

Genesis 1:26

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

God created man in His image, but satan would have us believe that man started out as a stupid caveman, walking around saying "Ugg" and holding a club in one hand, and dragging his wife around by the hair in the other. And by doing so, if God made man in His image, then it would make God look like He was stupid.

But nothing could be further from the truth, because God not only made man in His image, He also gave man some of the attributes that God has to man, ***"let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*** Someone who had no brains and was stupid could not ***"have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*** In fact, if you read on, you find more evidence of how smart Adam, who was made in God's image, really was.

† ***Genesis 2:19-20 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.***

Did you realize that God didn't name the animals, He had Adam do it. And when Adam named the animals, he did not call a dog an "Ugg", or a horse an "Ugg-Ugg". He didn't see a bird and call it an "Ugg 1" and when he saw a cow, he didn't name it "Ugg 2". No, Adam was made in God's image, and in that image, God gave Adam a brain, and not a baby's brain, but a fully developed and intelligent brain, which he used to name the animals.

Yet still satan tries to belittle God's creation by making us believe lies. Think of the angels that God created; in the bible it says that just one angel, ***"on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses--all dead."*** 2 Kings 19:35b

Did you just read what I did? In one night, just one angel killed 185,000 men. But what does satan do, he has people believe angels are cute little babies or child like or even a soft fragile woman. Some guys even call their girlfriend or wife an angel. If that's true, then your wife or girlfriend is bad to the bone, because if she is an angel, then she can kill 185,000 men in one night.

The devil will even have people believe that God is not all that powerful and has them believing when they die they will be able to question God. I mean, how many times have you heard someone say that when they get to heaven that they have a few questions for God, or that God has some answering to do. But what does the bible say, and what did John, who actually went to heaven and saw Jesus in all His glory, say about his experience in heaven?

† **Revelation 1:17** *And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last."*

John, the one whom Jesus loved, saw Jesus in all His glory in heaven, and to say that John had a heart attack would be putting it mild, because John fell down like he was dead, and Jesus had to heal him and pick John up. So if John, who had such a close relationship with Jesus, would respond like this in His presence, how does a sinner who spent their entire life rejecting Jesus, think that he or she could even stand in His presence, let alone question Him?

Job and his three friends never saw God, yet here on the earth they questioned Him, and what was God's response?

† **Job 38:2-3** *Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.*

Cartoons on TV make God look like a wimp, comedians trying to be funny and belittle God in their dialog, men and women have destroyed the family and confused kids and even themselves in not even knowing what sex they are and thinking they can do whatever they want and ***"Yet they say, 'The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand.'" Psalm 94:7***

All because they believe the lies of satan, and Jesus says to those who do that, ***"For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies."*** John 8:44 (NLT2)

But the truth is that we are all made in God's image, male and female. And its not to be changed because you don't like the sex you are. God has made us all with a brain and the knowledge to discern what is right and what is wrong. And only someone with no brain would believe a lie, and reject the truth, yet that is what the world has turned to, believing the lies of satan, and rejecting the truth of God.

† **Titus 1:2b** *which God, who cannot lie.*

God does not need to defend Himself, nor does God need to apologize for His creation of man and woman that He created in His image. And God will answer to no one nor explain Himself to anyone on earth or in Heaven.

For us, it's a matter of no longer believing the lies of satan, and how he has watered down the truth of who God is, and belittled God's creation with his lies; and stand strong in the truth of Who God is and not diminish God's awesomeness and proclaim our awesome God to the world!!!

- † ***Deuteronomy 10:17 & 21 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.***
- † ***Deuteronomy 28:58 If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD.***
- † ***Daniel 9:4-5 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.***