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Question of origin
Why were we created?

How do you Hijack someone's destiny?
By distorting their origin





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Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Let us make man in our image?
The Trinity or Angelic Host?

Created in his image and likeness?

The doctrine of "the image of God" the imago dei

We are intelligent and can communicate

We are spiritual beings

We have purpose, worth etc.

All the Above (We are God's image).



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God's Point:

You are loved and known and made by God
You are here for a reason



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Why is gender clear in the bible?

God wanted us to know that we are distinct.

Who confirms the equality of men and women?

God





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The Job Description

1. What to do with this place (Rule) Stewardship
 2. What to do in this place (Subdue) Mission
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1. What to do with the place (Rule) Stewardship

We are the main characters of creation

We are made higher than the animals and the plants

Humans have dignity and value that animal life does not





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Distortion of our Role

Everything is Sacred vs. Destruction

1. Paganism - We worship the earth.
2. Narcissism - We only care about ourselves to the earth's detriment.

Fulfillment of our Role

Stewardship





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Stewardship

What it looks like if God was ruling the earth.
He gave us creation so that human life can be best served.
We are to rule over creation, not destroy it.

We are image bearers that represent/reflect God on the earth.



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The Job Description

2. What to do in this place (Subdue) Mission

Have kids. Why?

Missional mandate- For God to see himself all over the place
Death is the opposite of subdue

Our job is to reflect God on the earth.





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Let's Review the story:

God blessed them

God says, “know where you come from”

God says, “rule and gives everything to us”

The Fall occurs

Our inclination is not to reflect God, but either to be God or to de-create.

Our image is not lost but marred.





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The Gospel

(Redemption) God repositions his people.
Gods puts His creation project back on track.

In Christ we have the guarantee to fulfill our destiny:
To live like we were intended to live in v.28.





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The lies of a defeated enemy:
The redemptive promise starts in heaven

The truth of God:
Redemption is now

The difference

Before the Fall: Out of obedience in a perfect world Christ
After the Fall: On mission for a fallen world

Every Christian is a missionary.





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The mandate is still to subdue the earth and rule


Practically what does that mean?

Counter Culture (Ruled by Jesus vs. the World)

We are a light in darkness

We are a city on a hill (A city within a city)

This world tells us to consume and die
God tells us to give your life to really live





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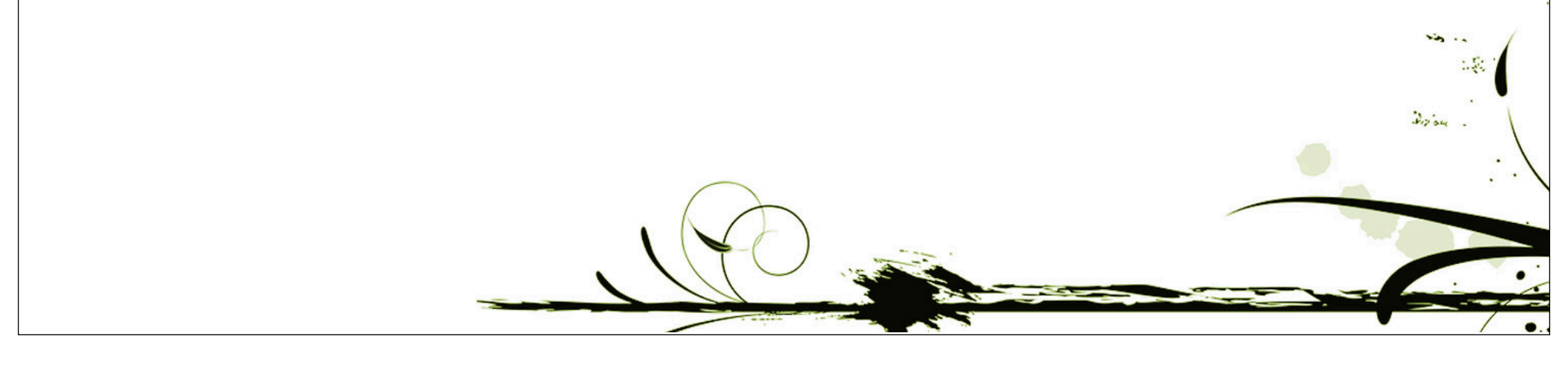
**The conclusion:
Everything we do is significant**





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Genesis 1:30-31 ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground-- everything that has the breath of life in it-- I give every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ 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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Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

God finishes his work



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Genesis 2:2-4 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. ⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens--

God finished and then he rested

Why?

To enjoy what he has done

Rest and enjoy



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Sabbath rest is for rich and poor

What Gospel am I demonstrating to the world?

So when is something work?

The Sabbath is for us

Notice: God blessed the seventh day and made it holy





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The world does not work the way that it should
i.e. No respect for gender, sex etc..

Our first parents couldn't do it. But our second parent could.

Will we be like Adam or be like Jesus?

Do you believe you are here on divine
mission?

