"God's Image vs Meat / Toxic Masculinity" Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 9:1-7

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, 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. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV)

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- "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.
- And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it." Genesis 9:1–7 (NKJV)

Last week in speaking about the Christian Identity I said that a Christian was someone who knew and believed in the true and living God, the God of the Bible. In the passages we will consider tonight, we see some of what logically follows on such a belief, we will also consider the alternative belief. How do people who don't believe the Bible interpret the same verses?

Created in God's Image –

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- 1. One of the most glorious things the Bible tells us about human-beings is that we have been created in God's image.
- A. This gives human life dignity.
- B. This raises us above the animals.
- C. In future sermons I will speak in detail about how we are created in God's image in knowledge, righteousness and holiness Colossians 3:10 & Ephesians 4:24.
- D. It is our moral and spiritual capacities, along with superior intelligence, gifts given by God, that make us fit to rule over the other and its other creatures.
- E. Of course, sin has distorted the Image of God in man, but as we read in **chapter 9 of Genesis** that after the fall, and even after God's judgment of mankind with the flood, that Image of God remain, though the image of God is distorted it is still present.
- 2. Because of our being created in God's image human life is consider sacred, special, even now –

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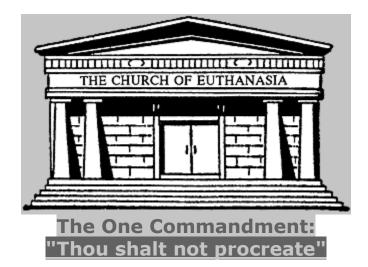
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- A. We are above animals to the point they are consider food for us. Their lives are not sacred!
- B. The sanctity of human life meant the death penalty for man or beast that would destroy it.
- 3. An ungodly, non-believing world no longer believes human life is sacred! They don't see **Genesis 1:26-28** as from God because they don't believe in God! They see these verses as:
 - A. Toxic masculinity, a claim to being in God's image is seen as arrogance and distorted left brain male thinking -
 - B. They call it speciesism "speciesism ['spēSHēˌzizəm, 'spēsēˌzizəm] NOUN
 1.the assumption of human superiority leading to the exploitation of animals."
 Oxford Languages Dictionary
 - c. They count being against the Bible "Science vs Religion"

"Genesis 1: 28, is probably the most destructive statement in all of recorded history." John Prytz Society for Scientific Exploration & Journal for Scientific Exploration

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4. If we don't believe we are created in God's image, we become "meat" -



The Four Pillars:
suicide · abortion
cannibalism · sodomy

churchofeuthanasia.org

When we read and hear of children and other human beings being enslaved and used for their body parts it is part of the world's Quality of Life vs. Sanctity of Life ethic. It is action consisted with believing human beings are animals.

- II. The Bible calls us to have dominion over nature ... fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:28 (NKJV)
 - 1. Radical Environmentalism is a religion backed by much of our government, meaning it receives both tax funding and support in law. Insects and animals protected, humans less!
 - 2. When our country was founded, according to Christian / Biblical principles we grew and built. Dominion over nature includes:

A. Building houses –

Praise the LORD! Blessed *is* the man *who* fears the LORD, *Who* delights greatly in His commandments. ² His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches *will* be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever. Psalm 112:1–3 (NKJV)

B. Building roads -

¹⁰ Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, Build up the highway! Take out the stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples! Isaiah 62:10 (NKJV)

C. Farming -

⁶² But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62 (NKJV)

3. An ungodly world would have us worship nature and treat us as part of it, meaning again we are animals. They consider our Biblical "dominion" equal to destruction -



The ungodly leaders of the world we live in would have us live in the woods and jungles and eat insects.

Houses they would reserve for themselves, the elite.

The movie Avatar tries to glorify living in a jungle and worshipping trees. No one in

the movie needs a toilet, toilet paper or bug spray!

- 4. Biblically, "wilderness" was considered part of God's judgment, not a blessing –
- 10 Your holy cities are a <u>wilderness</u>, Zion is a <u>wilderness</u>, Jerusalem a desolation. 11 Our holy and beautiful temple, Where our fathers praised You, Is burned up with fire; And all our pleasant things are laid waste. Isaiah 64:10–11 (NKJV)
 - III. Male & Female / We are Made & Called to Be Fruitful & Multiply -
- ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:27–28 (NKJV)
 - 1. We created male and female by design! There are no other genders. No inbetweens.
 - 2. God's first blessing and command was and is ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; ... Part of God's design was / is procreation!
 - A. According to God babies are blessings, a reward -
 - Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. ⁵ Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate. Psalm 127:3–5 (NKJV)

B. Yet, our modern, unbiblical world counts human children a curse, a plague, a disease –

"Now Genesis 1: 28 is ultimately a Biblical impossibility because it is unsustainable, as should already be bleeding obvious to blind Freddy, and should have been obvious to God Himself. But God is selfish. God wants worshippers and the more the better. God may well want more and more and more humans to bow and scrape to Him, but at what ultimate cost to the Earth He allegedly created; all those plants and animals He allegedly created; and His ultimate alleged creation, humanity? Apart from mice and rats (which have a low ecological footprint), there's probably no wild mammalian species still in existence that outnumbers us anymore. There's something seriously wrong when there's threatened and endangered species, some that now only total 500 to maybe (if lucky) 5000 individuals left, when humans are seven billion strong and ever accelerating in numbers, especially in Africa. What hope is there for God's animal creations? We've living in an era of mass extinction right now, and we're the cause. What lifestyle for humans when there's no more fit air to breathe; no fit water to drink; all natural resources depleted; disease and hunger rampant." Iohn Prytz (so-called scientist)

 Anyone, who claims the world is over-populated with humans is not a scientist! • Science is another of their redefined words, anything anti-God, anti-Christianity, now they call "science"



The yellow on the map represents human population. Black, land without human presence. Purple water. I had to make the map small to fit this outline, so it is hard to see a lot of the tiny population dots! Map made by NASA!

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