For the Love of God

THE IMAGE OF GOD



'Do you think Christianity is more about valuing individuals, or restricting and controlling them?'



J.K. ROWLING

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- 4. Is the value of each human life the same across all cultures and all eras?









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Know that I am still in Alexandria ... I ask and beg you to take good care of our baby son, and as soon as I receive payment I shall send it up to you. If you are delivered (before I come home), if it is a boy keep it, if a girl, discard it.



Egyptian concept: "image of God"	Jewish concept: "image of God"











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"I THINK PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT IDENTIFIABLE RECOGNISABLE THING THAT PEOPLE CAN BE GRATEFUL FOR CHRISTIANITY IS WHEN THEY LOOK IN THE MIRROR IN THE MORNING."

NICK SPENCER





²⁶ 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.

²⁸ 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.'



If you think that every human life is infinitely valuable, regardless of capacity or usefulness, then you've been influenced by the Bible's teaching about the 'image of God'.





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- 2. If you were being marked from 1 to 10 (1 being lowest, 10 being highest) on how you treat other people, what do you think your score would be? What would raise your score?





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