

Selem of God

Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV)

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.

Fun Question: If you were in charge of writing the fortune messages in fortune cookies, what would you write and why?

- 1) Now going with the traditional view of the authorship of Genesis: When 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.” What do you think this meant to the original readers who were newly freed slaves nomads coming out from Egypt?
- 2) In light of Jesus' ultimate “dominion” over sin and death through his act of sacrificial love for humanity, how can you apply this truth to your own life and what tangible changes would this translate into in your daily living?
- 3) As Images of Christ who embody truth, what are the challenges in using your influence/ spiritual authority to shape the culture and values of those around you to better image Christ?