

## Not Divine, Not Yet

### Commentary for January 1, 2021 — Yet Made in the Image and Likeness of God

This month's article is "When the Eons Began." (Read first the "[January 2021 Newsletter](#).") Besides showing in Scripture when the eons began, the purpose of the eons in God's plan for mankind is also discussed. God is not trying to pick up the pieces of a sinful creation trying to save some, He is following His original will and purpose He and Christ designed from the beginning. After all, the apostle Paul tells us,

**"That in the dispensation of the fulness of times [*chairos* not *eons*] he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:**

**In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will."**

• *Ephesians 1:10–11*

In other words, God does everything as He desires, wishes, has a whim to do — all things and everything God does is according to the "counsel of His own will."

### Adam, Image, Likeness

Adam was created in the image and likeness of God:

**"God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion ... over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."**

• *Genesis 1:26*

**"In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; Male and female created He them; ... And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth."**

• *Genesis 5:1–3*

### What Man Did

God told the Israelites through Moses never to make an image or likeness of YHWH.

**"You shall not make unto you any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: for I YHWH your God am a jealous God."**

• *Exodus 20:4* (repeated in Deuteronomy 4:16, 23, 25, 5:8)

Why should they ever want to do so? After all, they themselves were in YHWH's image and likeness. The apostle Paul tells us that mankind went even further and tried to change that image of YHWH into something different than themselves as "**the image of God**":

**"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to**

- [1] **corruptible man, and to**  
 [2] **birds, and**  
 [3] **four-footed beasts, and**  
 [4] **creeping things** [reptiles].”

• **Romans 1:22–23**

“**Creeping things**”? Really? Is that someone’s image of God?<sup>1</sup> People have worshipped snakes, lizards, amphibians, all are creepers. One can only ask, what were they thinking? Perhaps they took hallucinogenic mushrooms or drugs (*pharmikea*), translated in the King James Version as “**witchcraft**” in Galatians 5:20 and “**sorceries**” in Revelation 9:21, 18:23.

You and I will become fully the person God created us to be, the person He wants us to be, mature Children of the Living God like Christ is now (1 John 3:1–2).

**“But as many as received him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**

**Which were born,**

**not of blood,**

**nor of the will of the flesh,**

**nor of the will of man,**

**but [which were born] of God.**

**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory[!!], the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”**

• **John 1:12–14**

This was the glory the apostles John, Peter, and James saw at the transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–13 and Mark 9:2–8, and 2 Peter 1:16–18). We will also be transformed and transfigured.

**“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.”**

• **Philippians 3:20–21**

**“For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with him in glory.”**

• **Colossians 3:3–4**

The article “When the Eons Began” will help you understand a new feature of God’s plan for mankind. They planned the smallest details (even in the physical creation) before the eons began. The eons were made through the word of God as units of measure through history to show the progression of God’s grace to the children of Adam, to the end that all will become mature children of God.

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<sup>1</sup> These last three were included in the unclean things Peter saw in a trance during prayer in Acts 10:8–48. Peter told his experience to the Jerusalem leaders in Acts 11:5–18.