Man

Made In the Image of God

Genesis 1:26-27

"And God said, Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**: . . . So God created man in **his own image**, **in the image of God** created he him; male and female created he them."

“Patriarchs & Prophets,” p. 45 (1890)

As man came forth from the hand of his Creator, he was of lofty stature and perfect symmetry. His countenance bore the ruddy tint of health and glowed with the light of life and joy. Adam’s height was much greater than that of men who now inhabit the earth. Eve was somewhat less in stature; yet her form was noble, and full of beauty. The sinless pair wore no artificial garments; they were clothed with a covering of light and glory, such as the angels wear. So long as they lived in obedience to God, this robe of light continued to enshroud them.

Hebrews 2:6-7

"But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with **glory** and **honour**, and didst set him over the works of thy hands."

Honor

τιμη (*time*)

The price or value of a thing; the honor or dignity ascribed to anything

Timothy (Timotheus) = He that honors God

Dignity, n.

True honor; nobleness or elevation of mind, consisting in a high sense of propriety, truth and justice, with an abhorrence of mean and sinful actions; opposed to meanness. In this sense, we speak of the dignity of mind, and dignity of sentiments. This dignity is based on moral rectitude; all vice is incompatible with true dignity of mind. The man who deliberately injures another, whether male or female, has no true dignity of soul.

— Noah Webster (1828)

Nobility, n.

Dignity of mind; greatness; grandeur; that elevation of soul which comprehends bravery, generosity, magnanimity, intrepidity, and contempt of every thing that dishonors character.

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Genesis 2:7

"And the LORD God formed man **of the dust of the ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us**."

2 Corinthians 4:4

". . . Christ, who is the **image** [Grk. *eikon*] of God, should shine unto them."

Hebrews 1:3

"Who [Jesus] being the brightness of his glory, and the **express image** [Grk. *charakter*] of his person, . . ."

“Early Writings,” p. 172 (1882)

. . . He was dignified and composed. The spectators looked upon Him with wonder. They compared His perfect form and firm, dignified bearing with the appearance of those who sat in judgment against Him, and said to one another that He appeared more like a king than any of the rulers. He bore no marks of being a criminal. His eye was mild, clear, and undaunted, His forehead broad and high. Every feature was strongly marked with benevolence and noble principle. His patience and forbearance were so unlike man that many trembled. Even Herod and Pilate were greatly troubled at His noble, Godlike bearing.

Thessalonians 4:3-4

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: **that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour**."

1 Timothy 2:9; 3:2

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in **modest apparel**, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array."

"A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of **good behaviour**, given to hospitality, apt to teach."

“Modest apparel” (1Tim 2:9)

καταστολη (*katastole*) a garment down to the feet

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κοσμιω (*kosmio*) orderly, arranged

modest clothing; an arranged, orderly garment

“Christian Education,” pp. 63-64 (1894)

The true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul. In the beginning, God created man in his own likeness. He endowed him with noble qualities. His mind was well-balanced, and all the powers of his being were harmonious. But the fall and its effects have perverted these gifts. Sin has marred and well-nigh obliterated the image of God in man. It was to restore this that the plan of salvation was devised, and a life of probation was granted to man. **To bring him back to the perfection in which he was first created, is the great object of life, — the object that underlies every other**. **It is the work of parents and teachers, in the education of the youth, to co-operate with the divine purpose; and in so doing they are “laborers together with God.”** [1 Corinthians 3:9.]

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