

WONDERFULLY

MADE

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN

BY
FOR

GOD

REVIEW

As a human, you are *wonderfully made!*
You are wonderfully made *by God,*
and you are wonderfully made *for God.*

"Deepfake" — *An image or recording that has been convincingly altered and manipulated to misrepresent someone as doing or saying something that was not actually done or said.*

—*Merriam-Webster Dictionary*

REVIEW

Part 1 – Image Made. God made two kinds of humans—male and female—to reflect and represent him in the world.

Part 2 – Image Shattered. In the moment humans rebelled against God, their ability to mirror God perfectly was ruined.

Part 3 – Image Retained. Despite being warped by sin, humans continue to reflect God—which is why every life is so precious, and why every human life is accountable to God.

Part 4 – Image Restored. God is on a mission to redeem & restore shattered image-bearers into the perfect image of Jesus Christ.

REVIEW

How should you—as a human being—see...

- **YOURSELF?** You should see yourself as wonderfully made by God, for God, and in the image of God. You are an embodied soul, and both your body and your soul are wonderfully made.
- **GOD?** You should see God as the source of your life, worth, dignity, and everything that truly matters about you. Sin separates you from God—it cuts you off from him—but through Jesus, you can be restored.

Matthew 22:34-40

How should I—as a human being—see OTHERS?

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“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God because God is love.”

1 John 4:7-8

MAIN POINT

How should you—as a human being—see...

- OTHERS? You should see every other human being as wonderfully made by God, for God, in the image of God—and therefore as profoundly deserving of your love.

This is a love that's expressed (through attitude and action) with the sincere heart-cry: ***"I want what's best for you!"***

THREE CONVICTIONS

With convictional love for all people...

1. We must INSIST ON the DESIGN of human life.

“Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?”

Matthew 19:4-5

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- GENDER is an inviolable part of one's physically embodied human identity. The Bible teaches that “both male and female” are created in God’s image, and that men and women are absolutely equal in value and yet complementary in their roles within the home and the church.

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- GENDER
- MARRIAGE *is a sacred, lifelong covenant between one man and one woman that pictures the relationship between King Jesus and his bride, the Church. Human marriage and romantic love is designed to be a signpost that points beyond itself to the real thing: Christ's love for his church.*

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- GENDER
- MARRIAGE
- SEX is a profound gift of pleasure and blessing by which a husband and wife can express their love for each other. It is lawful only when enjoyed by one man and one woman joined exclusively together for life in the covenant of marriage.

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- **Lie 1.** *You are nothing more than a highly evolved animal.*
- **Lie 2.** *No desire should ever be denied.*
- **Lie 3.** *Sex is nothing more than a purely recreational activity that can be enjoyed apart from love & commitment.*
- **Lie 4.** *The only moral constraints in sexuality involve age and consent.*

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The rejection of God's design leads to the dehumanization of human existence. Humans become nothing more than "meat" and "objects" for selfish gratification. And that is both logically and morally permissible in a worldview that says we came from nothing, we're accountable to nothing, and we're going to nothing.

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“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:43-44

"Christians... need to muster their courage to be radically countercultural... They must do the hard work of making a case for the beauty of the biblical sex ethic with both their words and their lives... The reason they speak out on moral issues should not be because their beliefs are being threatened or because they feel 'offended.' They should erase the word offended from their vocabulary. After all, Christians are called to share in the offense of the cross. This is not about us..."

Nancy R. Pearcey

"Christians must make it clear that they are speaking out because they genuinely care about people. No matter how compelling the case for a biblical ethic, people rarely change their minds based on intellectual arguments alone. They are even less likely to change if all they hear is moral condemnation... Christians must present biblical morality in a way that reveals the beauty of the biblical view of the human person in a way that people actually want it to be true. And they must back up their words with actions that treat people with genuine dignity and worth."

Nancy R. Pearcey

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1. We must INSIST ON the DESIGN of human life.

2. We must DEFEND the SANCTITY of human life.

“We believe that life begins at conception and that all human beings are made in the image of God. As such, human life is sacred, and it should be protected and respected at all times.”

TCBC Constitution

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“And I will require the blood of anyone who takes another person’s life. If a wild animal kills a person, it must die. And anyone who murders a fellow human must die. If anyone takes a human life, that person’s life will also be taken by human hands. For God made human beings in his own image.”

Genesis 9:5-6 NLT

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“It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception, when egg and sperm join to form the zygote, and this developing human always is a member of our species in all stages of its life.”

Dr. Micheline Matthews-Roth, Harvard Medical School (1981)

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"And a non-person is just a body—a disposable piece of matter, a natural resource that can be used for research or harvesting organs or other purely utilitarian purposes, subject only to a cost-benefit analysis."

Nancy R. Pearcey (critiquing modern philosophy)

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1. We must INSIST ON the DESIGN of human life.
2. We must DEFEND the SANCTITY of human life.
3. We must CHAMPION the DIGNITY of human life.

- Poverty
- Racism
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- Mental Disabilities
- Old Age
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