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# HUMANITY

## Talk 2: Origins

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“It’s this whole gung-ho super-organism thing that I can’t get. I’m supposed to do everything for the colony, but what about *my* needs, what about *me*?”

*Z. Antz*

### INTRODUCTION

*Job 38-42*

- We cannot know ourselves without knowing God
- True self-knowledge, therefore, involves humility and dignity

### 1. THE IMAGE OF GOD IN CREATION: GENESIS 1:1-2:3

#### a. The image of God

#### b. The image of God in the context of Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

- Purpose

“You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they were created  
and have their being.” Rev. 4:11

- Pattern

- Pinnacle

*“genos” = “kind”*

**c. The image of God in Genesis 1:26-28**

- Representation
- Rule
- Relationship

*Men and women*

*Humanity as a whole*

*God*

**2. THE IMAGE OF GOD IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN: GENESIS 2:4-25**

- a. Separate**
- b. Sanctuary**
- c. Spreading**
- d. Speech**
- e. God's gardener**

## IMPLICATIONS

### 1. We are accountable, not autonomous

*Acts 17:28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'*<sup>29</sup> *"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."*

### 2. We are precious, not disposable.

*Psa. 139:13 For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

14 *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.*

15 *My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place.*

16 *When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,  
your eyes saw my unformed body.  
All the days ordained for me  
were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.*

### 3. We are relational, not individualists

*"God is not a single monad or an impersonal absolute, but God is relationship. God is Trinity... Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through the revelation of the Trinity we learn that the living God, the good and true God, is a God who has relationship within himself and that the values of relationships ultimately belong to reality in its most absolute form." David Broughton Knox,*

### 4. We are sexual, not symmetrical

- Transgender
- Feminism
- Homosexuality

## 5. We are whole, not dualistic

*Rom. 6:13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.*

## 6. We are united, not divided

*Acts 17:26 From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.*

## 7. We are purposed, not purposeless

### RESPONSE

Something I've been reminded of:

Something new I've learned:

Something I need to do or change as a result: