

imago dei



origin story

IN THE BEGINNING

God created the
heavens & the earth.

GENESIS 1:1

I BELIEVE
in GOD the
Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

"GOD'S AIM IN HUMAN HISTORY IS THE CREATION OF AN ALL-INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY OF LOVING PERSONS WITH HIMSELF AT THE CENTER AS ITS PRIME SUSTAINER AND MOST GLORIOUS INHABITANT."

JOHN ORTBERG

day six




HUMANITY

ADAM

AH-DAHM

Then God said, “Let us
make human beings in
our image, to be like us.”

GENESIS 1:26

image bearers



Humanity was given the image of God to reflect His priorities, character, and likeness to creation... When we live out of the divine image of God in us, we fulfill our purpose in creation which brings glory and pleasure to our Creator.



So God created human beings in his own image.

GENESIS 1:27

living within design

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

We are
therefore,
CHRIST'S
ambassadors
as though God
were making
His appeal
through us

“Dear friends, let us
continue to love
one another,
for *Love* comes
from *God*.
Anyone who loves is a
Child of God
and knows God.”

1 John 4:7



sustainer

We were never intended to replace God but meant to work in cooperation with, under direction from, and in community with Him.

HE EXISTED
BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE,

**AND HE HOLDS
ALL CREATION TOGETHER...**
COLOSSIANS 1:17-18

EVERYTHING WAS CREATED
through him and for him

COLOSSIANS 1:16

created anew



For we are God's handiwork,
created in *Christ Jesus to do
good works, God prepared
in advance* for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10

We were designed to reflect God in character and purpose. Through Jesus, God beckons us back to our original purpose... to bear His image to the world and restore people to an awareness of the image of God within them...