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The Image of God

Then God said, "Now let's make humans who will be like us. They will rule over all the fish in the sea and the birds in the air. They will rule over all the large animals and all the little things that crawl on the earth." So God created humans in his own image. He created them to be like himself. He created them male and female. Genesis 1:26,27



There have been many interpretations of the idea of **God's Image** from ancient times until today, and Biblical scholars still have **no consensus** about the meaning of the term. The remainder of this lesson focuses on the revelation that God has given me concerning this topic.



As discussed in previous lessons **God is a Spirit**. It was also discussed that **Mankind** was both **Flesh and Spirit**. So it is obvious that we are

not the Image of God in the Flesh. This replication can only be accomplished by the **part of Mankind that is Spirit.**



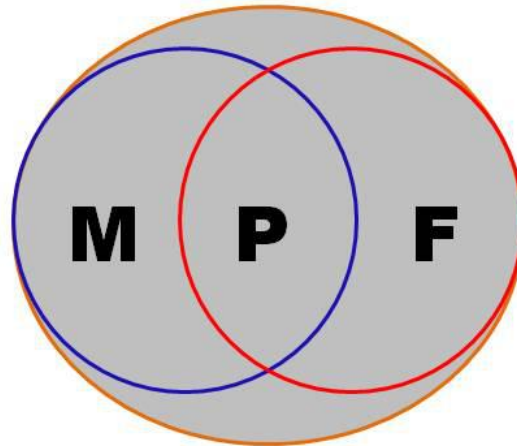
Our best example of seeing a replicated image might be found in our bathroom mirror. When you look into the mirror, whether you like it or not, what you see is you. When your hand moves, a hand in the mirror moves. When you smile, a smile appears in the mirror. This mirror image make up of Mankind in its **original form** was completely reversible. **What God Spiritually made and saw in Mankind was exactly what Mankind Spiritually saw and heard in God.** Think on this concept for a moment. In order to understand **our original image** as Mankind, all we need to do is **look at God's Image as we have both seen and heard.**



Most believers can agree, either through study or life experience, on many of God's characteristics. **He is powerful, intelligent, knowledgeable, loving, kind, patient, merciful, sensitive, faithful, joyous, peaceful, gentle, meek, creative, comforting, fair, sober, jealous, forgiving, just, nurturing, discerning, miraculous, healing, honest, enduring.....**and many more that I cannot write for time and space.

And if God possesses all of these characteristics, then because we are in His Image, so does Mankind. So far what I have written is pretty easy to comprehend. But now I shall reveal a mystery of creation.

THE IMAGE OF GOD



M = MALE = MASCULINE TRAITS

P = PERSON = NEUTRAL TRAITS

F = FEMALE = FEMININE TRAITS

= IMAGE OF GOD = MANKIND

In the making of Mankind, He separated His characteristics into both male and female. God's characteristics may be labeled masculine, feminine, and neutral. His masculine traits may appear more dominant in males. His feminine traits may appear more dominant in females. And His neutral traits may appear dominant in either male or female. When you connect the male and female persons together, guess what you come up with... 'The Image of God'. No one person (that was born of Earthly mother & father), male or female, was created to have everything. This concept of uniting male and female together to become the Image of God is a part of our Spiritual Amnesia. God Himself stated that *the two shall become one*. This oneness was both in Flesh and Spirit. This is why God's original intent does not allow for

premarital/extra marital sex. Simply because what He has Spiritually joined together, consummated by the physical joining through sex, He wants no one to ever break. I know that **Mankind is not in alignment** with this mystery of creation. But not understanding and not following this **original intent** has and is still causing many of society's problems throughout human history and today. *Divorce, abortion, unwanted and unloved offspring, rape, homosexuality, bestiality, sexual transmitted diseases, murder, war, lust, stress* ...and many more issues can be linked to not understanding and not following this original intent.

DIFFERENT BUT EQUAL



It should be noted that **God's masculine traits are no more or less important than His feminine traits or His neutral traits.** Hence, males are no less or more important than females. **It is the combination of these traits, male, female & neutral, that allows us to look in the mirror and see God.** It is also the **manifestation of these traits that allow God to look in the mirror and see Himself in us.** We only need to look at our own children to visualize this concept. From birth we look for our natural physical traits in our own children. We say *'she's got my eyes; or 'he's got my nose...'*. When they grow and start to exhibit the positive characteristics that we instilled in them, we possess a great

deal of satisfaction in the manifestation. God, as a parent, also loves to say *'she's got my patience' or 'he's got my discernment' or 'they really have my loving'*. I think what saddens Him is to see that **we possess** these traits of His Image and **don't realize** our own **power** to demonstrate them in our lives. Two of the four original instructions (*lesson 11*) that God gave to Mankind, to rule and have dominion over the Earth and to be fruitful and multiply, require the combination of His traits to fulfill properly.



You may ask the question 'why does the Bible refer to God as He'. The simple answer is because males wrote the Bible. Also our language really doesn't have a good word for He/She. There are many other questions that this lesson may produce. Some of which will be answered in future lessons. But for now, **think on the beauty and value that God has created in both males and females. And think on the beauty and value of the union of males and females to represent His Image.**