



*Sanctuary*

*YOU ARE AWESOME, OH  
GOD, IN YOUR  
SANCTUARY; THE GOD  
OF ISRAEL GIVES  
POWER AND STRENGTH  
TO HIS PEOPLE. PRAISE  
BE TO GOD!*

*- PSALMS 68:35*

*Welcome to  
Sierra Community Church*





















"Made in the Image of God"

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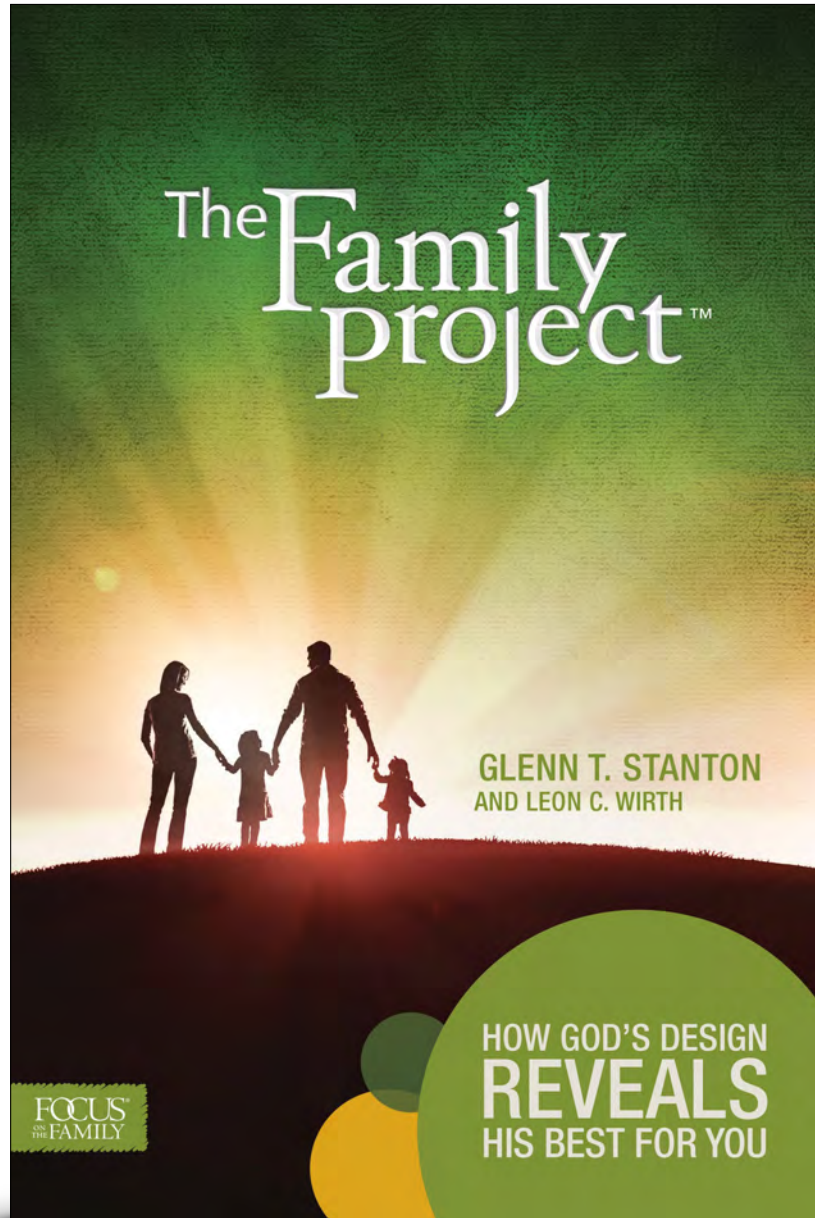













Monday Nights  
7pm - 8:30pm

Kicks off:  
January 26th



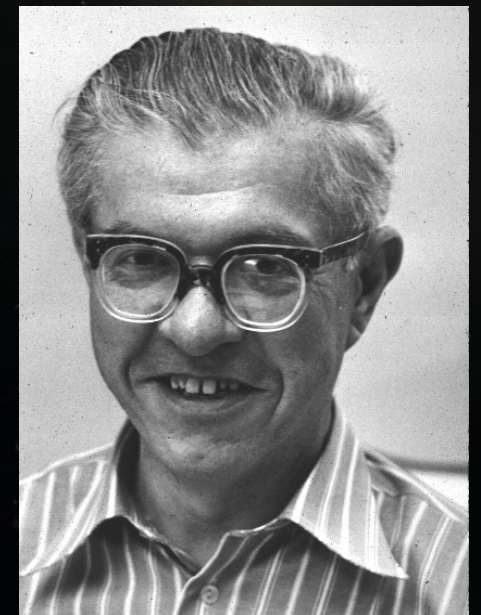
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# Genesis

What Genesis tells us about God and life.



Fred Hoyle, the astronomer who coined the term "big bang," said that his atheism was "greatly shaken" at these developments. He later wrote that *"a common-sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a super-intellect has monkeyed with the physics, as well as with chemistry and biology . . . . The numbers one calculates from the facts seem to me so overwhelming as to put this conclusion almost beyond question."*



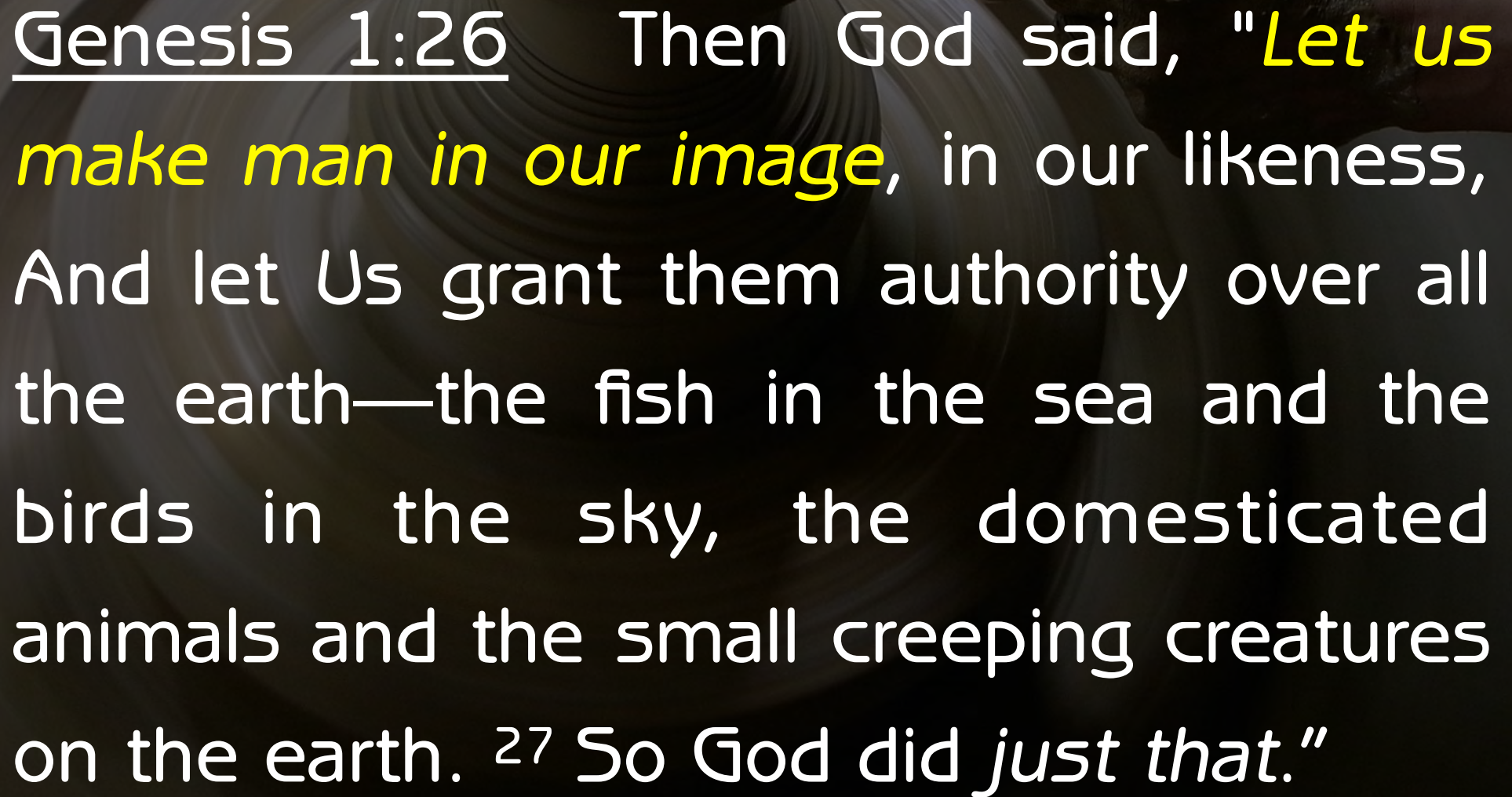
# The Goodness of Creation



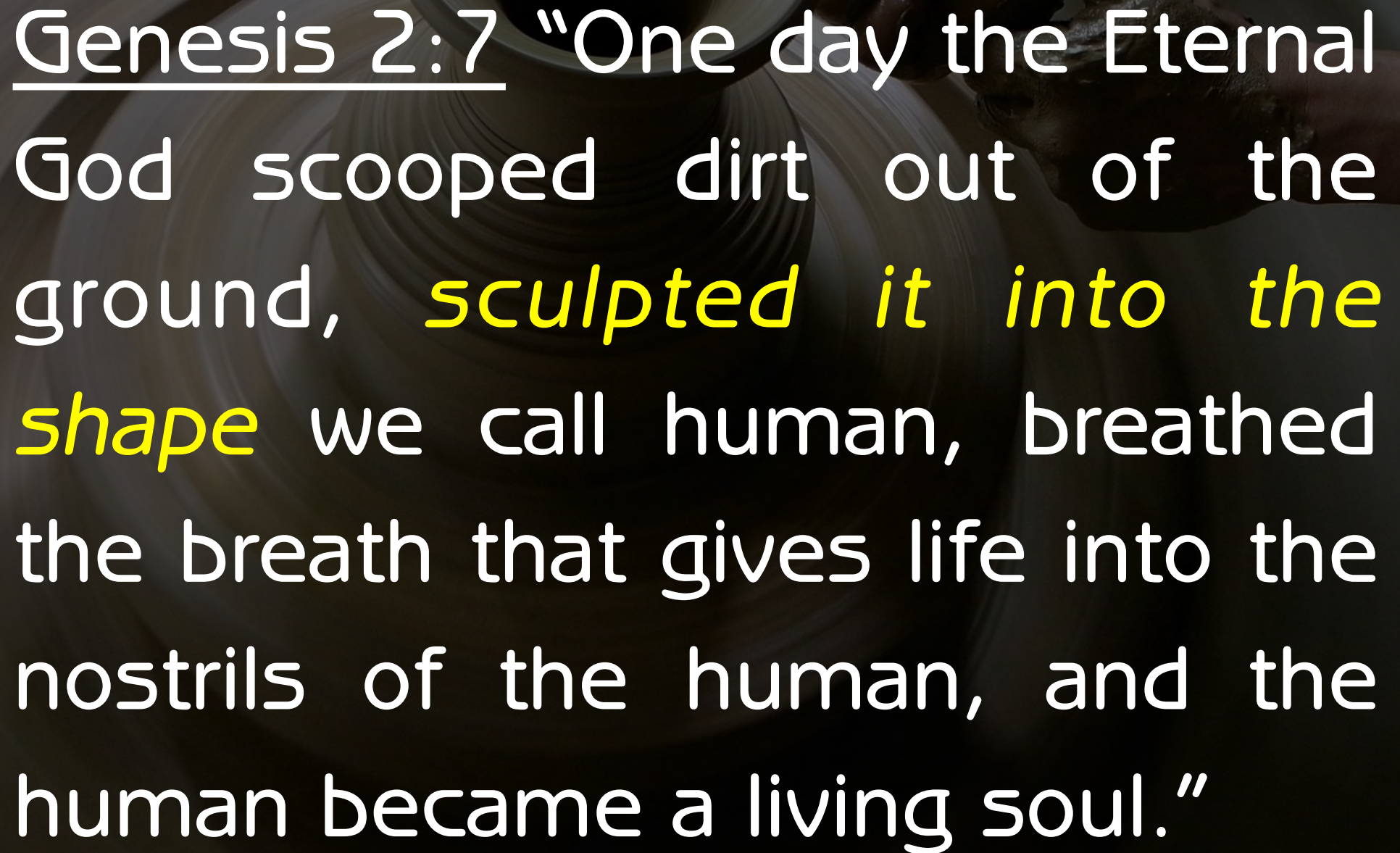
Walter Brueggemann,

*“It’s intellectually revolutionary for the book of Genesis to come and say the material world is that good.”*



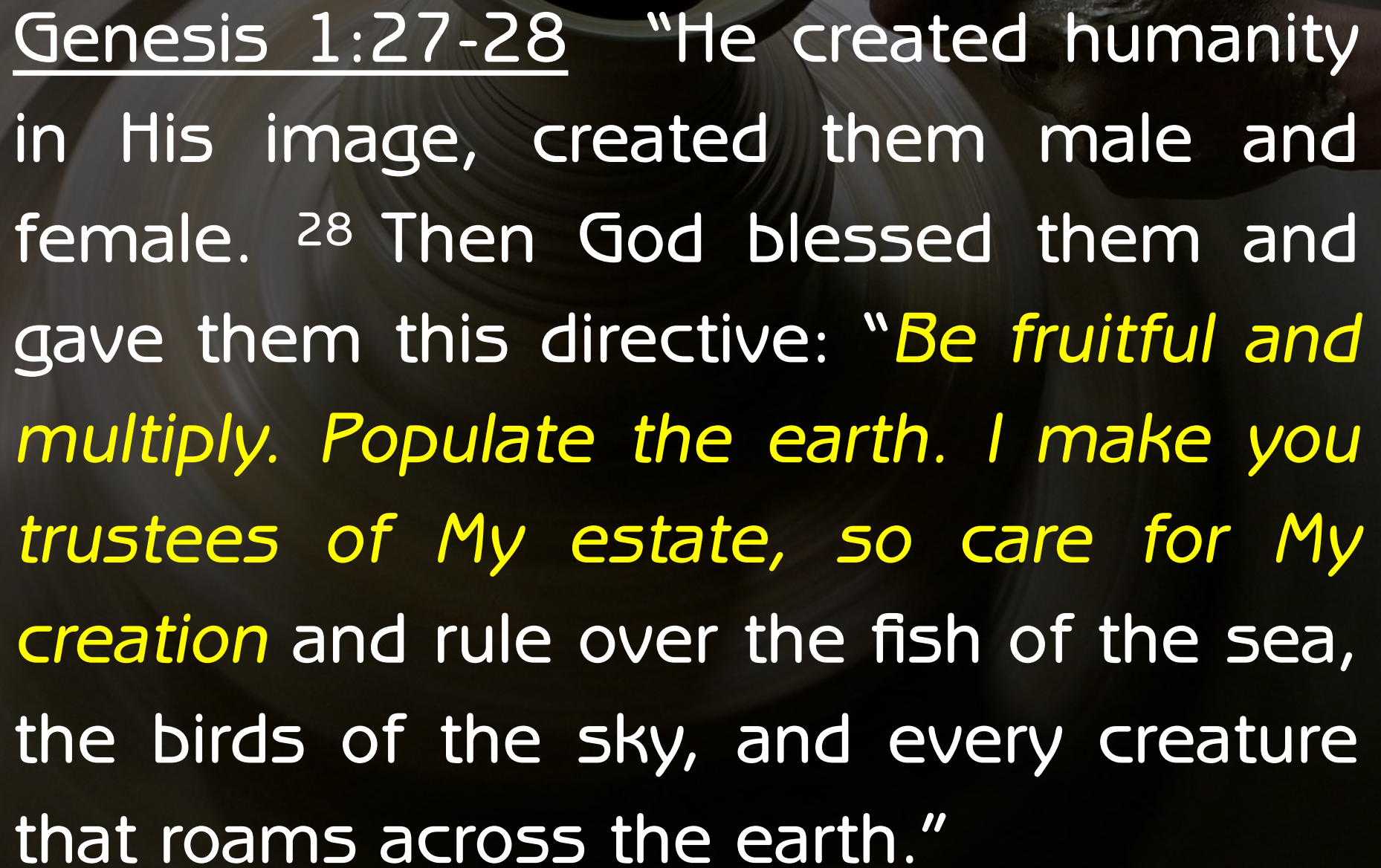
A close-up photograph of a person's hands shaping a clay bowl on a pottery wheel. The hands are covered in wet clay, and the wheel is spinning, creating a blurred motion effect. The background is dark and out of focus.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "*Let us make man in our image*, in our likeness, And let Us grant them authority over all the earth—the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, the domesticated animals and the small creeping creatures on the earth. <sup>27</sup> So God did *just that*."

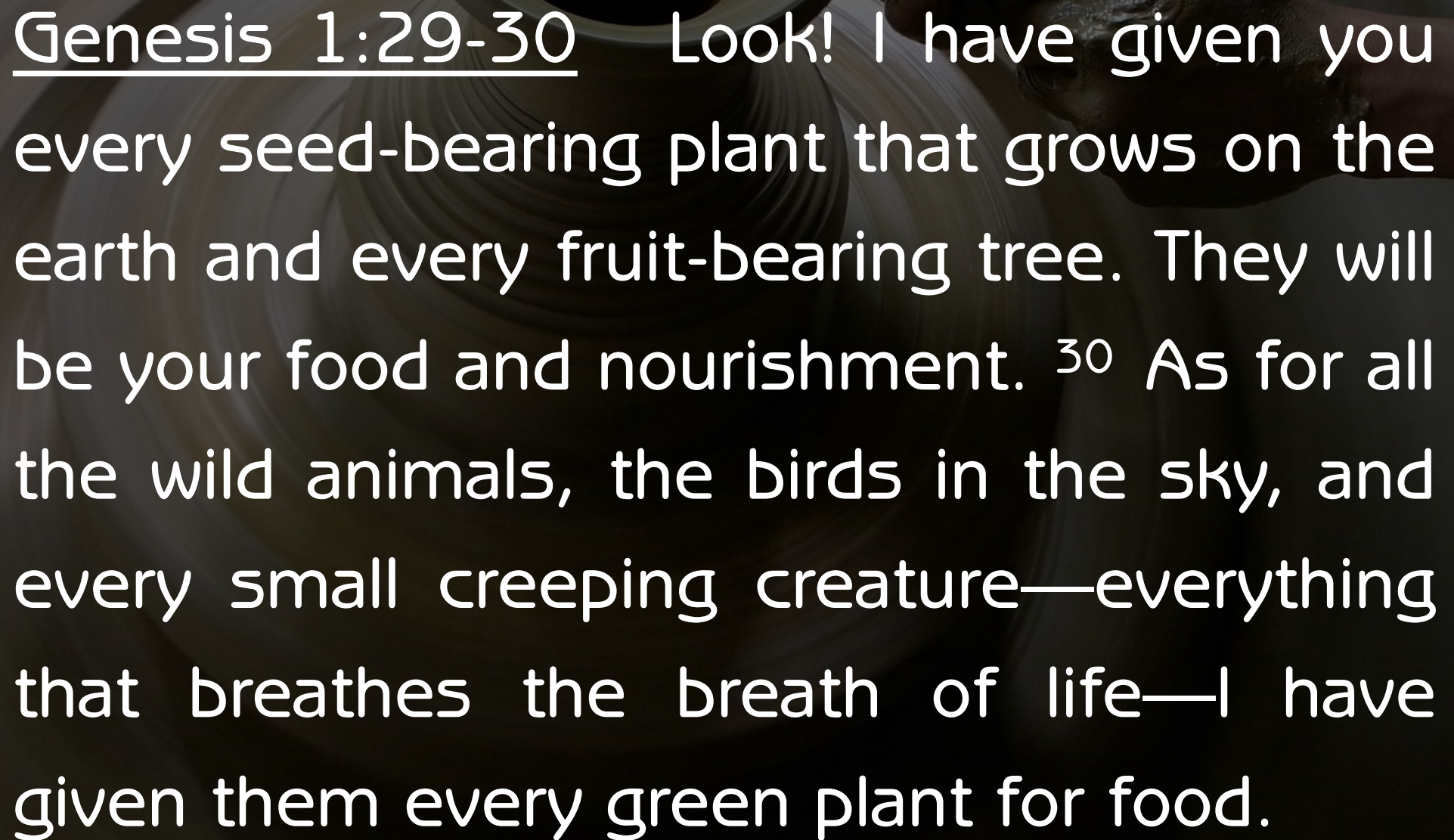
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Genesis 2:7 "One day the Eternal God scooped dirt out of the ground, *sculpted it into the shape* we call human, breathed the breath that gives life into the nostrils of the human, and the human became a living soul."



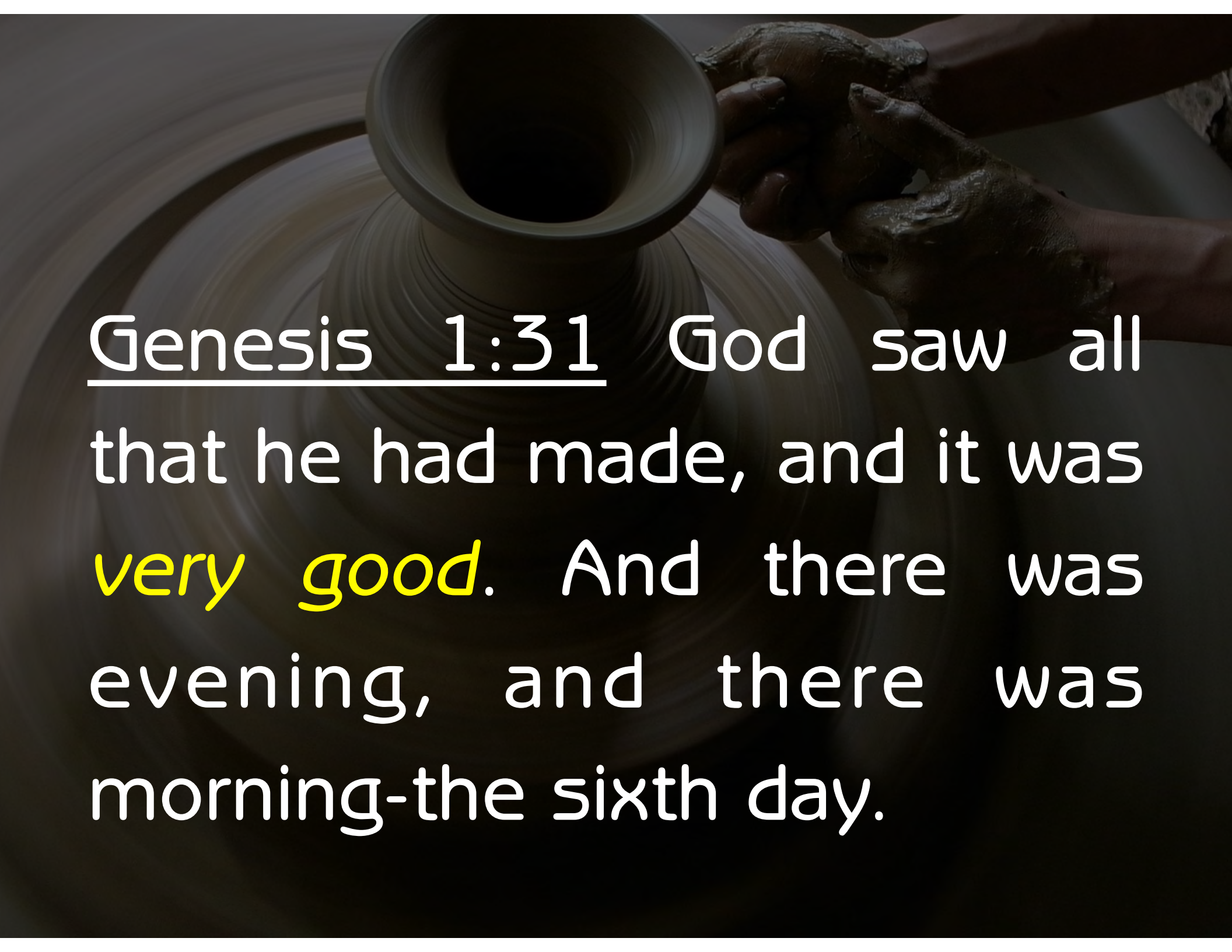


Genesis 1:27-28 “He created humanity in His image, created them male and female. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them and gave them this directive: “*Be fruitful and multiply. Populate the earth. I make you trustees of My estate, so care for My creation* and rule over the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that roams across the earth.”

A close-up photograph of a person's hands shaping a clay bowl on a pottery wheel. The hands are positioned to guide the clay as it rotates. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the hands and the pottery wheel.

Genesis 1:29-30 Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant that grows on the earth and every fruit-bearing tree. They will be your food and nourishment. <sup>30</sup> As for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and every small creeping creature—everything that breathes the breath of life—I have given them every green plant for food.



A close-up photograph of a person's hands shaping a clay bowl on a pottery wheel. The hands are covered in wet clay, and the wheel is spinning, creating a blurred motion effect. The background is dark and out of focus.

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





A close-up photograph of a person's hands shaping a clay bowl on a pottery wheel. The hands are positioned to guide the clay as it rotates, creating a smooth, rounded form. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the hands and the pottery wheel.

# *"Made in the Image of God"*

1. Designed to **REFLECT** God's Priority of Relationships.

A. Knowing everyone is made in "His likeness" influences the way I see and treat others.

B. Being made in "His likeness" changes how I view my own self-worth.

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a globe. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with fingers wrapped around the top of the globe. The globe is the central focus, showing the continents and oceans. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the hand and the globe. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow.

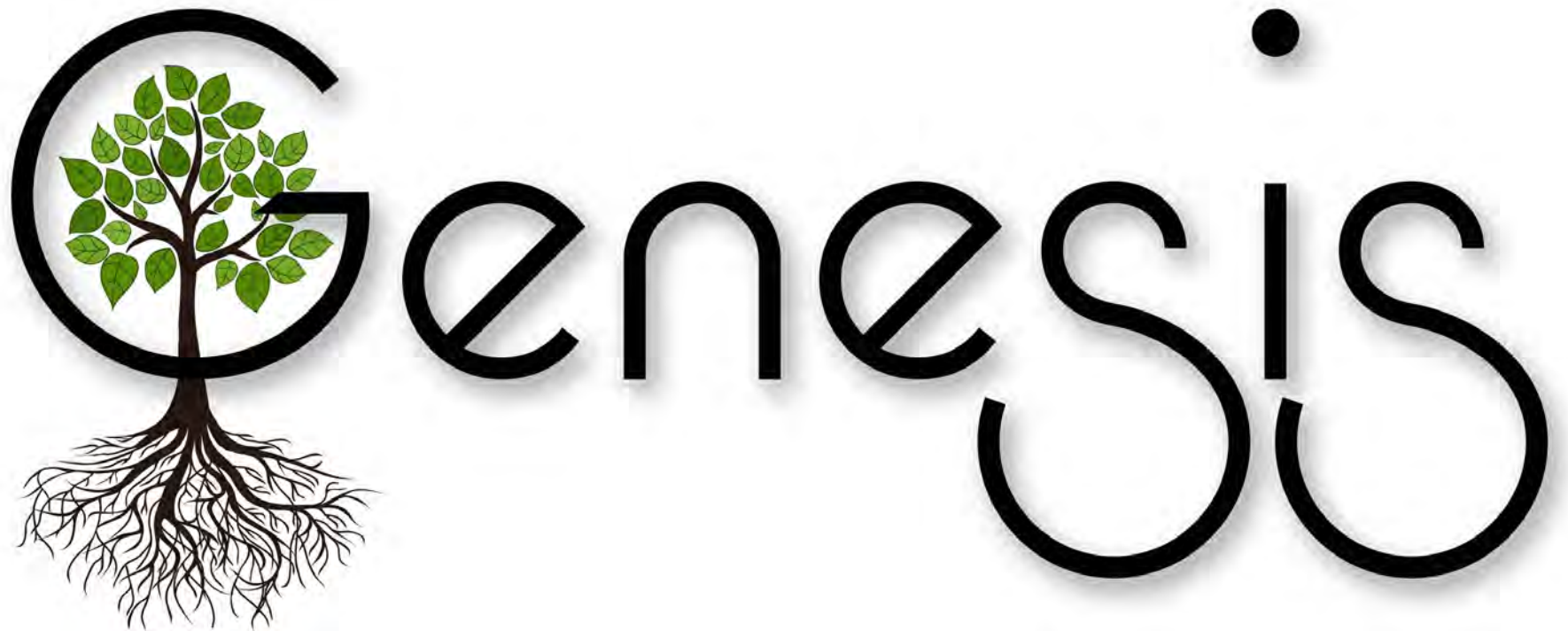
*"subdue", "dominion" or  
"have authority over"*

2. Designed to **Represent** God's Interest.

A. God expects us to be good *managers*. That includes managing His created world and our own lives.

B. God intends for you to *make* something of the world. To leave a mark on it. His immense creative power resides in each one of us.



The word "Genesis" is written in a large, black, serif font. The letter "G" is stylized to contain a green tree with many leaves. The tree's trunk and roots are black, extending downwards from the bottom of the "G". The roots are intricate and spread out. The rest of the word "Genesis" is in a plain black serif font. A small black dot is positioned above the letter "i".

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