



The Way Things Should Be

Human Endeavour

NOTE: I'm deliberately ignoring the Jewish period of the OT and the Old Covenant (OC) in this topic.

Considering the other “image and likeness” characteristics of Adam, there is also the functional side, in contrast to the points covered previously – the physical and soul side. “Image and likeness” do not seem to convey to us any idea of function, but that's because our Western mode of thinking is based in the Greek style¹. Greeks focus on form, structure and knowledge, while on the other hand Hebrews, for whom the OT was written, focus on function and practice. In simple terms, Greeks think and Hebrews do.

What was this initial blueprint of human endeavour?

According to Genesis, Adam and Ezer were both given the following classification when they were created:²

- Rulers of the Earth

This was specified in the following job description for both of them:³

- Dominate all the Earth (i.e. Rule the Earth)
- Subdue the Earth (i.e. Bring it under rulership)
- Dominate all living creatures on the Earth.
- Form individual units consisting of a husband and a wife
- Be fruitful and multiply (i.e. Reproduce humanity)
- Fill the Earth with people
- Eat fruit and seeds (i.e. Vegetarian diet)
- Tend and keep the garden in Eden (i.e. Agriculture)

(NOTE: Eden was on the Mountain of God, not on Earth.⁴ Genesis 2 describes where the waters from the throne of God on the Mountain of God ended up when it touched Earth.)

It's important to understand that the task of domination did not include dominating each other. This propensity is a corruption of the original mandate.

Notice also that there was no directive to build cities. Homes and walls were not required in an ideal climate and a location devoid of evil.

All these above tasks were done in relationship with The Son⁵ (Father's vice-regent and earthly representative⁶), under his oversight, and out of personal communication with him from being in his presence⁷.

1 – Brian Knowles “The Hebrew Mind vs The Western Mind” (www.godward.org/hebrew%20roots/hebrew_mind_vs_the_western_mind.htm)

2 – Genesis 1:26, 28

3 – Genesis 1:26, 28, 29; 2:15, 24

4 – See Michael Heiser (2015) “The Unseen Realm” chapter 7

5 – John 1:3

6 – He's the Angel of the Yahweh (See Michael Heiser (2015) “The Unseen Realm” chapter 18

7 – Genesis 3:8-9



As divine beings with a physical body, and as sons of God, we were also members of the Divine Council.⁸

The command to breed was only given after Ezer was created. There was no breeding when there was only solitary Adam, obviously.

Regrettably, our Job classification was forfeited for all humans when Adam gave it unwittingly to the *Nachash*⁹. This occurred when Adam sinned¹⁰ by eating the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil which Ezer had given to him after she had already eaten of it¹¹. Since that time Satan (AKA: Lucifer, The Devil, Beelzebub) had rulership of the planet¹² and humans became his pawns in his quest to build a kingdom to replace the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, with himself as god.¹³ We also forfeited our place on the Divine Council as we were no longer eternal, holy beings fit for such duties – our fallen nature and sin would have made us a liability in that congress.¹⁴

TODAY

There is no indication that every item in our original job description was rescinded by God.

1. We aren't able to tend the garden in Eden any more, but we have been advised that humans now have to grow their own food by working it at¹⁵ – it was no longer supplied by God effort-free¹⁶. That means we still have to work to grow or buy food. **The work of our hands is a divine pass-time.**¹⁷
2. We can still take a spouse and reproduce. The injunction to multiply and fill the Earth is still valid as it was reiterated with Noah after the flood.¹⁸(NOTE: Procreation in the OT uses the term 'know'¹⁹ which refers to sexual intimacy. The NT Greek has the same inference.²⁰)
3. We are still to eat fruit and seeds, but this has expanded to vegetables²¹ and meat²² following the flood.
4. Our dominion has been redeemed (bought back) by the price Jesus paid in dying as a perfectly sinless man which cancelled the sin debt against all humanity.²³ Of course, that redemption is only for those who choose to apply it for themselves.²⁴
5. Interestingly, although we still aren't members of the Divine Council, we are able to access it as redeemed, purified beings which numerous prophets²⁵ have experienced.²⁶

8 – See Michael Heiser (2015) “The Unseen Realm” chapter 4-6

9 – A radiant, divine entity (Genesis 3); A guardian cherub (Ezekiel 28)

[See Derek Gilbert (2017) “The Great Inception” p:11-19; Michael Heiser (2015) “The Unseen Realm” kindle p:58-59]

10 – Genesis 3:17

11 – Genesis 3:6

12 – This is why he was able to tempt Jesus with the kingdoms of the world (Matthew 4:8-9)

13 – Isaiah 14:13 (See “The Great Inception” p:112-113)

14 – See Job 2: It shows our absence from the sessions of Divine Council. Note that Satan has a place there as the Accuser of the righteous.

15 – Genesis 3:17-19

16 – Genesis 2:9

17 – Ephesians 4:28; 1 Thessalonians 4:11

18 – Genesis 9:1

19 – Genesis 4:1, 25

20 – Luke 1:34

21 – Genesis 9:3

22 – Genesis 9:2-5

23 – Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 9:22

24 – Acts 26:18

25 – e.g. Robert Misst: “An Instruction given to Bro Bob Misst by the Divine Council for the Philippines on Feb 13, 2012 Midnight Prayer Watch”

(xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/31098559/448560663/name/Nehemiah+prophesy.doc)

26 – blogs.ancientfaith.com/onbehalfforall/intercession-saints-gods-divine-council



LINGERING GREATNESS

Within every person is a desire for greatness which expresses itself in a wide variety of ways. Of course, this doesn't always manifest because of people's upbringing, religious teaching, emotional damage and the culture in which they live. When it does manifest, this drive becomes evident when people want to:

1. Leave a legacy behind after they die – e.g. by siring a child, planting a tree, writing a book, building something substantial
2. Take over the world
3. Be the world's best something or other
4. Work in excellence or perfection so that their name will be mentioned in the community or nation
5. Work at producing something highly useful and unique for society
6. Marry a highly influential person
7. Move to the top of the business ladder
8. Become Prime Minister or President
9. etc, etc

This desire to impact the world is built into us. It is the remains of the greatness that the first humans were created to have as they were the sons of the Most High God and rulers of Earth. **We haven't lost our knowledge of divinely appointed greatness, we've just misplaced its application.**

NOTE: God-honouring human endeavour does NOT include any of these. They are religious, and have no place in the Kingdom:

* Crafting wooden crosses – The cross provided our entry into the Kingdom, it's not to be worshipped, adored or revered. The King and our Kingdom life are our focus, not an ornament reminding us of a past event.

* Erecting church buildings – The house of God (the temple of God) is the body of every believer²⁷, not a building.

* Studying for the priesthood – All sons are priests of the order of Melchizedek.²⁸ We need the Spirit of God to train us in this role, not the education of religious men

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27 – 1 Corinthians 6:19

28 – Hebrews 6:20; 1 Peter 2:9