# Restoring the Human Code

### I. What is Human?

#### A. Creation & Information

"A house testifies that there was a builder, a dress that there was a weaver, a door that there was a carpenter; so our world by its existence proclaims its Creator, God." – Rabbi Akiba ben Joseph

### The Universe is the Expression of Information, the Word of God

- Heb 11.3 By faith we understand that **the universe was created by the word of God,** so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.
- Gen 1.1 **In the beginning**, God **created** the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
- Gen 1.3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
- Gen 1.9 **And God said,** "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear."

# The first three DAYS brought ORDER TO CHAOTIC MATTER

- John 1.1 In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was **with God**, and the Word **was God**. ... 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
- The creative Word will turn chaotic matter into that which has structure and order.

### On the <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Day</u> God spoke a SECOND TIME

### LIFE is the DISTINCT Expression of Information, the Word of God

Gen 1.11 NKJ **Then God said**, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 ... And God saw that *it was* good.

He spoke a second time, establishing that there is a great gulf between living and non-living.

And it was GOOD!

Let's Hear More on the Creation

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# B. The Human Expression

The first 3 Days **ORDERED** matter, energy, the time/space fabric of the Universe. LIFE appeared.

The next 3 Days **FILLED** the earth with Life, culminating on the **6**<sup>th</sup> **day** when **God again spoke more than once**, establishing a CREATIVE GULF between animals and humans.

Gen 1.26 Then *God said*, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion ..." 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, "Be *fruitful* and *multiply* and *fill* the earth and *subdue* it, and have *dominion* over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you ...

Our humanity is established by the CREATIVE WORD

Role within Creation: To be "like" God, who is Love. After He Made Us, He spoke TO us.

31 And it was **VERY GOOD!** 

# C. Marriage Questions -

Matt 19.1 ESV Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the

- Jordan. 2 And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.
- 3 And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?"
- 4 He answered, "Have you not read that **he who created them** from the beginning **made them male and female**, (Gen 1)
- 5 and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?
  6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. (Gen 2)

What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

7 They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce ...?" 8 He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart ..., but from the beginning it was not so.

The questions is divorce, is it lawful or not, but the answer goes much deeper.

He refers them to the Creation of the Universe in **Gen 1** and to the special record of the Creation of Human Society in **Gen 2** 

#### He refers to **HE WHO CREATED THEM**

The Creator is a Person, a "He."

They were MADE in a binary fashion

- Male
- Female
- Both are needed for the image of God & transmission of life

Their MALE and FEMALE nature were part of the original creation.

- leave family of origin
- A joining of male and female to create a new family
- Their two persons, in marriage are merged into "ONE" flesh, or natural unit.

"Jesus himself put the stamp of his divine authority on the creation of humankind.

And on *the value & sacredness, of the marital bond* in a world that is increasingly guilty of devaluing it...

For centuries this biblical teaching has been the **foundation of moral values**, **legislation**, **and human rights**. "

### **Information** within the **Story Line written for us**

e.g. Food as information can turn "on" or "off" genes Not every potential gets expressed.

Words as information, ideas as information.

#### GI-GO

Do we allow false information and settle for the "less than" ending of the story?

Zechariah & Elizabeth

#### D. We've Been Hacked!

We were created for God's Fellowship, Communion

Gen 3 fills us in on "why the World is a mess!"

The Serpent, the devil, "hacked" our Code and through Adam's sin, we became "less than" God's IMAGE and LIKENESS. We fell short.

Rom 5.12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

### E. Hope in the Fall

The doctrine of original sin is **not a message of doom but is one of hope**.

It declares that the world as we have it is not the best we can hope for, nor the world that God intends, but a badly broken and distorted one which can be restored.

# II. Unhacking the Human

### A. God Codes Himself Into Humanity

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

## B. Rewriting the Code

- John 1.12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
- 1 Pet 1.23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;
- 2 Cor 5.17 NKJ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

# **III. Restoring Communion**

Gen 1.28 God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful

### A. In His DEATH, HE defeated DEATH.

- O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!
- O happy fault that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

# **B.** Cancelled the Accusation

Col 2.13 NIV When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. 15

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

# B. In His DEATH, He Feeds Our Humanity, Our Code

It's GOOD NEWS!!

1 John 1.1 NKJ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

WE FEED ON THE WORD; WE FEED ON THE BODY & BLOOD

1 Cor 11.23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE CODE – YOU ARE HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS IN CREATION, CREATED FOR UNIQUE COMMUNION!

**God of Hope!**