

To Make a Human Being

I. The Great Project – to make a Human

A. Image and Likeness

Gen 1.26 Then God said, “Let us make **man** in **our image**, after **our likeness**. And **let them have *dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

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

28 And God **blessed** them. And God **said to** them, ...

*God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in him.

*anything else is abuse

B. The Code of Life

A few summers ago, I took my grandchildren on a back stage tour of Sight and Sound. I saw something I had heard of but never seen in operation, a 3D printer. It was making a model stage set.

A 3D Printer needs 3 elements: a bit of information; some raw material, and some energy and it can produce an object that was not there before. **SLIDES**

As fascinating as this, I had known a 3D Printer for a long time. It was my mom.

My mom took three elements, a bit of information that was between my dad and my mom in this case, raw elements and energy in the food, and in a few months, she produced me. I was non-existent before. **SLIDES**

Apart from **the shock** that my mom was a **3D printer**, I was fascinated by **the role of the information**. What **amount** does it take to assemble a human being? A lot, A little?

How many thumb drives will it take to hold all that information?

If you think of yourself as a giant LEGO structure, what will the building blocks be? **Atoms!** Some hydrogen, a little oxygen, some carbon, some nitrogen...

How many atoms will it take to make a human? The number of atoms will fill an entire Titanic with thumb drives, 2000 times! This is the miracle of life! **SLIDES**

Every time you see a pregnant lady, know this: She is assembling the biggest amount of information you will ever encounter!

A 150# human has approximately 7×10^{27} atoms, or 7 billion billion billion atoms.

All the information, the assembly instructions for those atoms is packed into a small crystal we call DNA. It was first seen in 1950, but it took 40 more years to poke into a human cell, take out this crystal, unroll it and read it for the first time. The code is written in a fairly simple alphabet of 4 letters, A-T-C-G. (These are the bases, the nucleotides of your "code.")

It was first sequenced by Dr. Craig Venter.

To print it out on paper, letter by letter, it takes 262,000 pages. The books weigh almost 1000 pounds! The part that makes you a unique individual, takes up about 500 pages.

II. The Human – More than Chemistry

But how does this happen? There is something beyond physics and biochemistry. Something else is crucially involved.

Hey Paula clip

That was a Number 1 hit song in 1963. It's a simple **romance**. Paul feels a **love** for Paula, she feels it back.

Basic Romance – More to being human than physical energy and information. More to God's Image.

Romance helps us understand God. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife. One flesh.

He **loves** us, but doesn't **control** us. Love is Christ on the Cross

He's looking for our **CONSENT**. Human Speech

He wants our partnership, our **PARTICIPATION** – the meaning of **communion**.

Consent - opens the door to the gift

Participation - utilizes the information, the opportunity, to produce

The mother "**participates**" as much more than a 3D printer! Her whole state of being "informs" the developing human's soul and spirit.

III. Forming the Human is a Family Affair

Gabriel & Mary - You will conceive in your womb

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you"

"Behold the maidservant. **Let it be unto me...**" **CONSENT**

Mary & Elizabeth "Informing within the womb"

Once born, the **child is cared for for years, being "informed" by family and culture.**

Socialization, Education are preparation for full "Participation" in Creation as the "Image and Likeness"

Family – The first commandment with a promise (Eph 6:3)

Manners - Consent (Coherence)

Vocation - Participation in Humanity – our individual "emptying" of all we are for the benefit of humanity, the creatures of the earth. Our MESSAGE, in speech and deed. It's the image of God.

III. Human Impact – Image of God in Society

Col 3.16 Let the **word of Christ** dwell in you richly, ... **17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Born again of the incorruptible seed, the word of God.

INFORMATION & FORMATION

Paul spoke to the group of leaders entrusted with the newly formed community of Christians in Ephesus:

Acts 20.32 And now I commend you to God and to **the word of his grace**, which is **able to build you up** and to **give you the inheritance** among all those who are **sanctified**.

IV. God Doesn't DO Control!

But we think He does, and lots of people are mad and offended at God because they want him to control things more.

When He created the Universe, He set in motion **natural laws**. He hardly ever messes with gravity or weather, but he invites us to partner with Him.

When He created us in His image and likeness, He gave us **free will**. He doesn't usually take that away.

We want security and safety, but He **gives us freedom** and invites us into relationship. Asks us to believe, to trust.

We are not always good at freedom, and some use it for evil.

Luke 13.1 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans **whose blood Pilate had mingled** with their sacrifices. **2** And he answered them, "**Do you think** that these Galileans were **worse sinners** than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? **3** No, I tell you; but **unless you repent**, you will all likewise perish. **4** Or those eighteen on whom **the tower in Siloam fell and killed them**: do you think that they were **worse offenders** than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? **5** No, I tell you; but **unless you repent**, you will all likewise perish."

Human evil; natural laws – They are not expressions of God IN CONTROL. It's not how HE makes Himself known.

He moves through GRACE. He gives HIMSELF away. This is love.
It requires a partner.

- 1. Consent** – To as many as RECEIVE Him, He grants the authority to BECOME the children of God.
- 2. Participation** – For whatever reason, God has chosen to do nothing without human partners.

John 1.14 And the **Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only (begotten) Son from the Father, **full of grace and truth...** **16** For from his **fullness** we have all **received**, grace upon grace.

End Poverty, end human trafficking, bring dignity to the oppressed, heal diseases, heal forests and oceans. In all this, Our Father looks for **human partners**.

Love and Power

Healings, Deliverances, Resurrections

Serving the Nations

V. PARTICIPATION IN DIVINE NATURE – Love

Invitation into the Freedom of Love

Eternal life begins the moment you say, **“Yes” to God.**

Acts 1.8 But you will receive **power** when **the Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you will be my witnesses ...to the end of the earth.”

Same phrase GABRIEL spoke to Mary... “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power...”

LIFT YOUR HANDS into the OILY ELECTRIC PRESENCE

CONSENT & PARTICIPATION – CREATED to be like Him!