

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

MAN CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, MALE & FEMALE

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“In the beginning God [‘ELOHIYM] created the heavens and the earth. ... Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness’ ... God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:1, 26-27).

“In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created” (Genesis 5:1-2).

“And God ... said ... ‘Surely I will require your lifeblood ... from every man, from every man’s brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man’” (Genesis 9:1, 5-6).

“The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life” (Job 33:4).

“Know that the LORD [YĔHOVAH] Himself is God [‘ELOHIYM]; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture” (Psalm 100:3).

“Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker — an earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you doing?’ Or the thing you are making say, ‘He has no hands’? Woe to him who says to a father, ‘What are you begetting?’ Or to a woman, ‘To what are you giving birth?’” (Isaiah 45:9-10)

“And [Jesus] answered and said, ‘Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh”’?” (Matthew 19:4-5)

“But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female” (Mark 10:6).

“For as the woman originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and all things originate from God” (I Corinthians 11:12).

Implications and Applications:

- We should highly respect and cherish every human being for who they truly are as created in the image and likeness of God, from conception or fertilization to natural death, regardless of sex, disability, age, beliefs, religion, culture or nationality.
- God created mankind as “male and female,” and calls upon all mankind to respect and cherish the equality, nobility and distinctions He made when He created us in His image.
- To deliberately destroy a conceived child in the womb, is to destroy a person created “in the image of God,” and is innocent bloodshed and murder.
- To attempt to eradicate inherent distinctions between male and female is an attack upon our true identity as created mutually and complementarily in the image and likeness of God.