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Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 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

The image of God in us includes the unique distinctions of male and female.

First mention of two important biblical concepts: God’s image and sexuality

In His Image: creative, moral, spiritual, and eternal

Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit *after their kind* with seed in them;” and it was so. Genesis 1:11

“Let Us make man in Our image...” Genesis 1:26
 • *After our kind*

Humans are not made in the image of other humans. Humans are made in the image of God.

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- Whatever the image of God is, it exists in two distinct expressions known as male and female.

- Both expressions (male and female) are complete representations of the image of God.

Implications and applications:

1. Male and female are equal.
2. Male and female are good.
3. Our highest joy, health, and peace exists in living in our sexuality as God's image-bearers.
4. God expects us to live in our sexuality as His image-bearers, not human image-bearers.
5. Every alteration we accept to God's design and plan diminishes God's image in humans.
6. The answer to all the sexual sin, shame, confusion, and pain in the world is Jesus.