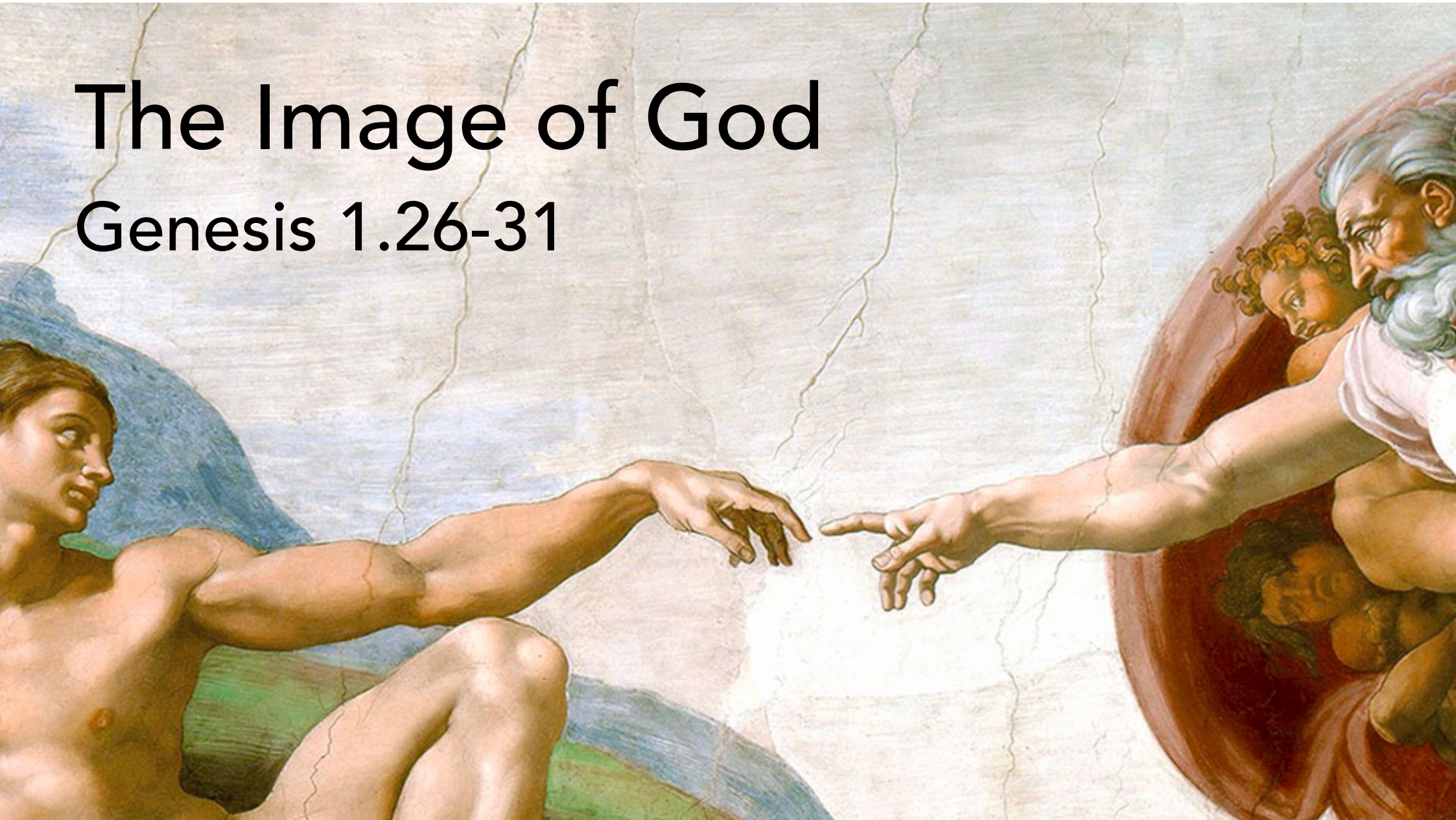
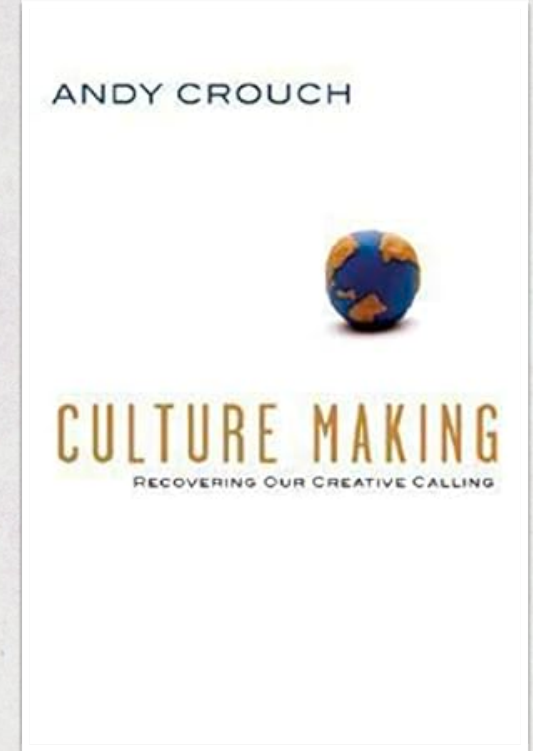
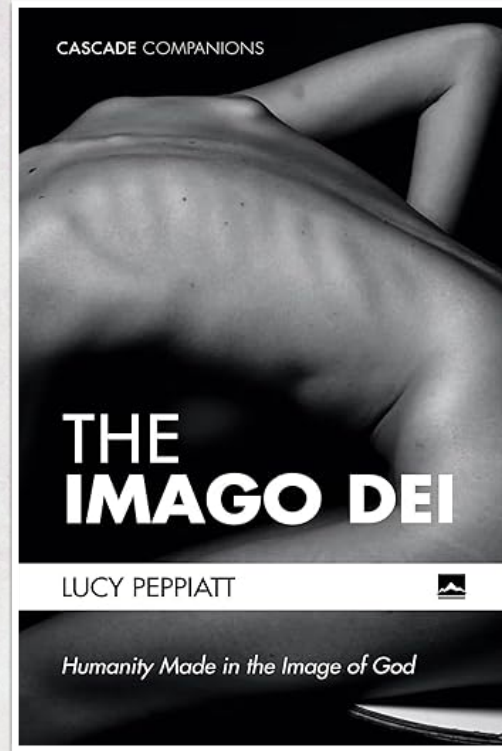
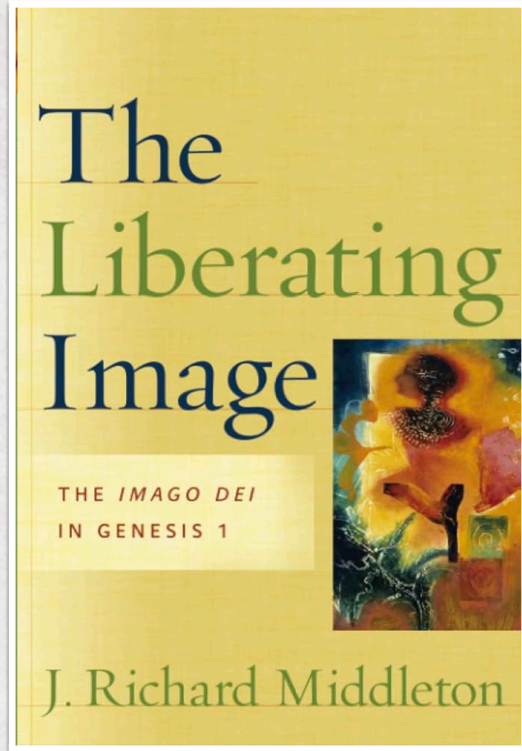
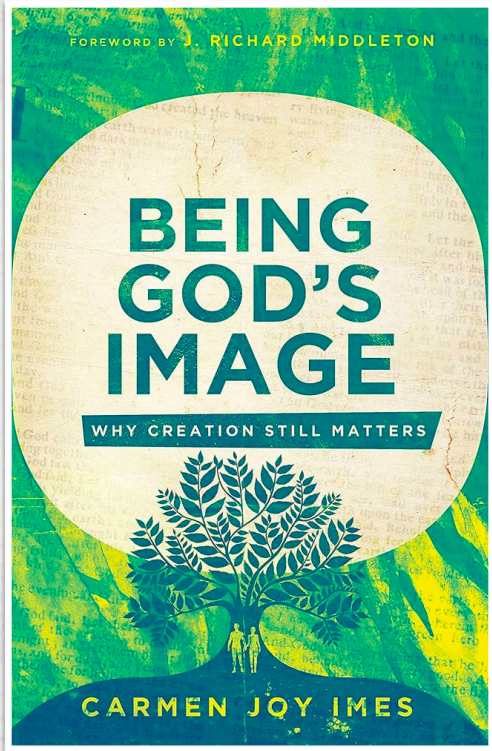


The Image of God

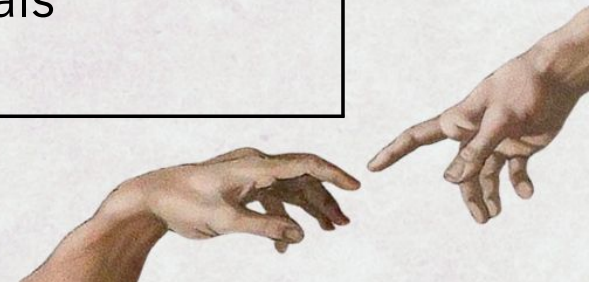
Genesis 1.26-31





The days of creation (Genesis 1)

	Forming (<i>tōhû</i>) Habitats		Filling (<i>bōhû</i>) with Inhabitants
Day 1	Light and Time (v3-5) Day: Light Night: Dark	Day 4	Lights to rule (v14-19) The Sun The Moon
Day 2	The Firmament (v6-8) Sky Seas	Day 5	Inhabitants (v20-23) Birds Fish
Day 3	Land and Vegetation (v9-12) Dry land Vegetation	Day 6	Inhabitants (v24-31) Land animals Humanity



Genesis 1.26-31

'Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.



Genesis 1.26-31

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.



Genesis 1.26-31

And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.’



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Sacred Image

Idol (*tselem*)

Breathing ritual



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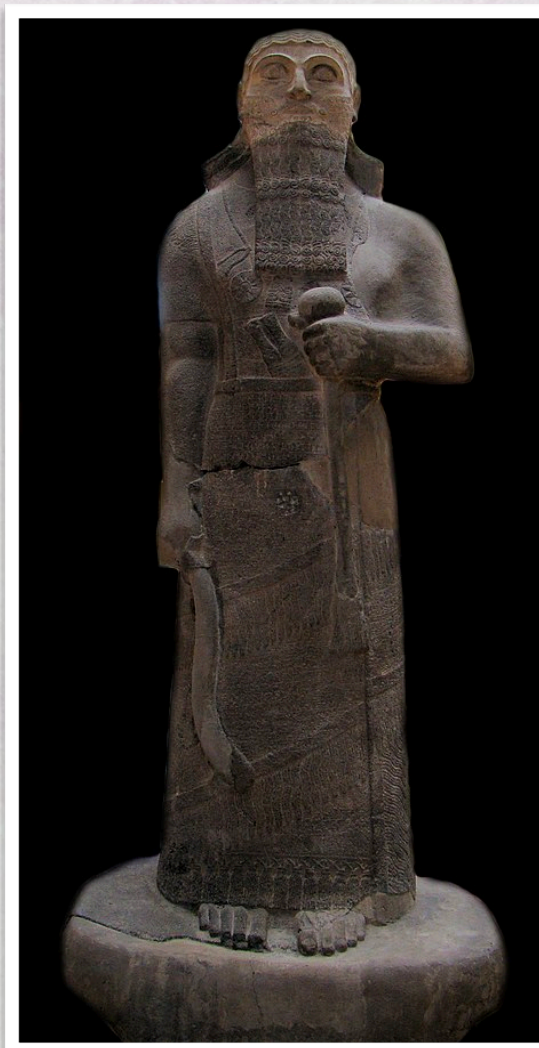
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King Shalmaneser III



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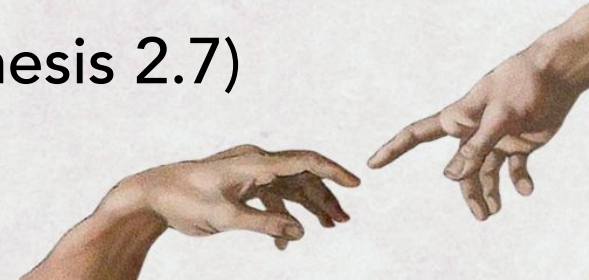
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'Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being' (Genesis 2.7)



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“Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness.” (v26)



What is the image of God?

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'So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.' (v27)



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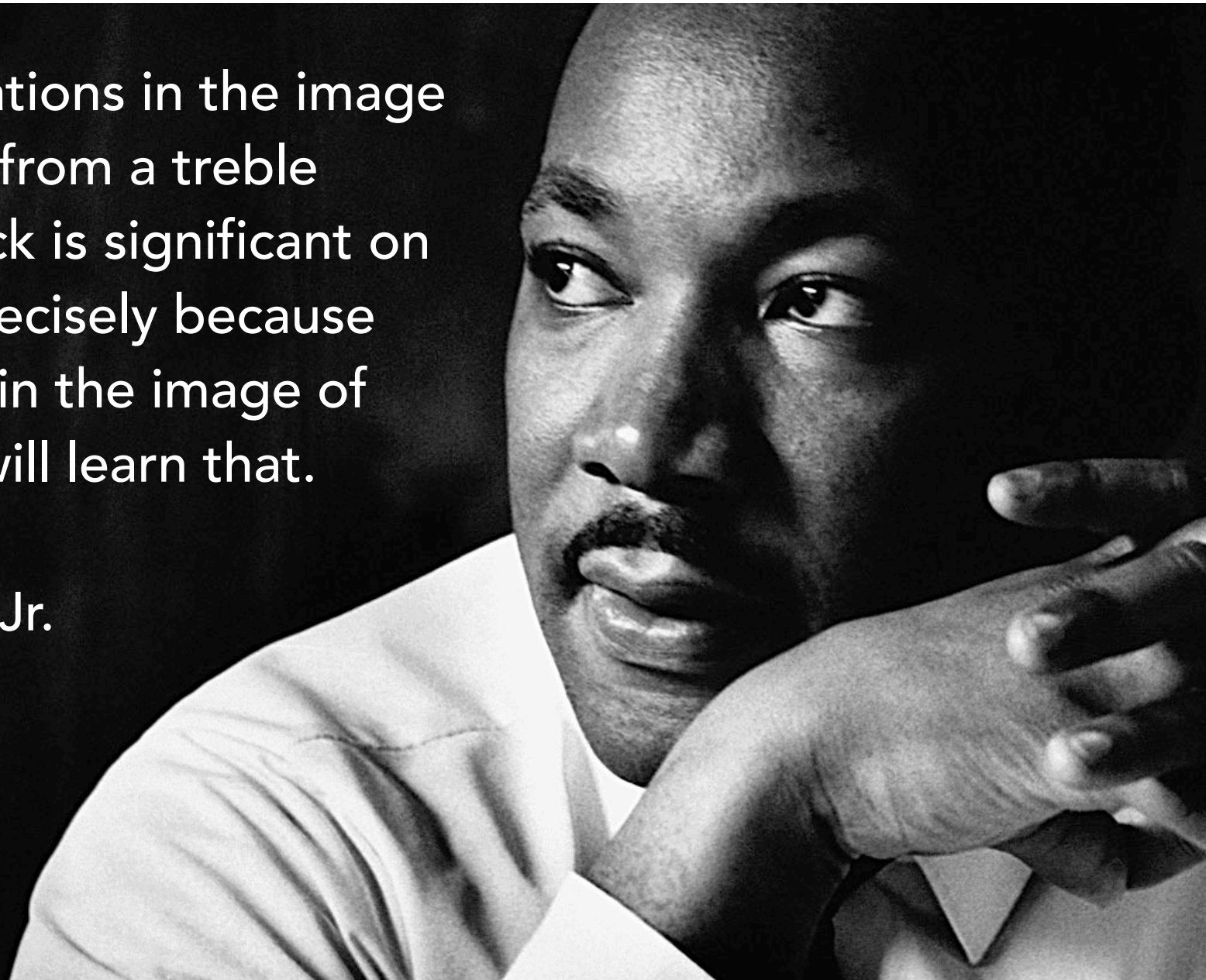
Royal statues

'For in the image of God, has God made
mankind.' (Genesis 9.6)



'There are no gradations in the image of God. Every man from a treble white to a bass black is significant on God's keyboard, precisely because every man is made in the image of God. One day we will learn that.

Martin Luther King Jr.



What is the image of God?

'God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'" (v28)



Our role as Image Bearers

Royal Image (King)

Rule (*radah*)

Subdue (*ka.vash*)

	Forming (<i>tōhû</i>) habitats
Day 1	Light and Time (v3-5) Day: Light. Night: Dark
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Our role as Image Bearers

'Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice... May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor... May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.' (Psalm 72)



Our role as Image Bearers

Royal Image (King)

Rule (*radah*)

Subdue (*ka.vash*)

Sacred Image (Priest)

Work/serve (*a.vad*)

Keep/tend (*sha.mar*)

'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' (2.15)



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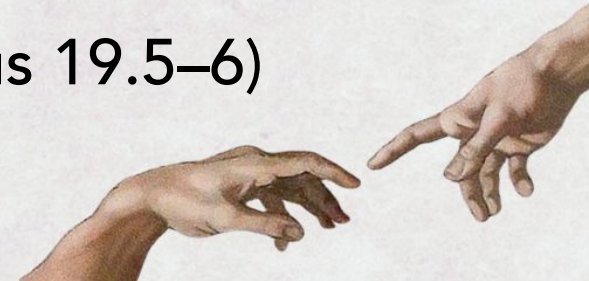
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'Out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' (Exodus 19.5–6)



Jesus and the Image of God

'As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."' (Matthew 3:16-17)



Jesus and the Image of God

'For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus' (Romans 3.23)



Jesus and the Image of God

'You have taken off your old self... and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator' (Colossians 3.9–10)

'We are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.' (2 Corinthians 3.18)



Jesus and the Image of God

'Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.'

(John 20:21-22)



Living as the Image of God



