. FLESH

THE TERM "FLESH" IS UTILIZED IN SCRIPTURE SUCH THAT IT HAS DIFFERENT USAGES. IT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE ANY GOOD OR EVIL QUALITY IMPLIED. GENERALLY THESE USES CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN THE FOLLOWING THREE CATEGORIES:

- 1. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL (THE BODY)
- 2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL & IMMATERIAL WITH REFERENCE TO THE IMMATERIAL

### EXAMPLES:

- 1. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL (THE BODY)
  - a. THE ACTUAL FLESH THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE BONE GEN. 17:11: EX. 12:8: LU. 24:39
  - b. THE PHYSICAL BODY - ACTS 2:30-31; EPH. 5:28-29
- 2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL & IMMATERIAL
  - a. "INFIRMITY OF THE FLESH" - ROM. 6:19
  - b. "FLESH & BLOOD" (FRAIL & FEEBLE MAN) - GAL. 1:16; EPH. 6:12
  - c. "THE WORD BECAME FLESH" - JN 1:14
  - d. "THE LIFE I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH"

- GAL. 2:20

- 3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE IMMATERIAL
  - a. "LUSTS OF THE FLESH" - GAL. 5:16.17
  - b. "IN THE FLESH CANNOT PLEASE GOD" - ROM 8:8
  - c. "BELIEVERS ARE NOT IN THE FLESH" - ROM 8:9

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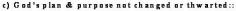
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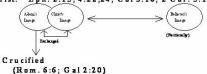


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- . God accomplishes His plan & purpose of making man in Christ's
  - RECREATION
- . God does not renovate or fix up Adam but created a totally new man
- (kainos = new in quality)
- . God makes the believer a new creation through his/her union with Christ. Eph. 2:15, 4:22,24; Col 3:10; 2 Cor. 5:17



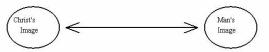
Observe:

Positionally a believer is now & always will be a complete representation & manifestation (Image Bearer) of Christ. Cal. 2:10; I Car. 15:49; I John 3:2



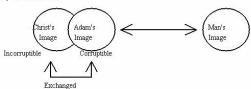
#### WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST (IMAGE BEARERS - I Cor. 15:49)

- 1. Every person is an image bearer of either Adam or of Christ (positionally).
- 2. Image bearer means a continual representation and manifestation but not the person as Christ is of the Father (Heb. 1:3).
- 3. The history of man's image:
- a) God's plan & purpose: To make man in God's (Christ's) image & likeness -Gen. 1:26,27



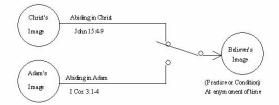
b) The fall & it's results: Every man born bears Adam's corrupt image & likeness (except Christ)

Gen. 5:3; Rom. 1:21-23

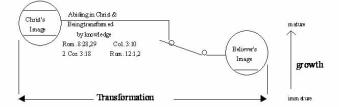


Observe: Gen: 26,27 & Rom. 1:23 God's will is to make man in His Image Man's will is to make God in his image

- d) Bearing Christ's Image in practice:
  - (1) The believer can manifest in practice either Christ; s Image or Adam's image - depending on whether the Believer is abiding in Christ (new man) or in Adam (old man).



(2) The degree to which a believer bears the image of Christ is dependent on his/her spiritual maturity (knowing Christ & appropriating the mind of Christ = growth)



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