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IN THE IMAGE OF GOD MADE HE THEM

There are various theories about how man is made in the image of God. Two popular ones are:

- 1) God is a Spirit; we are made in His image; therefore, the soul of man is spirit and immortal.
- 2) God is the Word and the Word became flesh/human; we are human; therefore, humans are the only species that reads, writes, speaks, and thinks words because we are made in the image of God.

These theories are clever but false; Scripture does not support them. When your preacher says stuff like that from the pulpit and then trolls for your approval by saying, “And all God’s people said...” instead of mindlessly chorusing “Amen!” like all of the other pewsters, you should demand accountability by responding, “Chapter and verse, please!”

The fact is you and I are *not* made in the image of God. That is merely another tradition believed by millions of Christians who don’t *think* when they read the words God put in the Bible from which we are to discern true doctrine.

If I said, “I’m going to paint a picture; a large, colorful one.” Or if I said, “His son looks just like he does; tall and freckled”, no one would have any problem connecting the information after the semicolon with the statement before it, especially since it is all said in the same sentence and not spread out – here a little and there a little – among other unrelated info. So if you were asked what the son looks like you’d reply, “He’s tall and freckled.”

OK, it’s pop quiz time for all those who earn their paychecks in “full time Christian service.” The subject matter from which we shall derive our test question comes from these Bible verses:

- **Ge 1:27:** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- **Ge 5:1,2:** In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; Male and female created he them;

And the test question is: How did God make man in His own image?

- Preacher #1: “Well, God is immortal, so the soul of man was also made...etc.”
- Preacher #2: “You and I are communicating with *words*. That is because when God the Word made man...etc.”
- Preacher #3: “Did you know that only man has an opposable thumb and goes indoors to relieve himself? That’s because God made man...etc.”

See what I mean? No one paid the slightest attention to the info after the semicolon! We can only conclude that either the material was too complex for them to handle, or tradition has blinded them to what God says.

Only Adam was created in the image of God. Eve was not created in God’s image, and neither are you and I. **Mt 19:4** is often erroneously used to show that we, like both Adam and Eve, are made in God’s image. But it isn’t referring to us, it is referring to what happened “at the beginning.” And it doesn’t say it happened to “Adam and Eve” it says it happened to “them.” To find out who “them” is we must go back to the beginning.

Ge 1:26: And God said, let **us** (plural) make **man** (could be singular or plural) in **our** (plural) image, after **our** (plural) likeness: and let **them** (this one is definitely plural) have dominion...

We know there is only one God. But because He/They are plural, both the singular and the plural are used by Them to refer to Himself. That only seems strange *because of our perspective*, because we are *not* made in the image of God. Adam was. However, the above verse isn’t the one we’re looking for because it says **man**, which could be either singular (Adam) or plural (Adam and Eve). And the latter seems to be the case because the verse also says **them**. But that seeming truth is proven to be wrong by the very next verse:

Ge 1:27: So God created **man** (Adam) in his own image, in the image of God created he **him** (singular); **male and female** (plural) created he **them** (plural).

Ge 1:28: And God blessed **them** (the plural male/female Adam), and God said unto **them** (the plural Adam before Eve was taken out of him), Be fruitful and multiply...

Adam was created a plural being just like God is plural. That’s why God referred to Adam in both a singular way and a plural way – just like God refers to Himself. Adam was told to be fruitful and multiply because God is fruitful and multiplies. And Eve came out of Adam because we came out of God.

God needs no help in order to have offspring because God is **complete** (plural). Before there was an Eve, Adam was told to multiply because **he** was created a **them** in the image of God. Adam was therefore **complete** (plural) and needed no help in order to have offspring. Carefully read Ge 5:1,2 again to see that Adam, like God, was a he/them.

When Lucifer rebelled, the Kingdom of God (which was plural because it was complete and contained the Kingdom of Heaven) was divided. The Kingdom of Heaven was taken out of the KOG and became separate. The KOG, therefore, ceased being plural and became singular. When the Lord reunites the two kingdoms by making Lucifer’s KOH again part of the KOG, the KOG will become complete (plural) again.

Don’t I mean to say the **KOH/Z** will be united with the KOG, not Lucifer’s KOH? No, the KOH/Z is already part of the KOG. The KOH used to be and will be again. But for now the KOH is serving a purpose – it is housing things that are temporary. You see, God’s kingdom and everything in it are everlasting. When Lucifer rebelled and started a war God allowed him to defeat Michael and his army. That’s how Satan acquired the KOH and became its king. God decided to use the KOH as prophecy, as an indication of how things would turn out. In other words, because Satan’s kingdom contains *time, death, and darkness*, everything in and associated with it is *temporary* and doomed to the *second death* and *everlasting darkness* away from God’s light. For example: Satan’s reign is temporary because he will lose; he will suffer death in the lake of fire; all Christians who associate themselves with the KOH via carnality will stay right here and end up in the lake of fire; hell is now – like everything in Satan’s KOH – temporary because its occupants can get out and stand trial at Judgment. When the Devil loses the war to the Lord the KOH will undergo a big change. The change will be caused by the fact that it will once again become part of the KOG in which everything is everlasting. Therefore, this KOH becomes everlasting by turning into the lake of fire, which will contain Satan, his servants, hell, time, and darkness. Notice also that death in the Devil’s KOH is temporary

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– it is mortality. But when this KOH becomes God’s again its death becomes permanent – because everything associated with God’s kingdom is everlasting. The KOH is being used as a trash can by God to contain people and events that are now part of the war, but which God doesn’t want in His kingdom.

In general I don’t like to deal with future events because we really don’t know dogmatically exactly how things will happen. Because of that there are just too many questions that have to be answered if you want to defend a certain view. Young Christians, for example, will read what I just said and accept it because they don’t know enough to see possible Scriptural problems with it. Some of you more mature Christians will already have your hands in the air with Scriptural objections/questions. I’m not going to field your questions in this book because, first, we’ll never settle anything conclusively and, second, I don’t think the issue – while interesting – will have any impact on your Christian walk or help you successfully neutralize the harmful effects of tradition and philosophy.

Most Christians I’ve met who do get dogmatic about future events don’t seem to be able to see the forest for the trees, to put things into perspective. More often than not they want to use uncertain and future events – such as exactly when we get the spirit body of the new birth, what the last trump is and exactly when it sounds, whether or not the lake of fire is the same as hell, the pre-trib rapture, whether or not we’ll have our glorified bodies during the millennial reign, whether **Re 20:4** applies to all saints or just those beheaded, etc. – as excuses to ignore or reject the major tenets of this book. When I try to teach a Christian about carnality, authority, Reason, and democracy in an effort to help him understand the horrible apostasy that afflicts modern Christianity, and he tries to pick a fight about inconsequential trivia that will neither help the church nor improve his service to God, I can’t help but think his real objective is to preserve Self. In other words, if you think I’m wrong about one or more items of trivia – *who cares?* The purpose of this book is to reveal and deal with the huge topic of apostasy – not to speculate about trivia. Let’s get back to our subject.

In the beginning Adam was complete (plural). But the female part was taken out of **them** and became separate. Adam was therefore reduced to a single-sex **him**. Eve, the female part taken out of Adam, never was complete because she never was made in the image of God. This is, predictably, reflected in language: **He, him, and man** can have a singular or plural meaning that includes both sexes depending on the context. But **she, her, and woman** have only a singular meaning and refer to only one sex. Now you know why God is a He – not a She: a she can’t be plural; only a he can be plural. And God is a plural.

As a type of the reunion of the two kingdoms, marriage *reunites* the sexes; two become one flesh. The female was taken out of the man, and marriage makes him a them again. And since the man is getting part of himself back, the name that applies when the two become one is the man’s name. And since marriage unites the two single sexes into one plural entity (which is a type of the old plural KOG which contained the KOH, and also a type of the complete, made-in-the-image-of-God Adam), we now know why “from the beginning” (**Mt 19:8**) there was no putting away until (Lucifer’s) fornication started dividing everything.

But, you ask, shouldn’t Lucifer’s sin be called adultery since I am talking about marriage and divorce? Good question. But remember, Lucifer’s sin could only be adultery if his servant/wife status with God was consummated. Two only become one flesh, after all, when the union is consummated. Therefore, the fact that Lucifer and one third of God’s angels were thrown out means angels, like us, have not yet had their union with God consummated. Therefore his sin was fornication, not adultery. But what makes me think angels will ever be consummated unto God like we will? Consistency. I think God wants everlasting peace – including no more second deaths – in His household. That requires the togetherness, oneness, and unity only possible through marriage.

In this life we need to marry if we want to be whole (**Lk 20:34**) because we live in a divided kingdom. We must be joined, husband and wife, if we wish to be fruitful (**Jn 15:4,5**). But in the future we saints will be equal to the angels (**Lk 20:36**) who neither marry (like human men) nor are given in marriage (like human women) because we will be complete, whole, male and female. It appears (**Lk 20:33**) that today’s single-sex saints will in eternity be made whole, complete, and live as the brides of Christ.

The Jews understood none of this, which is why when they queried Christ about it He rebuked them for not having already figured it out from the Old Testament Scriptures (**Mt 22:28,29**). By applying what we have learned we can understand **Mt 19:4,5**: “Have ye not read, that he [God]...at the beginning made them [Adam] male and female [united, complete, whole]...For this cause [the fact that God made Adam united, whole]...twain [things that are now separate] shall be one flesh [via marriage].” It is a beautiful revelation because it shows why the Lord invented the concept of marriage and the accompanying concepts of espousal; fornication; wifely submission; judgment; putting away; consummation; two (head and body) becoming one flesh; the fact that service determines which husband (God or Satan) is preferred, because a woman (a body) can have but one husband (head), etc: God is using marriage to fight and win the war and to restore all things in His realm (God and His children, and the KOG and KOH) that have been divided by carnality (enmity, independence, rebellion, war) to the unified way He made them at the beginning before Lucifer’s rebellion. I say again: It is impossible to understand salvation without an understanding of sex, marriage, and divorce.

The reason none of us today is in the image of God is even though Adam was “at the beginning” made in the image of God, he was shortly thereafter unmade into two separate people/sexes so he could have an help who was meet for him – because it had been established that none of the animals was a suitable servant-companion. That is why when Adam and Eve – neither of whom was in the image of God – had children, the Bible doesn’t say the children were in the image of God. It says Adam “begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth” (**Ge 5:3**). Seth was single-sex like his parents, and could become whole (image of God) only through marriage when the two sexes become one flesh. Apply what you’ve learned to understand three things: First, bastards are types of tares of that wicked one because they are not – figuratively speaking – products of the Lord who is whole. That’s why bastards were social outcasts. Second, as demonstrated by circumcision and by Jephthah in **Ju 11**, being a physical bastard – just like being a physical half-breed, or being this race or that race – does not matter when spiritual truths are concerned. Third, our secular leaders have dominion and can therefore make same-sex marriages legal. But Christians should understand that “joining” two of the same sex is impotent and untenable because the result is not complete, whole, or in the image of God.

The Bible tells us things like seek first the spiritual KOG (**Mt 6:33**) and not the physical KOH, and to care for the spiritual body and not the physical (**Mt 6:25**), because the New Testament makes all this stuff about spiritual/physical, types/figures, and dominion very clear. The New Testament also clarifies for us the mystery (**Ep 5:31,32**) of marriage. In earlier chapters we learned about some important hidden aspects of marriage. Let’s review some of them:

- 1) Truly and permanently terminating a consummated marriage is possible only through death. This applies to both physical death in the grave (**Ro 7:2**) and true death in the lake of fire (**Mt 7:23**).
- 2) Because of the issue of authority the only way to serve anyone is to be under his authority. Once under someone's power you have his authority to do things legitimately in his name. Because our mortal bodies bound us to our first husband, Satan, and because truly ending a marriage is possible only through death, we *had* to die (through Christ's substitutionary physical death) in order to be married to Another. It was therefore not possible to be legally considered Christ's bride until He died on the cross. That's why the Old Testament saints had to wait in Abraham's bosom.
- 3) The fact that we are wed to Christ makes us one with Him because we become His body. That's what **1 Co 12:12-21** is all about: We are members of His body. We are not all the *same* members of His body; therefore we do not all have the same job or function. We become fellow body members, but we do not become equal to the Head Himself. That's why the head is not mentioned in 1 Co 12. Eyes and ears (which we consider to make up the head) are mentioned as members of the *body*. From that we discern the *head* is the *controlling authority*. Christ and Satan are competing controlling authorities, each of whom has a legitimate claim to us as his wives. Therefore we determine whose wife we are through our service. Satan's subtle plan is to make us serve him while thinking (via Reason) we are serving Christ. We cannot make our Christian walk "easier" by serving two masters because no organism can have two heads.

Because Christians do not understand this stuff today, many of them erroneously think "demeaning" verses like **1 Co 14:34,35** and **Ep 5:22** have been rendered obsolete by "liberating" verses like **1 Co 11:11** and **Ga 3:28**. (Some people even think these same verses "prove" the Bible has contradictions and therefore cannot be the word of God.) But you and I understand the significance of "in the Lord" in 1 Co 11:11, and "one in Christ" in Ga 3:28. Becoming a Christian elevates us to the rank of servant of Christ.

1 Co 11:8 is just repeating **Ge 2:23**. **1 Co 11:9** is restating **Ge 2:18**. And **1 Co 11:10** draws on the previous verses to show why the woman is subject to the authority of the man (having "power on her head" – which is symbolized by long hair). The phrase "because of the angels" is a reference to what happened to the angels who did not remain in subjection to God but rather elevated themselves to the rank of *head*, thus becoming equal to God. Therefore, 1 Co 11:11 says: *The above is all true, but in the future ("in the Lord") the man will no longer be outside of – separate from – his female part, and the female will no longer be isolated from her male part*. In other words, among Christians there will be no such thing as male alone or female alone, because we shall all be changed into the image of God. Today we are in the image of Adam (**1 Co 15:45a,49a**), but we shall be in the image of God (**1 Co 15:45b,49b**).