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¹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouth of babies and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

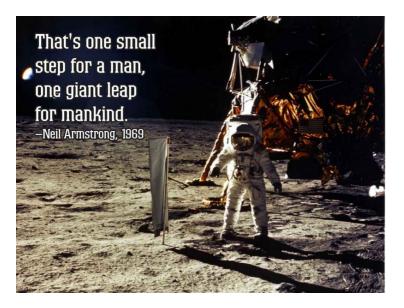
³When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, ⁴what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him? ⁵Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

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⁶You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! —Psalm 8 ESV

Contemplate the Majesty of God Psalm 8:1-3

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Consider the Meaning of Life Psalm 8:4-8

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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." —Genesis 1:26 ESV

"This question flowing from the lips of the Psalmist is one of the most important questions facing any generation. The whole political, social and economic structure of any society is largely determined by its answer to this pressing question.

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Indeed, the conflict we witness in the world today between totalitarianism and democracy is at the bottom a conflict over the question, What is man?—whether man is a cog in a wheel of state or whether he is a free creative being capable of facing responsibility..."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Who Am 1?
Think Design—Psalm 8:5a

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"Man is an animal with a material body...dependent upon environment for food, raiment and shelter... this means the body is significant... My friends, man is body as well as soul, and any religion that pretends to care for the souls of people but is not interested in the slums that damn them, the city government that corrupts them, and the economic order that cripples them;

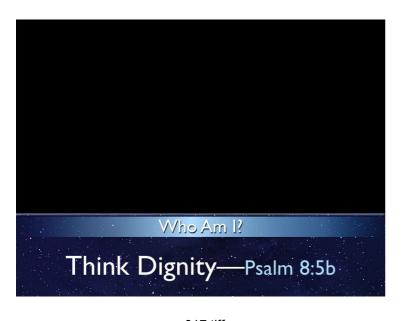
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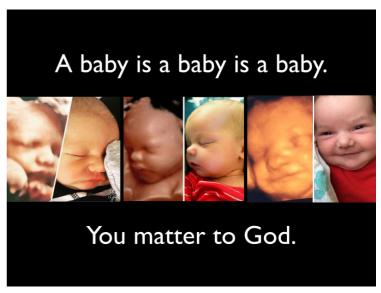
is dry, passive do nothing religion in need of new blood... Man is more than an animal... Man is more than flesh and blood. Man is a being of spirit. This is ultimately that which distinguishes man from his animal ancestry. He is in time, yet above time; he is in nature, yet above nature. He is made to have communion with that which is eternal and everlasting...

Man is a spiritual being born to have communion with the eternal God of the universe. God creates every individual for a purpose—to have fellowship with Him. This is the ultimate meaning of the image of God.

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"But, my friend, whether we want to accept it or not, man is a sinner in need of God's divine grace. Whenever a man looks deep down into the depths of his nature, he becomes painfully aware of the fact that the history of his life is the history of constant revolt against God.

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'All we like sheep have gone astray.'
Every nation, every class and every man is a part of the gone-wrongness of human nature. Of all the silly, sentimental teachings which have ever characterized any generation, the denial of human sin is one of the worst." —Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"...putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, He left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. —Hebrews 2:8 ESV

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For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.—Romans 5:17 ESV