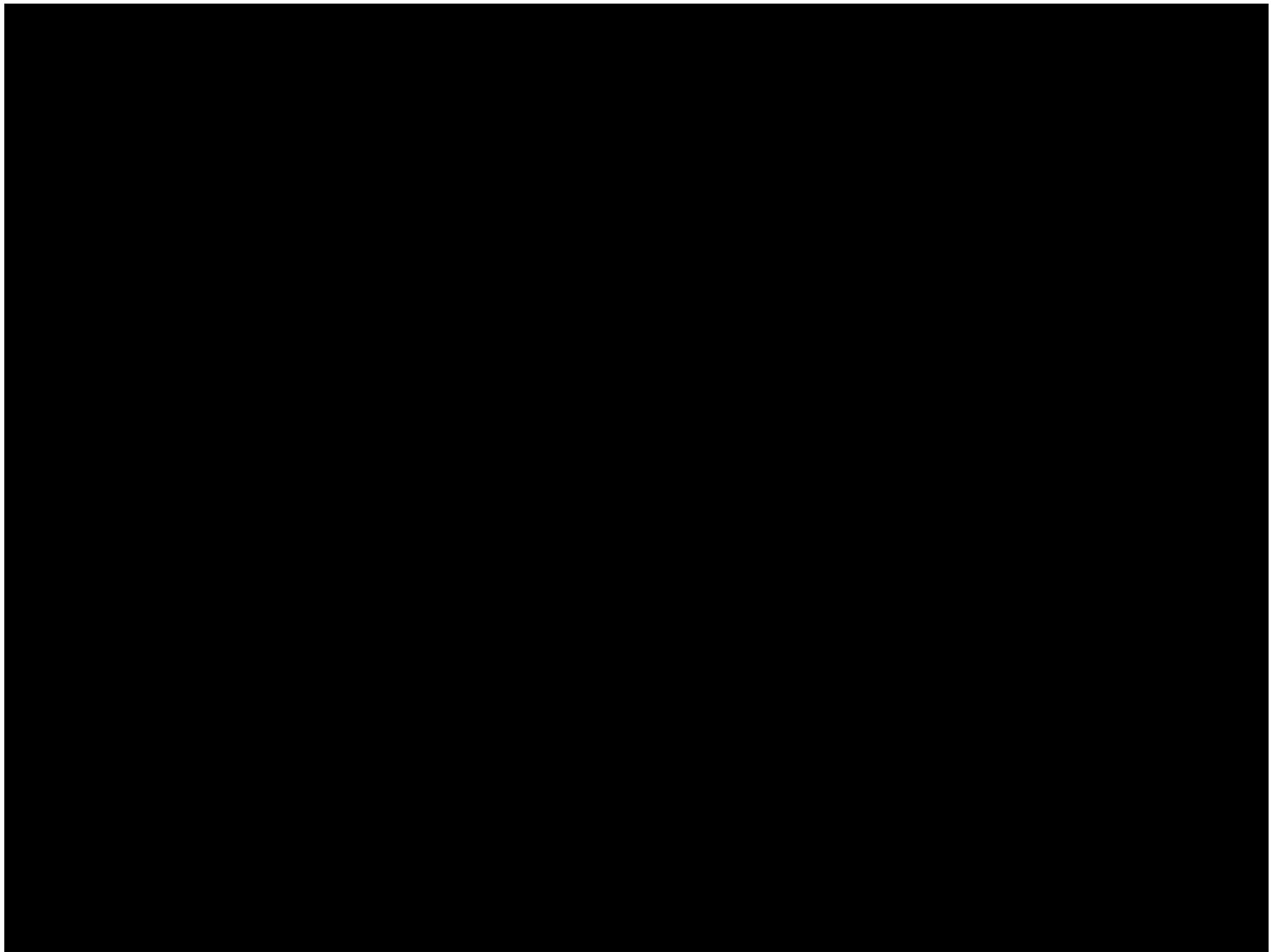


# 2011 Bass Pastors Classic Champion



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"Dear Heavenly Father,  
thank you for eyeballs  
and thank you for sippy  
cups. In Jesus' name,  
Amen"

FAITH



FAMILY



GENESIS 1 & 2

PART 5

WILL WE KNOW EACH OTHER  
IN HEAVEN?

*"In the beginning God . . .*

*Physical  
Universe*

*God FORMS the habitat*

1. Light & Dark (v. 3)
2. Sky & Water (v. 7)
3. Land & Seas (v. 9)

*God FILLS the habitat*

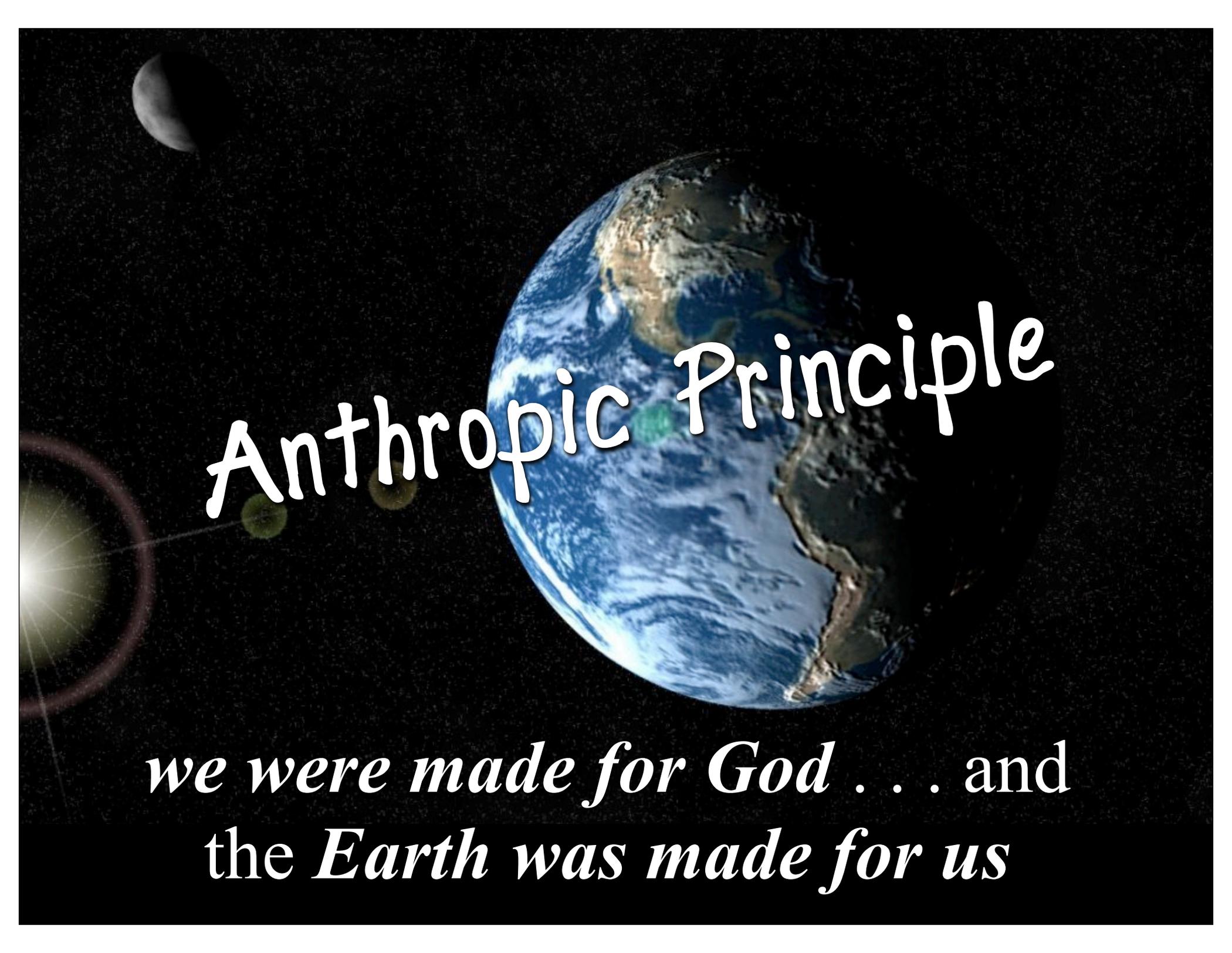
4. Sun, Moon, & Stars (v. 14)
5. Fish & Birds (v. 21)
6. Animals (v. 24)  
and Man (v. 26)

*God Rested*

Genesis 1: 26 & 27

<sup>26</sup> 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.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his *own image*, in the *image of God* he created him; male and female he created them.

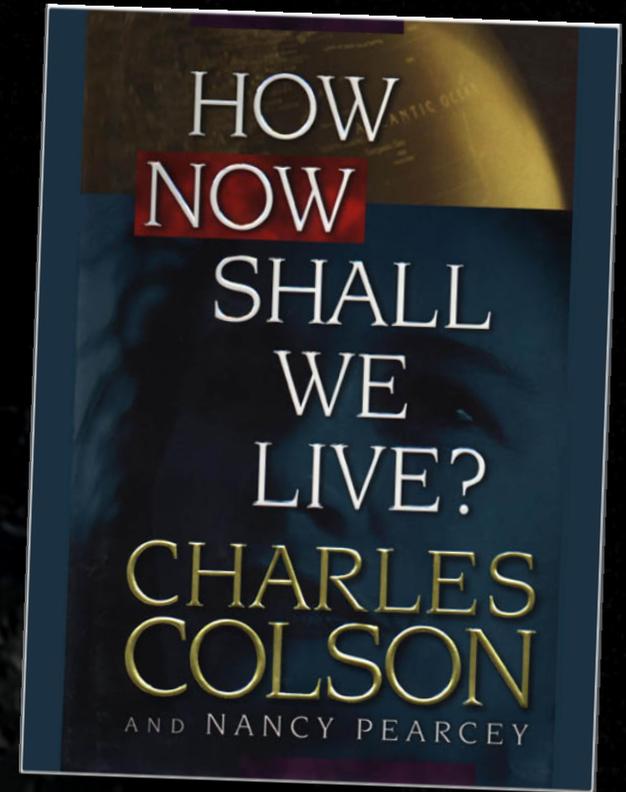
A composite image of Earth and the Moon in space. The Earth is the central focus, showing blue oceans and brown landmasses. The Moon is visible in the upper left corner. The background is a dark, starry space. The text "Anthropic Principle" is written in a white, cursive font across the middle of the image.

# Anthropic Principle

*we were made for God . . . and  
the Earth was made for us*

# Anthropic Principle

“... the physical structure of the universe is exactly what it must be in order to support life.”

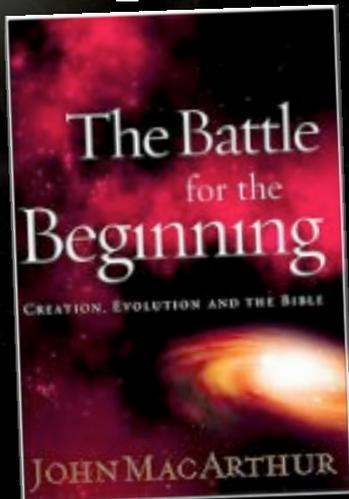
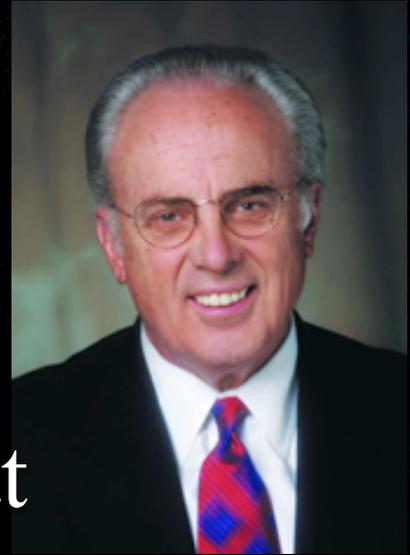


*How Now Shall We Live?, p. 62*

# Anthropic Principle

“All of creation up to this point has been merely a prelude to what would happen at the end of day six. The creation of the human race was the central object of God’s creative purpose from the beginning. In an important sense, everything else was created

for humanity, and every step of creation up to this point had one main purpose: to prepare a perfect environment for Adam.”



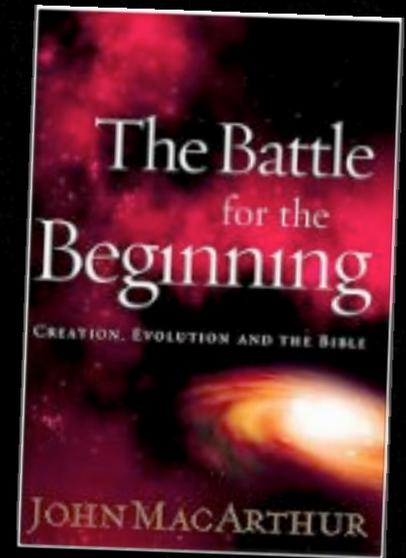
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# God's purposes for us

*1. We were created for fellowship*



Verse 26 starts with familiar words: “Then God said.” That is the same formula used to introduce every previous act of creation. But suddenly there is a major shift in the language.



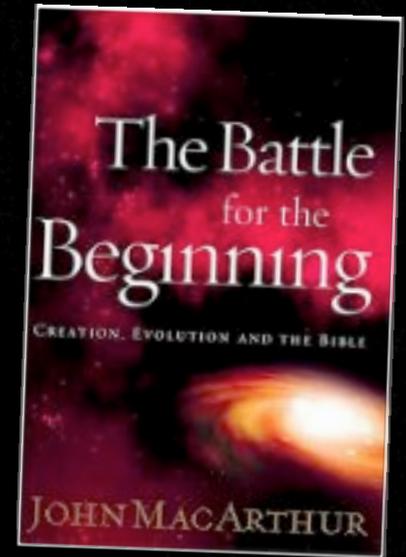
Up to this point, every occurrence of “Then God said” had been followed by the words “Let there be” ... always the language of fiat.



Those expressions are impersonal in the sense that they are mandates issued to no one in particular.

*Battle for the Beginning, p. 159*

They are sovereign, creative decrees that immediately brought things into existence *ex nihilo*. Never before has God said, “Let *Us* make” anything.

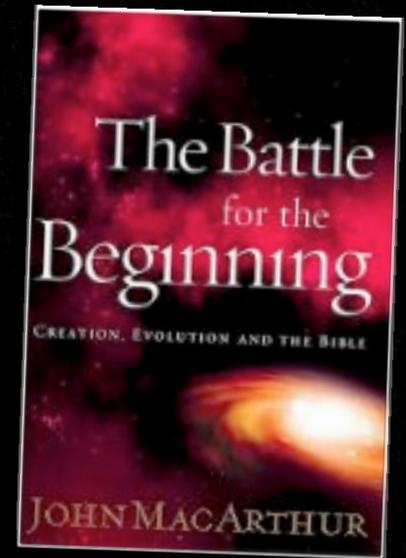


But now for the first time the expression “Then God said: is followed by personal pronouns: “Let *Us* make man in *Our* image.



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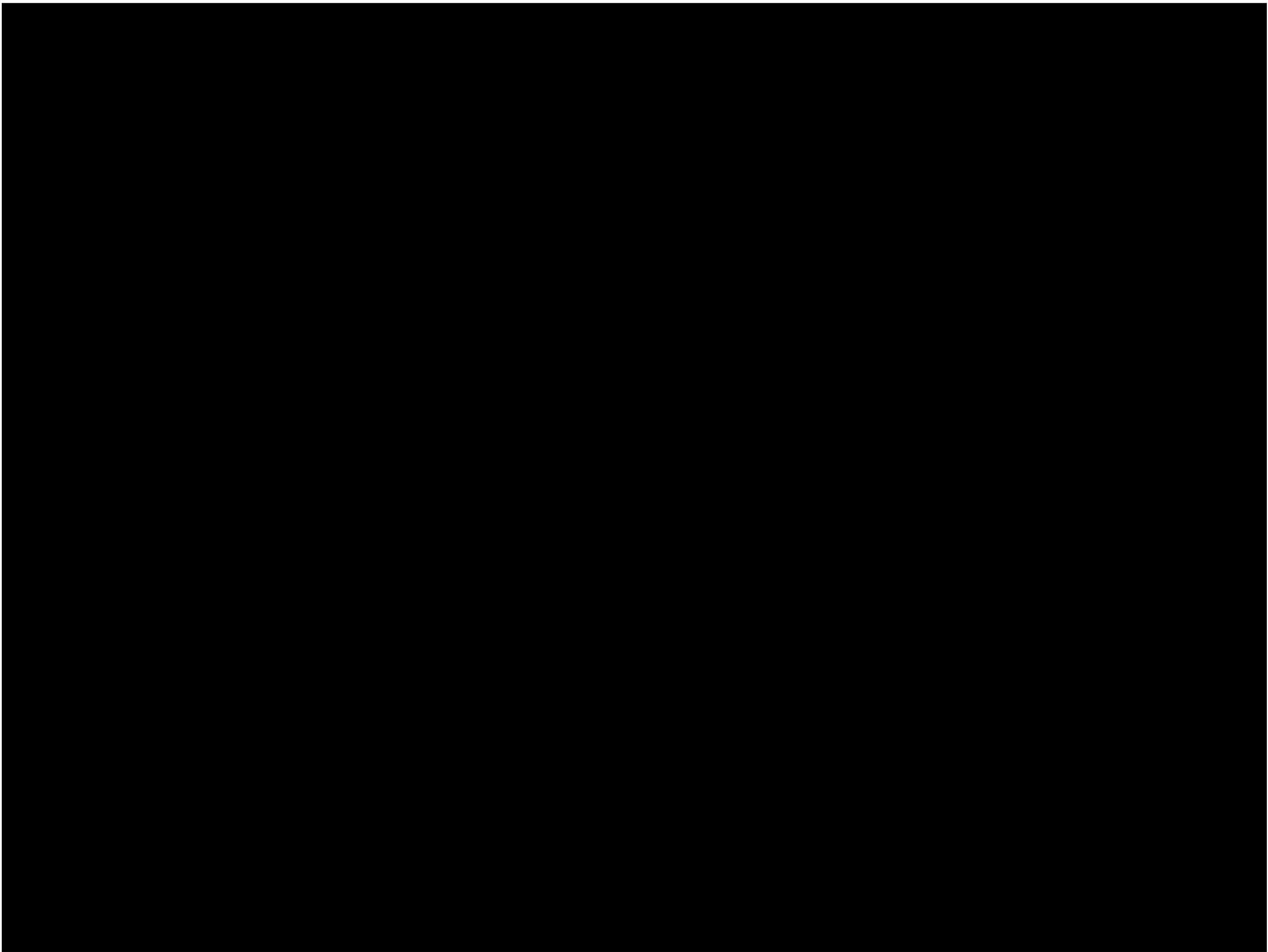
This speaks of Adam in terms that are uniquely personal. Scripture deliberately employs such pronouns in order to stress God's intimate connection with this aspect of His creation.



It established a personal relationship between God and man that does not exist with any other aspect of creation . . .



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“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Genesis 2:18

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*indispensable companion*

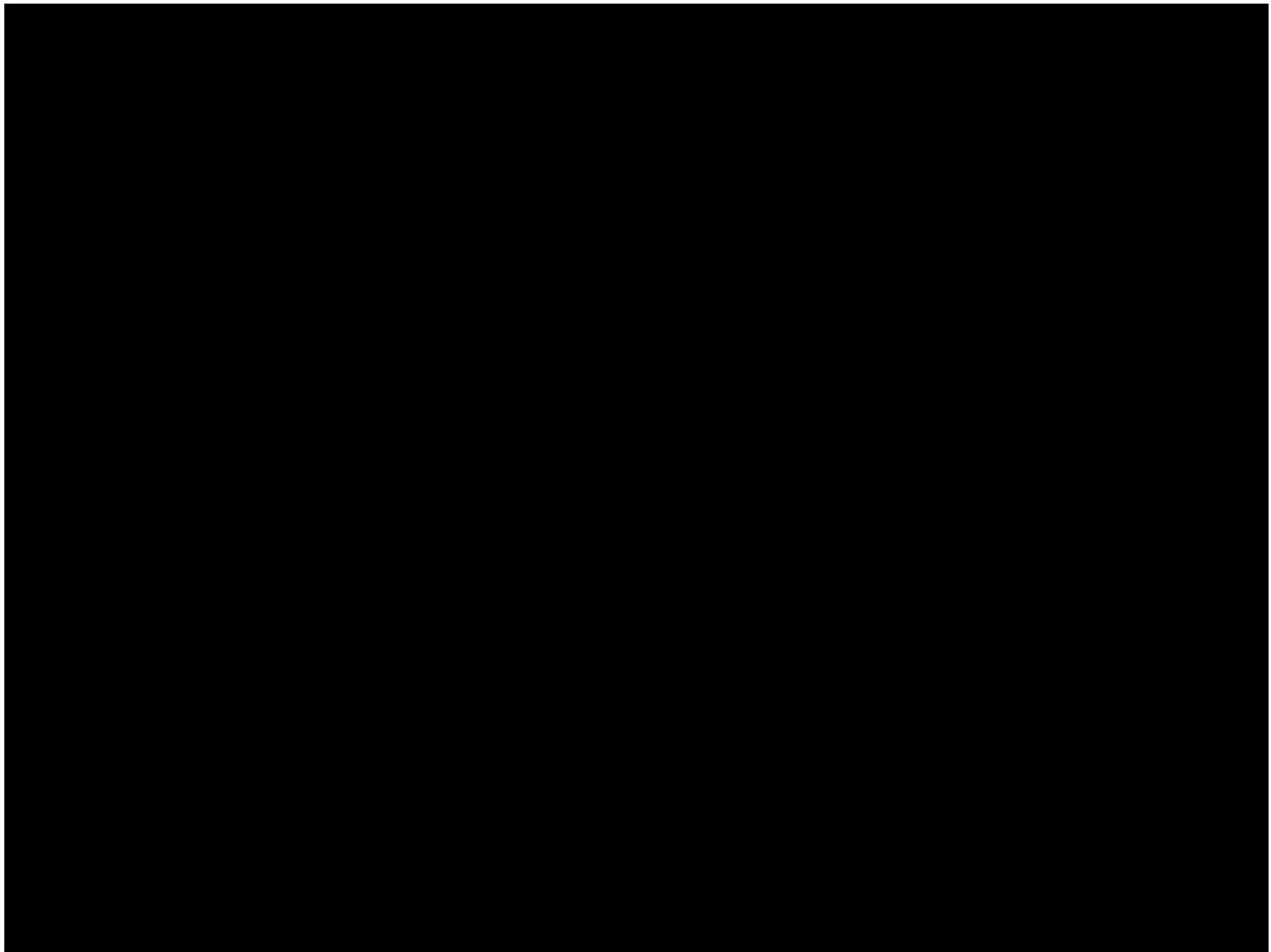
# God's purposes for us

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Genesis 2:18

*matching, corresponding to*



# God's purposes for us

1. *We were created for fellowship*

2. *We were created to live  
productive lives*

*be fruitful, multiply, fill, cultivate*

# God's purposes for us

## 2. *We were created to live productive lives*

<sup>4</sup> This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens <sup>5</sup> and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground . . . (Genesis 2: 4 & 5)

# God's purposes for us

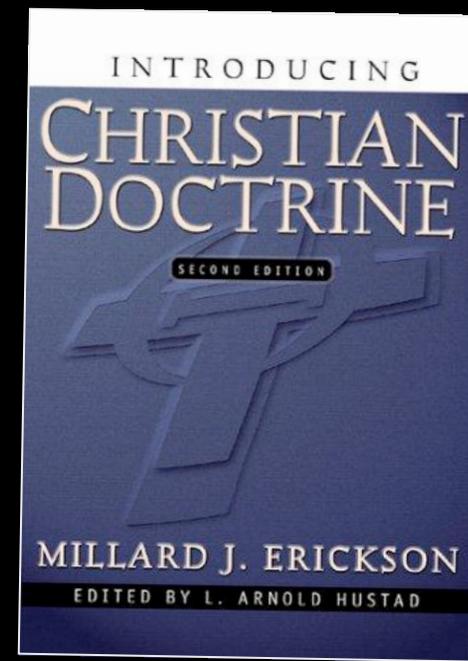
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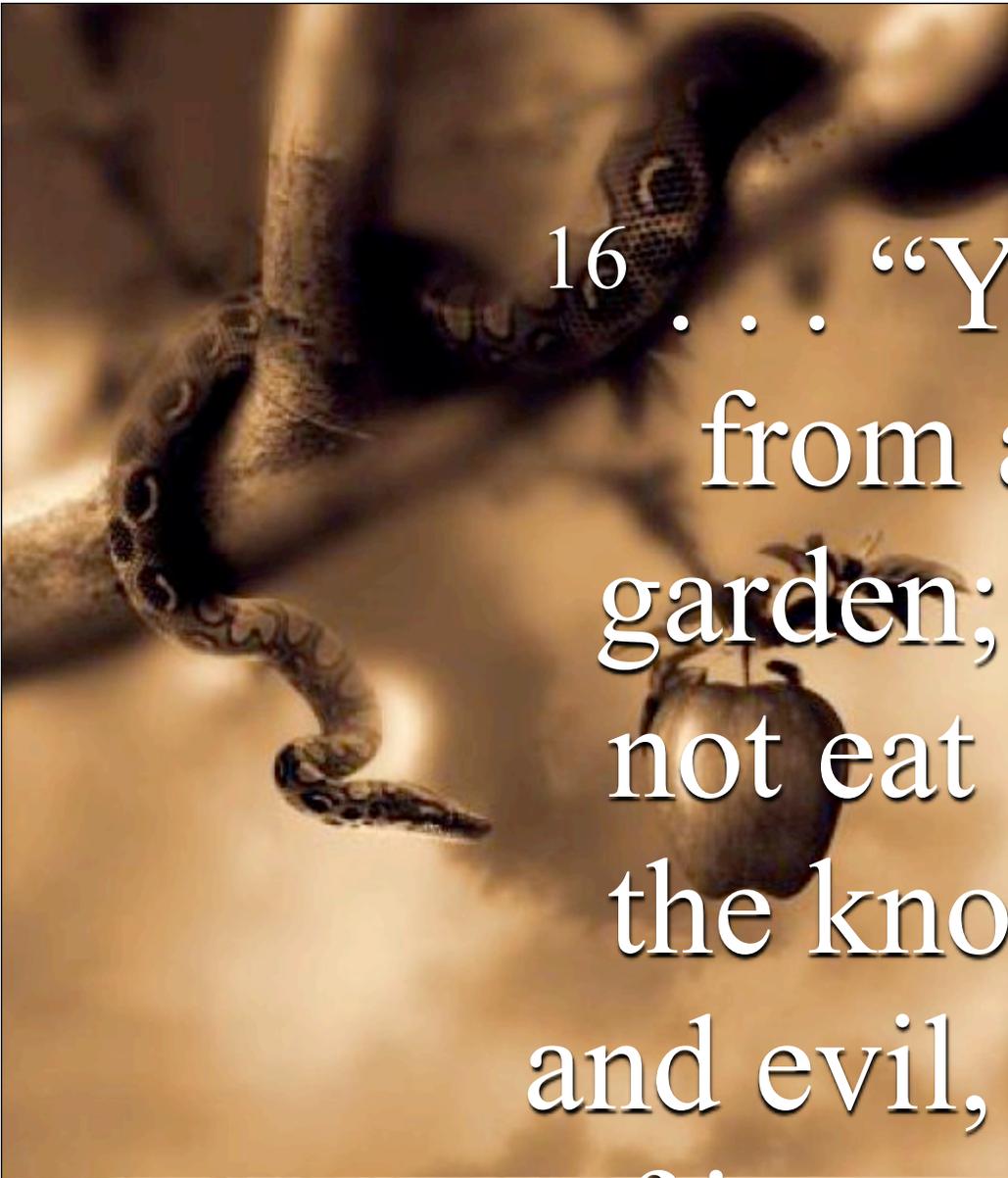
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GODS PURPOSES FOR US  
HAVE NEVER BEEN REVOKED



“The biblical picture is that an all-wise, all-powerful, and good God created the human race to love and serve him, and to enjoy a relationship with him.”





16 . . . “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”

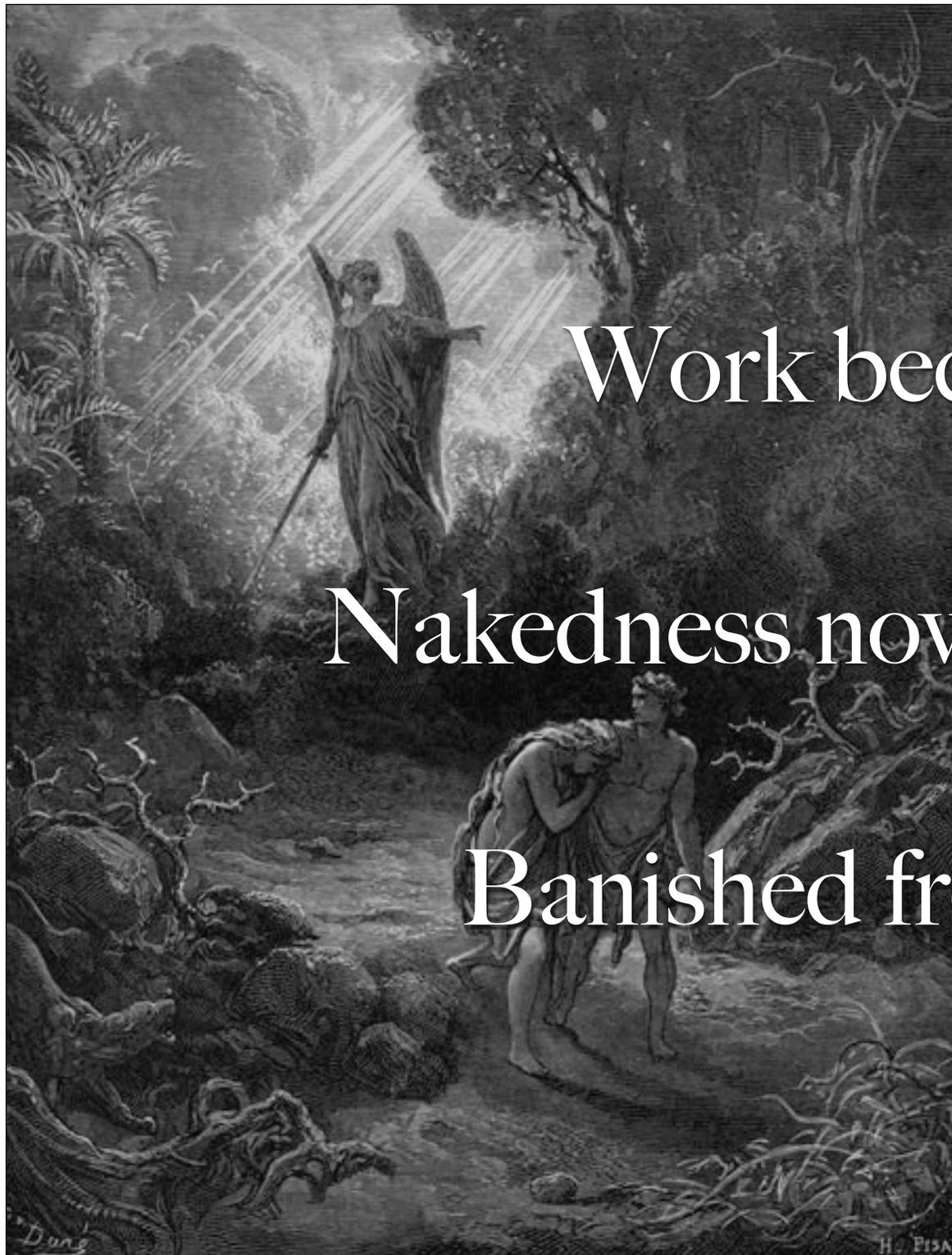
Genesis 2:16 & 17



Their relationships are profoundly  
damaged.

Everything good is now twisted.

Childbearing now painful.



Work becomes toilsome.

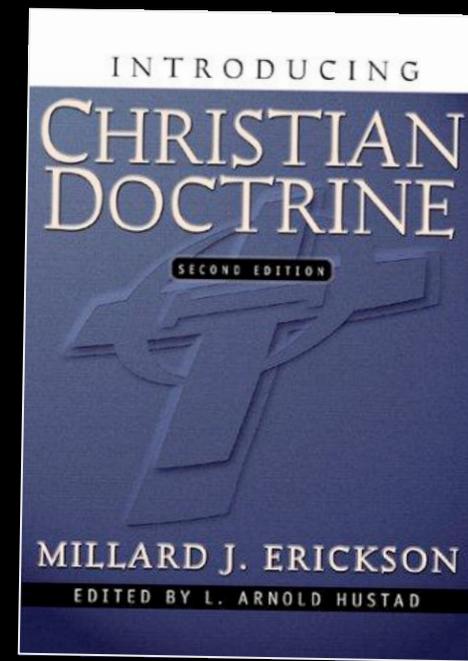
Nakedness now causes shame.

Banished from the Garden.



“If we investigate the Bible’s depiction of humanity, we find that people today are actually in an abnormal condition.

The real human is not what we now find in human society. The real human is the being that came from the hand of God, unspoiled by sin and the fall.

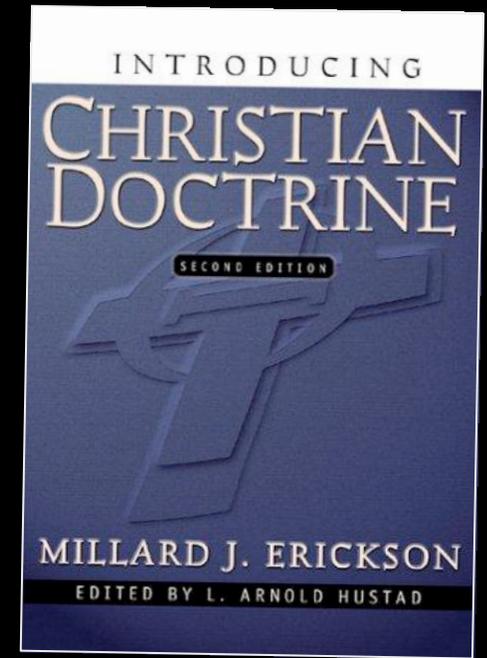


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In a very real sense, the only true human beings were Adam and Eve before the fall, and Jesus.

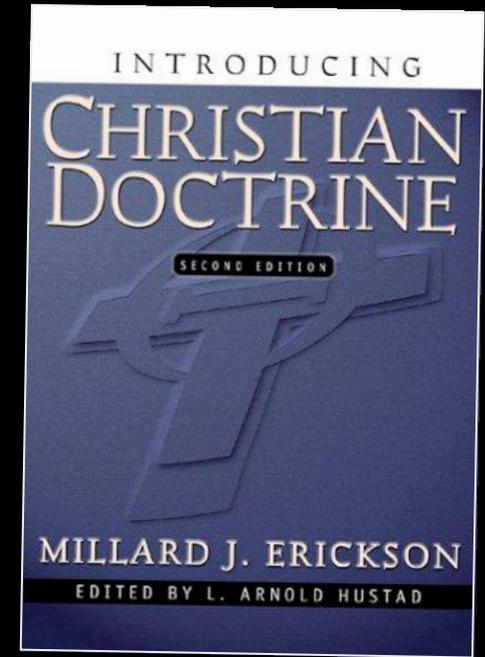
All the others are twisted, distorted, corrupted samples of humanity.”



REVELATION 21:1 - 8 &  
22:1 - 6



“When Christ returns, our original body will be raised and transformed; our human form will be both retained and glorified.”

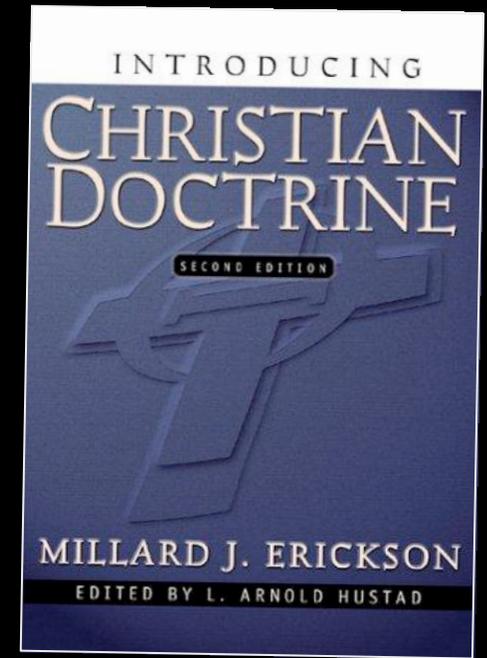


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“Our resurrection body will have some connection with and derive from our original body, and yet it will not be merely a resuscitation of our original body . . .

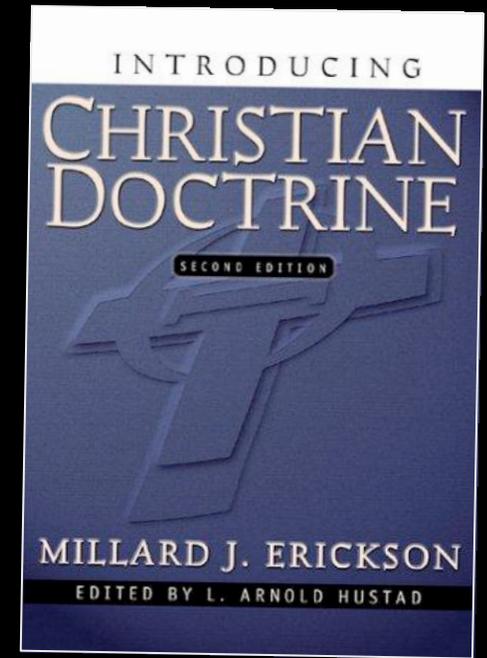
we do not know the exact nature of the resurrection body. It does appear, however, that it will retain and at the same time glorify the human form.



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We will be FREE of the imperfections and needs which we had on earth.”



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WILL WE KNOW EACH  
OTHER IN HEAVEN?

The first creation will be re-created . . . the “old order of things” will be made new.

Revelation 21:1



WILL WE KNOW EACH  
OTHER IN HEAVEN?

There will be no more  
curse, and the damage it  
caused will be undone.

Revelation 22:2 & 3



WILL WE KNOW EACH  
OTHER IN HEAVEN?

There will be no Tree of the  
Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Revelation 21:1 - 8

John 10:10



WILL WE KNOW EACH  
OTHER IN HEAVEN?

Mankind will no longer be  
banished from God's presence.  
Revelation 21:3



# WILL WE KNOW EACH OTHER IN HEAVEN?

Our purpose to serve God and enjoy relationship with God and one another, and exercise dominion over the earth will be fully realized.

Revelation 22:3 - 5



# WILL WE KNOW EACH OTHER IN HEAVEN?

In the no longer “naked and ashamed” earth we will finally be everything that God no dysfunctional relationships from

