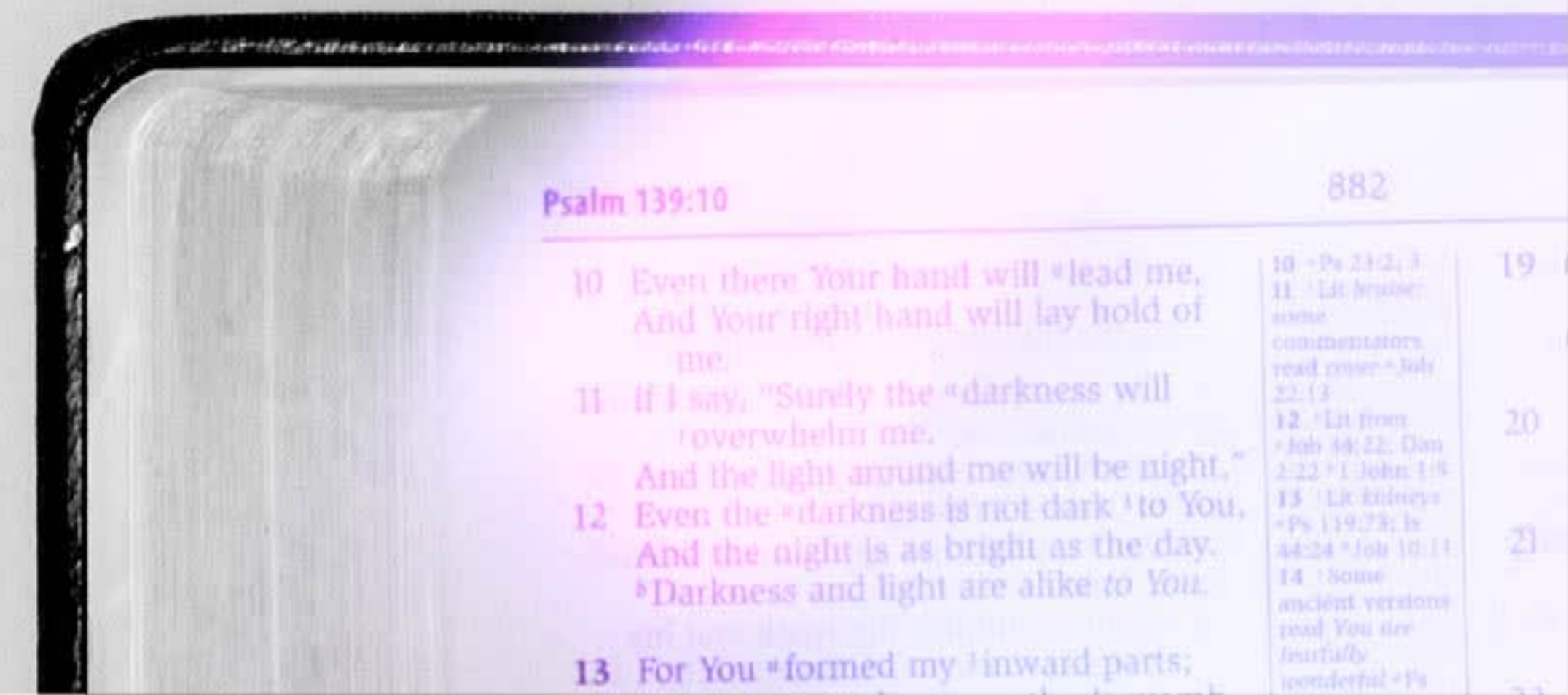


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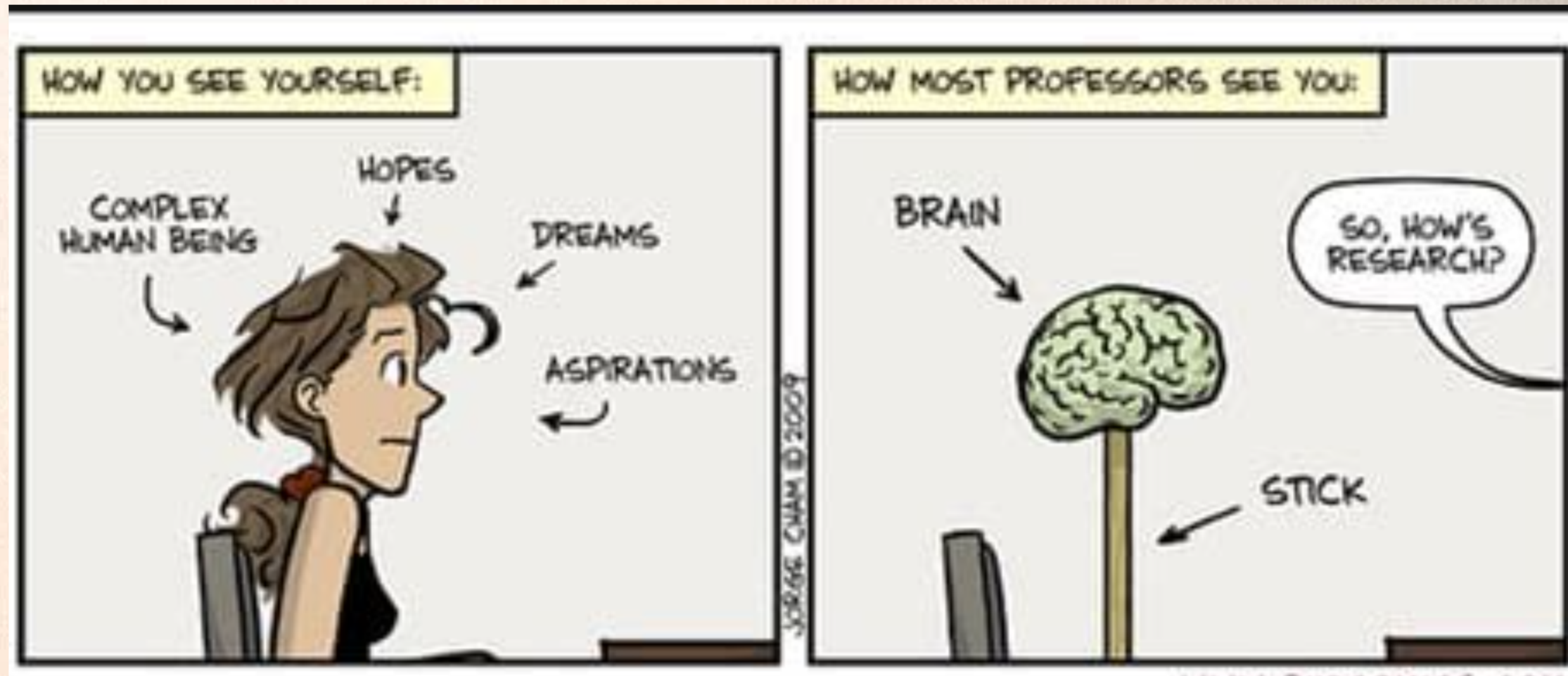
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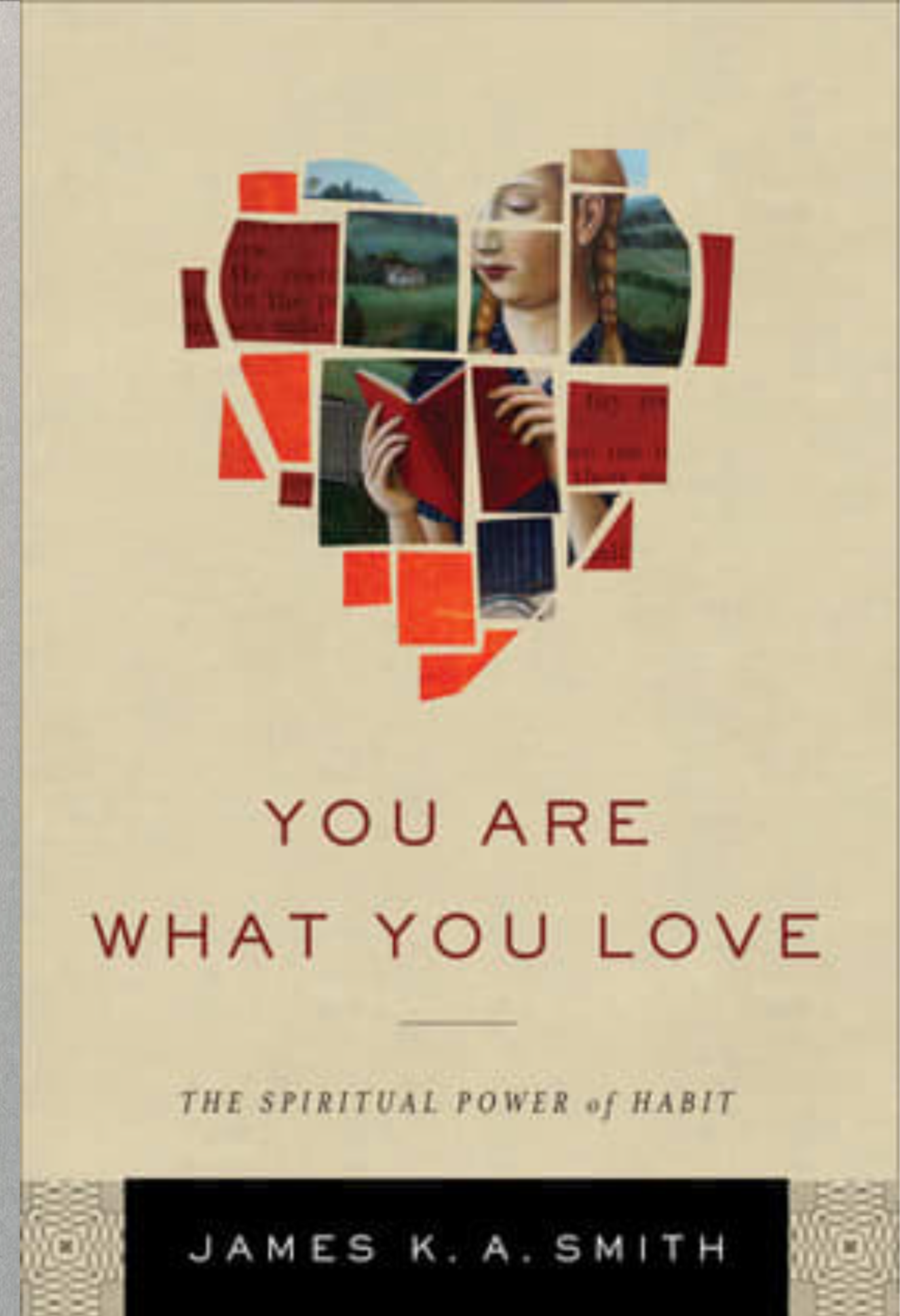
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IMAGE

the weight and wonder of being human



**Most modern people think
they are "brains on a stick"**
- J. Smith



**In the 1860's -1940's we lost that God was there
and sovereign.**

**In the 1950's-1990's we lost our grip on the reality
of sin.**

**In the 2000's we have lost what it means to be a
human being.**

IMAGE

BEING IN GOD'S IMAGE

**Is being in the likeness of God and
to represent his presence.**

IMAGE

BEARING GOD'S IMAGE

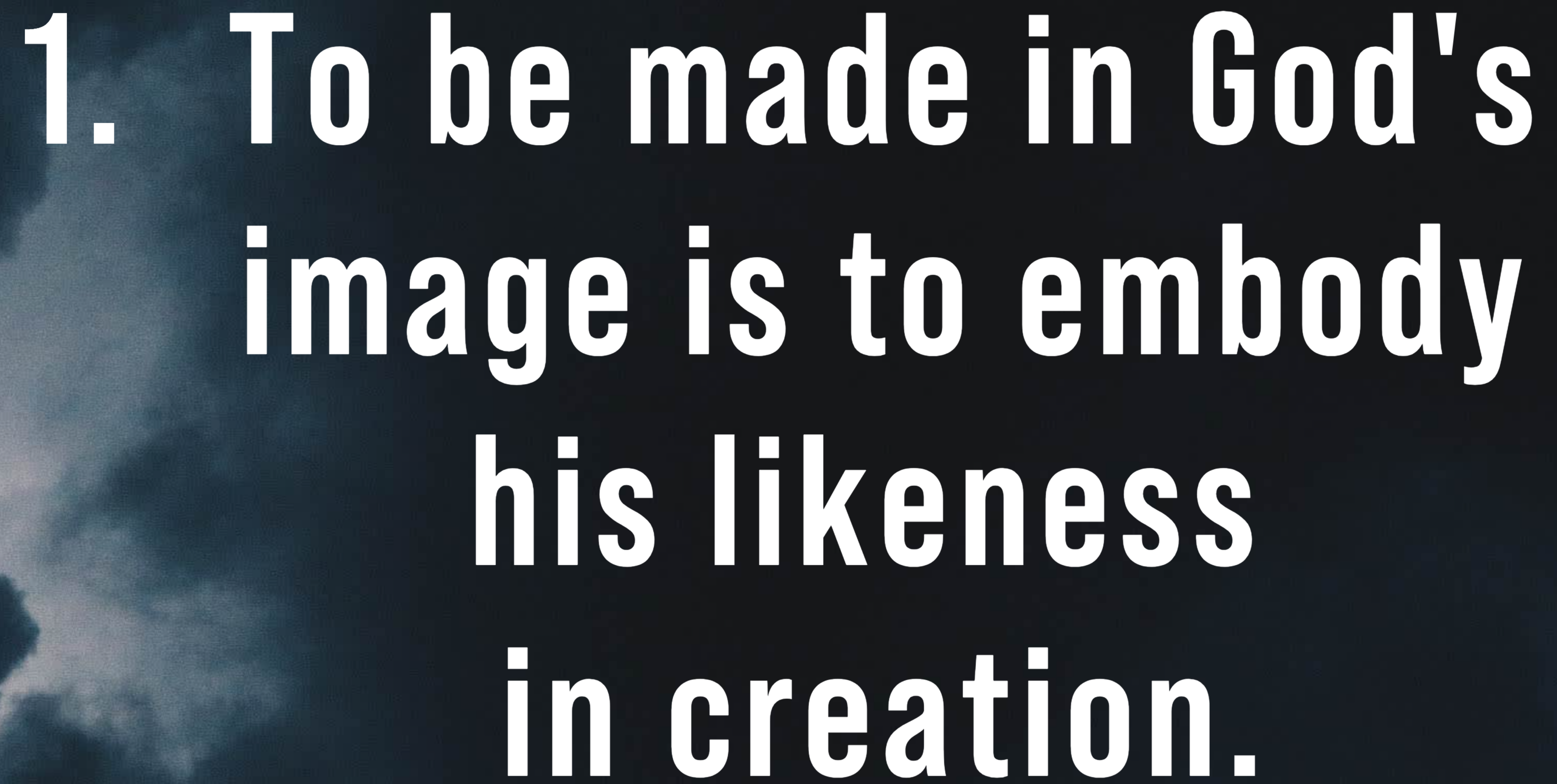
Is to bring God's dominion to creation as embodied persons.

IMAGE

TODAY:

- 1. What IS the image of God?**
- 2. How do you DO the image?**
- 3. How do we PURSUE it?**
- 4. Can this REALLY happen?**

IMAGE



**1. To be made in God's
image is to embody
his likeness
in creation.**

BEING, NOT BEARING

Our being is an involuntary gift. It is a fact of your creation. You did not ask for it, nor can you dismiss this unspeakably great gift. You cannot escape its beauty or its responsibility.

(Rom 9:20)

IMAGE

WHAT IS THE IMAGE/LIKENESS OF GOD?

Idol
Deut. 4:16



Likeness
Daniel 3

Image
Luke 20:24



Son
Genesis 5:1-2

IMAGE

WHAT IS THE IMAGE OF GOD?

Presence



Dominion



Official stamp
and ownership



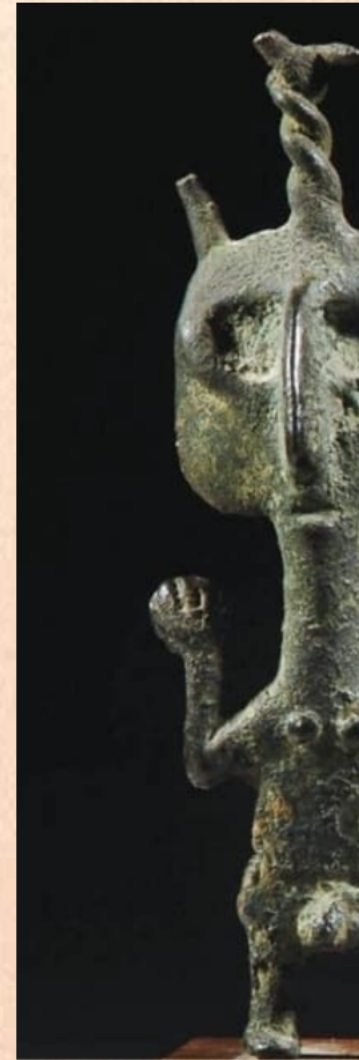
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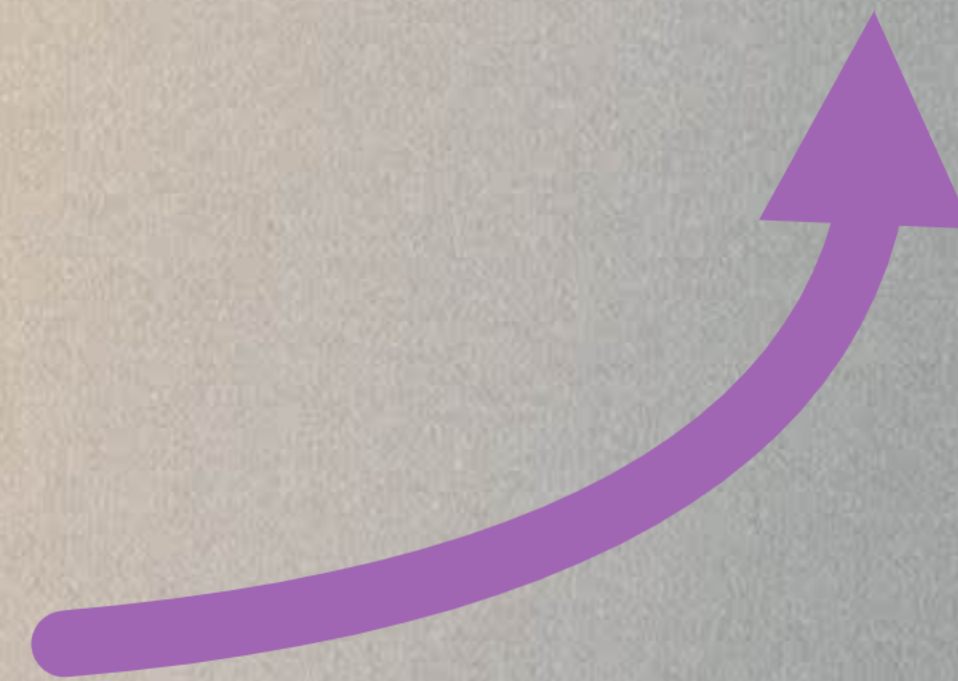
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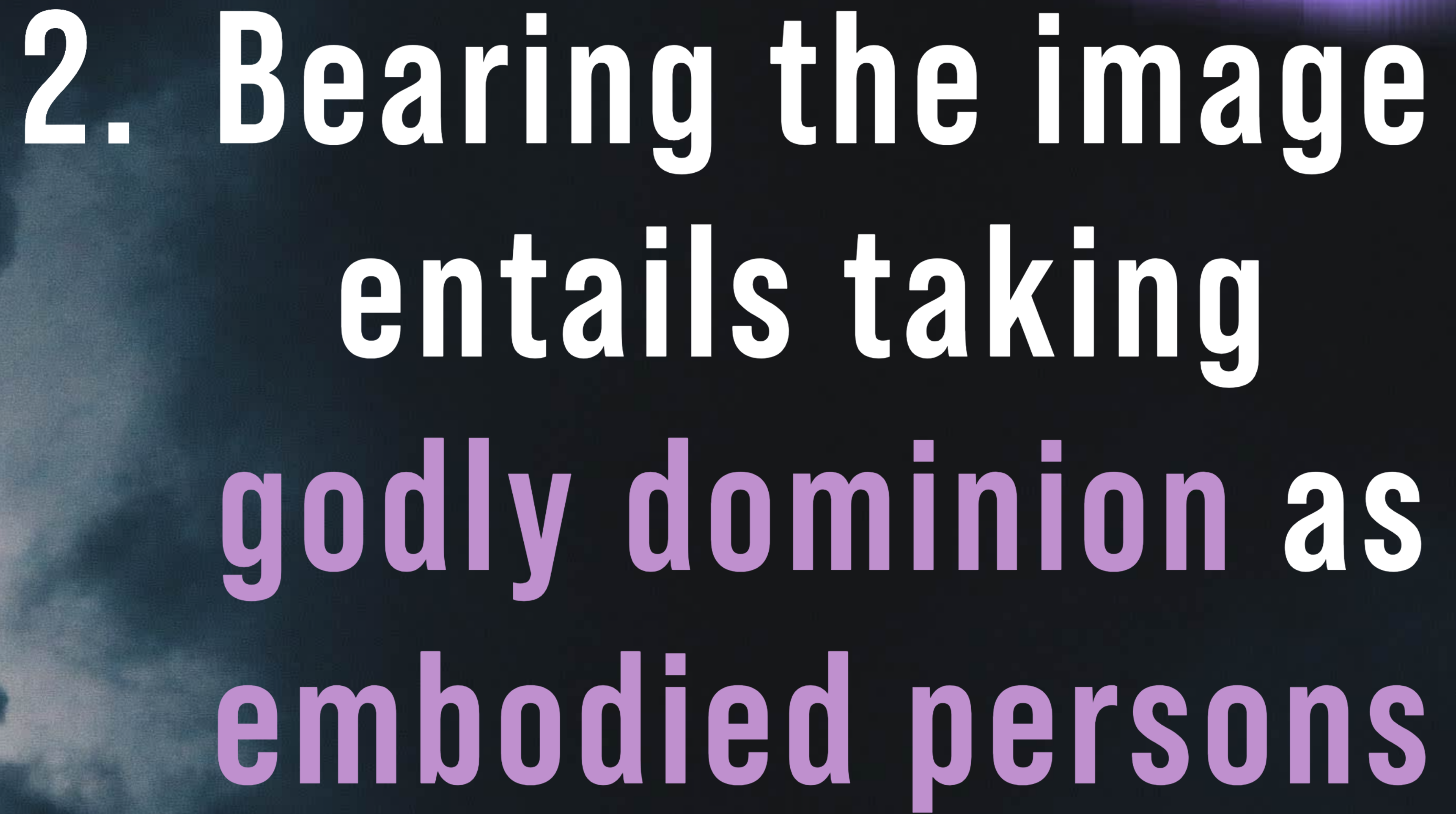
CREATED IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD MEANS...

- 1. That we represent God in creation**
- 2. That we have the essential characteristics to do so**

**No list is given in Scripture
as to what these are.**



IMAGE



2. Bearing the image
entails taking
godly dominion as
embodied persons

Genesis 1:28

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

IMAGE

TAKING DOMINION

God

Creation

Speaking

Presence

Rhythm

through

Adam

Work

Naming

Fertility

Rest

IMAGE

EMBODIED PERSONS

"Godliness" is a character. It is not limited
by our limitations.

Incommunicable

Omnipotence
Omnipresence
Omniscience

Communicable

Creativity
Justice
Goodness

IMAGE

TAKING DOMINION AS EMBODIED PERSONS

1. **Work vs. Plunder**

After the Fall

2. **Fertility vs. Sterility**

3. **Expansion vs. Consolidation**

4. **Complimentary vs. Subversion**

5. **Authority vs. Autonomy or Tyranny**

6. **Comprehensive vs Constrained (institutions)**

7. **Righteousness vs Wickedness**

8. **Dignity vs. Degredation**

IMAGE

Glory

Anxiety

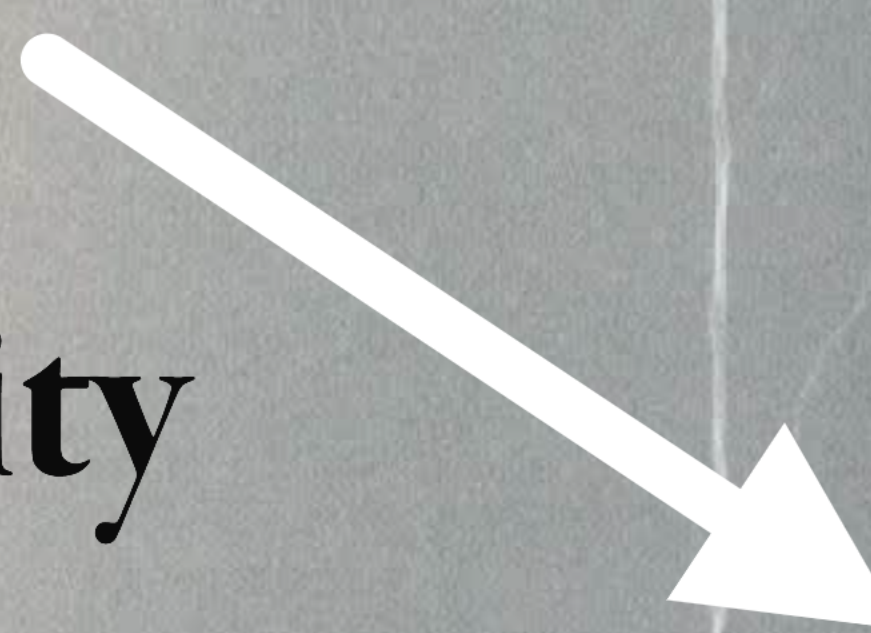
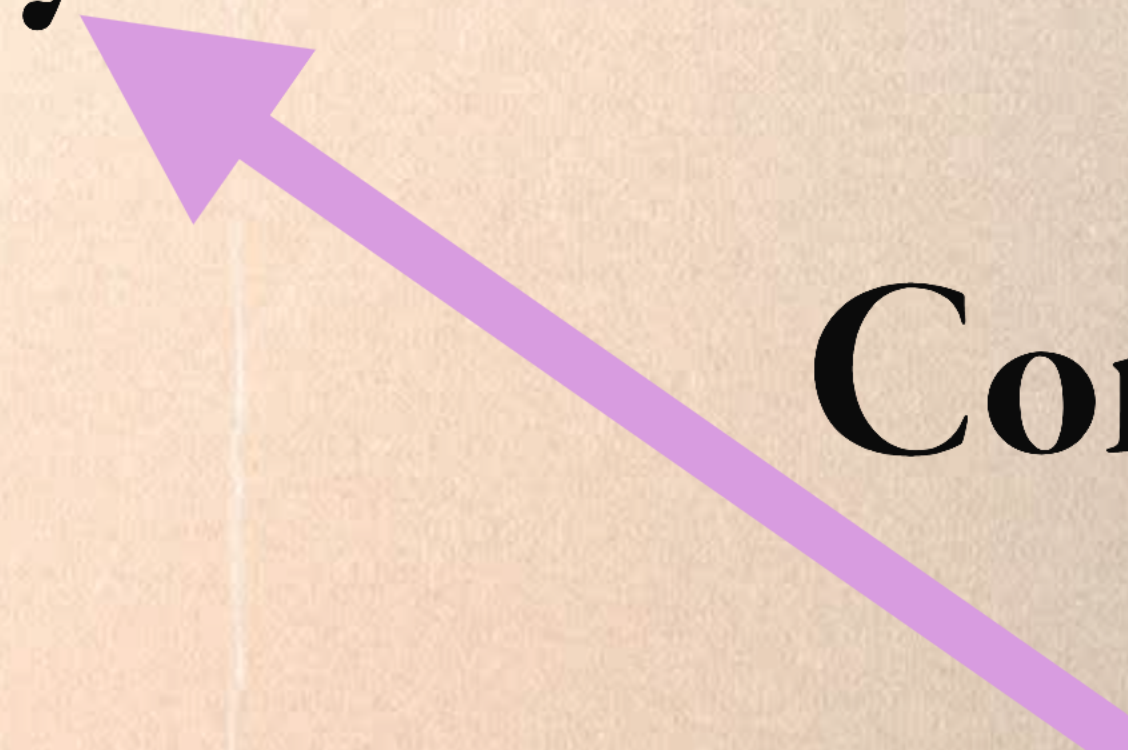
Complexity


DIZZYING AND TERRIFYING

Responsibility

Purpose

Anger





**3. Godliness is
God restoring
the image.**

Romans 8:29

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness [image] of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

IMAGE

Colossians 3:8 – 10

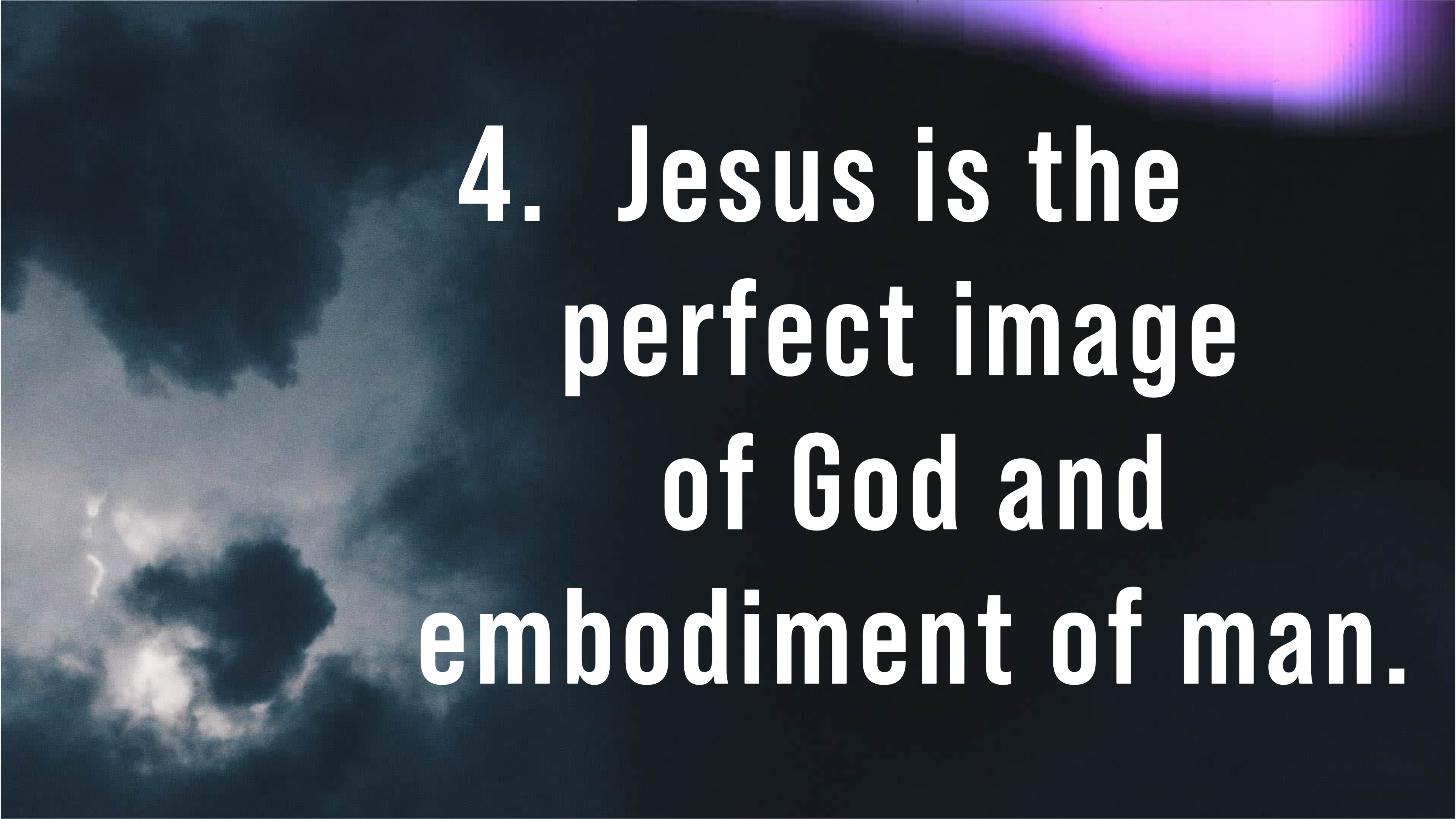
But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

IMAGE

Ephesians 4:22 – 24

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

IMAGE



**4. Jesus is the
perfect image
of God and
embodiment of man.**

THE PERFECT IMAGE OF GOD

Jesus is God perfectly revealed in flesh.

IMAGE

Philippians 2:5 – 7

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider
equality with God something to be grasped, but made
himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.*

IMAGE

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

IMAGE

THE PERFECT IMAGE OF MAN

Jesus is perfect humanity in being and bearing.

IMAGE

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IMAGE

3 PURPOSES OF LIKENESS:

- 1. Makes the incarnation possible**
- 2. Makes Jesus truly human**
- 3. Makes Jesus capable of being a sacrifice for human sin**

IMAGE

Romans 8:1 – 4

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death...

IMAGE

Romans 8:1 – 4

For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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IMAGE

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