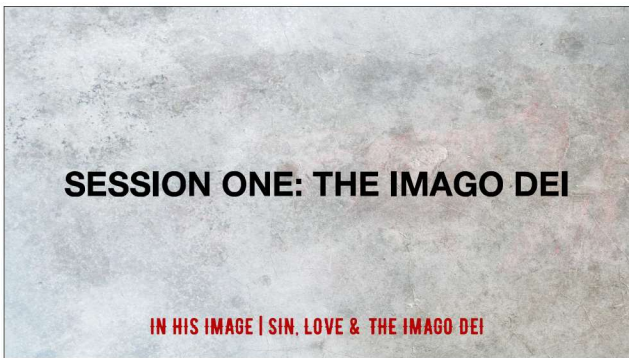




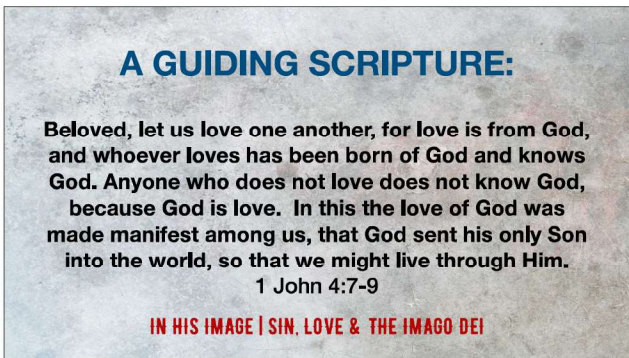
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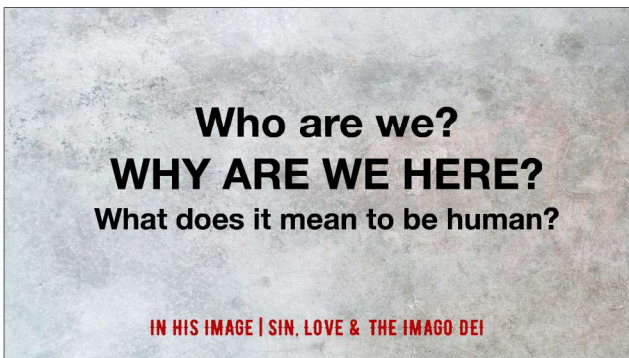
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THE QUESTION OF WHO/WHY WE ARE
AS ANSWERED
THROUGH THE LENS OF CULTURE:

**MORALISTIC
THERAPEUTIC
DEISM**

IN HIS IMAGE | SIN, LOVE & THE IMAGO DEI

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THROUGH THE LENS OF SCRIPTURE:

IMAGO DEI
(in the image of God)
**GENERALLY CREATED (HOW)
SPECIFICALLY CREATED (WHY)**

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GOD CREATES.

God created the heavens and the earth,
including all life, “each after its own
kind,” by direct act and not by the
process of evolution.

Genesis 1–2; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16–17;
Hebrews 11:3

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TRINITY in CREATION
GENESIS 1 | HEBREWS 1

...But in these last days God has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

Hebrews 1:2-3

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THEOPNEUSTOS
1 Timothy 3:16, John 20:22

...Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and **breathed** into his nostrils the **breath of life**, and the man became a living creature.

Genesis 2:7

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WHY DID GOD CREATE?

*God the Father initiates creation
out of love for the Son.*

[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:15

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Then God said, "Let us make man (mankind) in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:26-27

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IMAGO DEI (Image of God)

To be made in the imago Dei refers to our inherent capacity, responsibility and joy to reflect God's character and attributes.

We are material beings reflecting attributes of the immaterial God.

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And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

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And God saw everything that he had made,
and behold, it was very good. And there was
evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
Genesis 1:28-31

BLESSING | COMMUNION | PURPOSE | PROVISION

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Imago Dei:
CREATED FOR RELATIONSHIP
CREATED TO REFLECT/IMAGE/MIRROR

- OURSELVES
- OTHER PEOPLE
- GOD
- CREATION

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Imago Dei:
COMPLEXITY in the CREATION
that reflects the CREATOR

Mind | Will | Emotions | Body
Soul | Spirit | Heart | Soul | Desires
Community | Culture | Family

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GENESIS 3

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