

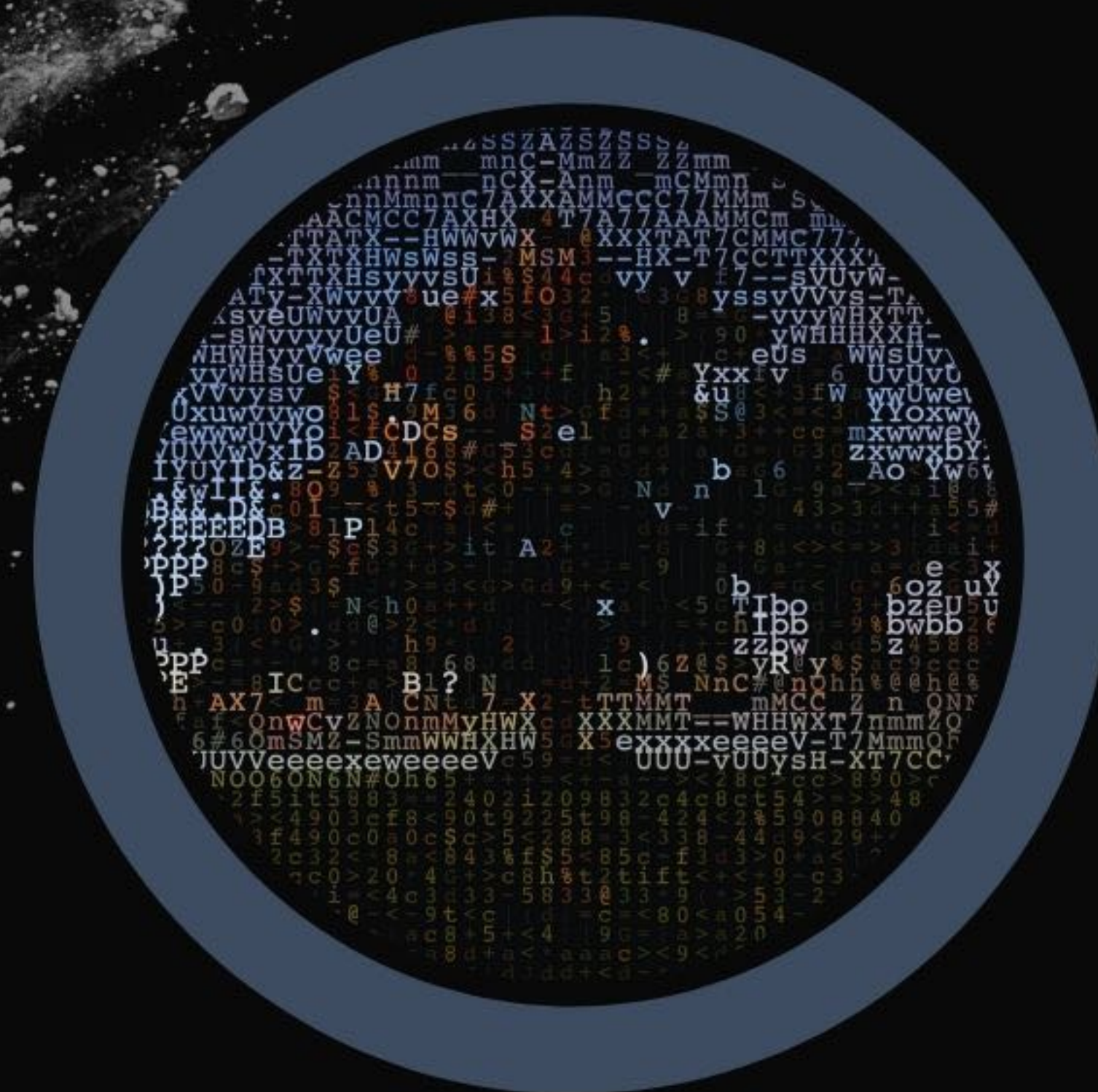
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The Genesis

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Genesis 1:26–27 | *In Our Image*

[26] Then God said, “Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness. And let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

[27] So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

Community | *In Our Image*

OUR

- God has never been without community
- Bearing “The Image” means to have dominion / husband creation.
- To “husband” means the Image bearers nurture life in community with the divine and each other.
- *[9] Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. [10] For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! [11] Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? [12] And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a **threefold cord** is not quickly broken. - **Ecclesiastes***

4:9–12

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IMAGE

- Copy of heavenly reality or “shadow” of the divine
- *[4] Now if [the high priest] were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. [5] They serve a copy and **shadow of the heavenly things**. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” **Hebrews 8:4–5***
- Thou shall **not** make graven images!



Substance

Image / Shadow

Faith | *In Our Image*

FAITH IS SUBSTANCE

- [1] Now faith is the **assurance** of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. [2] For by it the people of old received their commendation. [3] By faith we understand that the **universe was created by the word of God**, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. - **Hebrews 11:1–3**
- **Assurance** - GK - ὑπόστασις - *hypostasis*
 - *hypo* - underneath
 - *histēmi* - cause to stand

Humanities Job | *In Our Image*

FAITH IS SUBSTANCE

- *Faith is the thing humanity carries that makes tangible the activity of God on the earth.*

IMAGE BEARING

- *Tending to creation in such a way that God's divine and eternal qualities are made manifest in the earth.*

John 17:1–5 | *In His Image*

[1] When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; **glorify** your Son that the Son may **glorify** you, [2] since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. [4] I **glorified** you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. [5] And now, Father, **glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.**

John 17:20–24 | *In His Image*

[20] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, [21] that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. [22] The **glory that you have given me I have given to them**, that they may be one even as we are one, [23] I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. [24] Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, **to see my glory** that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Day 7 Glory | *In Our Image*

7

Ark

Divine Presence



*God has created humanity to
radiate His divine glory throughout
the world of human project.*

Genesis 1:28–29 | *Valuable*

[28] And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” [29] And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

Genesis 1:30–31 | *Valuable*

[30] And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. [31] And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was **very good**. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

What is Good? | *Valuable*

ORDER FROM CHAOS

- *God orders the chaos and calls the ordered world “good”*
- *Order = Good | Chaos = ?????*

WHAT IS “GOOD”

- *Description of who the Lord is - He acts in “good” ways*
- *Contrasting evil/chaos, relative or better-than distinction*
- *Functioning as intended in it’s proper design*

As Intended | *Valuable*

ISAIAH 41:7

- *The craftsman strengthens the goldsmith, and he who smooths with the hammer him who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, “It is good”; and they strengthen it with nails so that it cannot be moved.*

2 CHRONICLES 6:26-27

- *“When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, if they pray toward this place and acknowledge your name and turn from their sin, when you afflict them, then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk, and grant rain upon your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.*

Not Good | *Valuable*

*Then the LORD God said, “It is
not good that the man should be alone;
I will make him a helper fit for him.”*

Genesis 2:8

Good | *Valuable*

*It is very good means humanity was
functioning in our God-designed
identity to radiate His Glory in
community.*

Genesis 2:5–7 | *Vulnerable*

[5] When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, [6] and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—[7] then the LORD **God** **formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**, and the man became a living creature.

Made From Dust | *Vulnerable*

DUST

- *Remember this is a “home” story.*
- *Dust is not material!*
- *What then does “made from dust” mean?*



Made From Dust | *Vulnerable*

JOSHUA 7:6

- *Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put **dust** on their heads.*

2 KINGS 23:6

- *And [King Josiah] brought out the Asherah from the house of the LORD, outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron and **beat it to dust** and cast the **dust** of it upon the graves of the common people.*

Made From Dust | *Vulnerable*

PSALM 7:5

- *Let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it, and let him trample my life to the ground and lay my **glory in the dust.***

PSALM 22:15

- *My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the **dust of death.***

GENESIS 3:19

- *By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for **you are dust,** **and to dust** you shall return.”*

Made From Dust | *Vulnerable*

Made from dust means that, in the beginning, God made man mortal and called it very good!

What about Eternal Life? | *Vulnerable*

WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

- *And this is eternal life, that they **know you**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. - **John 17:3***

CONNECTED TO LIFE

- *And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The **tree of life** was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. - **Genesis 2:9***

DISCONNECTED FROM LIFE

- *[24] He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the **tree of life**. - **Genesis 3:24***

Disconnection | *Vulnerable*

*The tragedy of the disconnection was
not that humanity was made from
dust, but that we return to dust!*

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