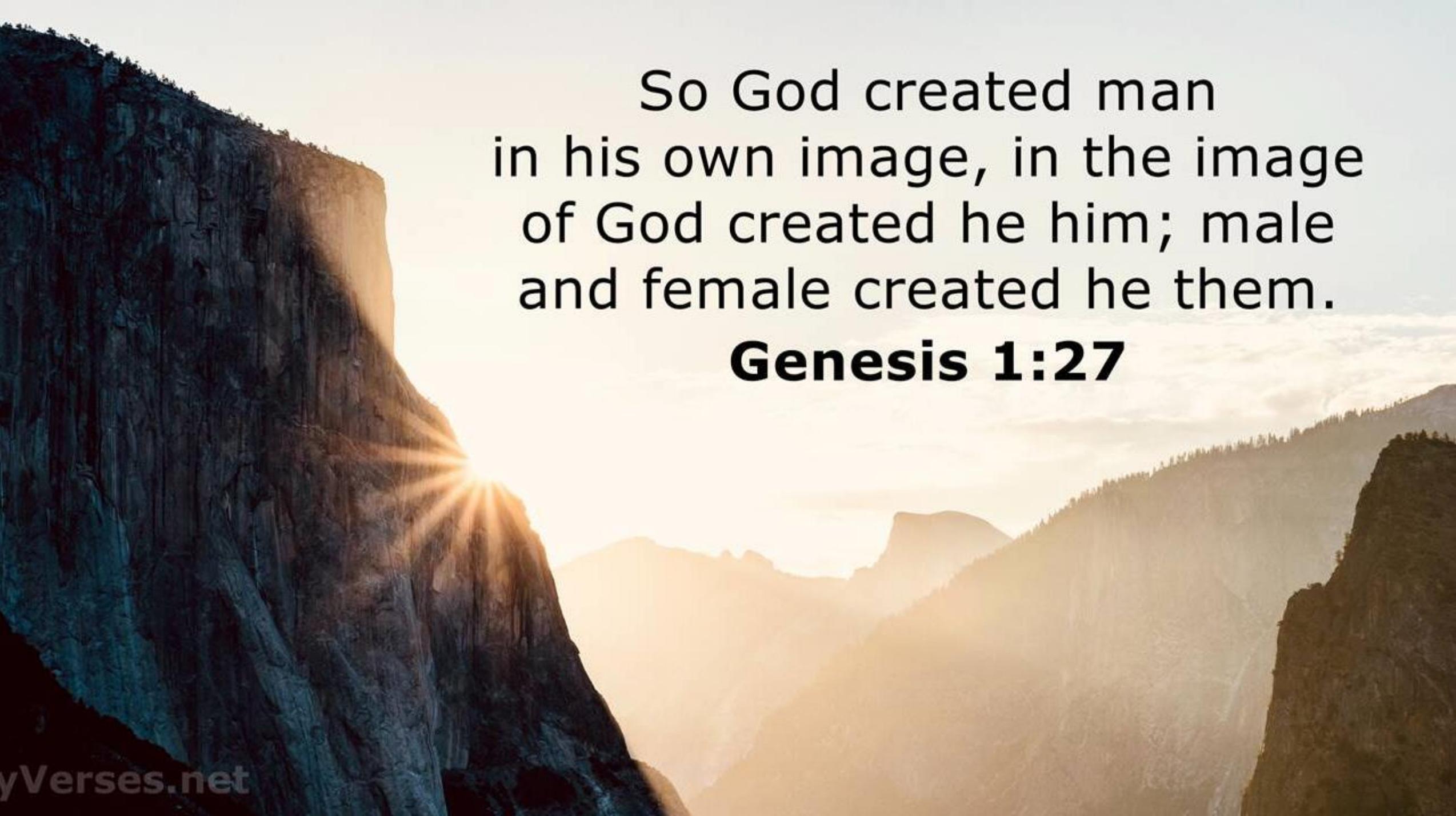




**He is the
Spitting Image
of....**



So God created man
in his own image, in the image
of God created he him; male
and female created he them.

Genesis 1:27

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Letter to Diognetus 130AD

How do we become the soul of our society?

1. What does the 'Image of God' mean?

(a) Made Spiritual

John 4:24 *God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."*

- Adam and Eve had that connection with God (Genesis 3:8)
- The disconnect happened when they chose to listen to and act in response to another voice.

1. What does the 'Image of God' mean?

(b) Mentally Alive

(i) Ability to choose:

- Choice involves reason
- Choice reflects God's intellect / freedom.

(ii) Ability to create

- Our creativity reflects God's image

1. What does the 'Image of God' mean?

(c) Moral Compass

Romans 2:15 *They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right (NLT)*

- Chemical reactions cannot reason (discern if / how / when)

1. What does the 'Image of God' mean?

(c) Moral Compass

We can squash our conscience

1 Timothy 4:2 *Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.*

- Any rejection of evil, or embracing of good, is reflecting God's image *whether the person acknowledges Him or not.*

2. How to Become the Soul of our Society

- Being in the image of God speaks of relationship

(a) Firstly with God:

- Connection to God restored

Colossians 3:9b-10 *since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

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- Being in the image of God speaks of relationship

(b) Then with People:

Colossians 3:11 *Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.*

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*Christ is all,
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2. How to Become the Soul of our Society

- To be the soul of our community, we have to practice it here.

Colossians 3:12-14 *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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Colossians 3:15-17 *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.