

# WHY DID GOD CREATE ME?



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## I. HE CREATED ME TO REFLECT HIM

A. I reflect God's glory like the moon reflects the sun's light.

1. By analogy God is to Christians as the sun is to the moon
2. I reflect God by being like him (Gen. 1:26A)

B. I reflect God's glory when I create.

1. God's first attribute described in the Bible is his *creativity*.
  - a) In the beginning God created (out of nothing; Lat: *ex nihilo*)
  - b) God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind." (Gen. 1:21)
  - c) "God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Gen. 1:27)
2. God saw that his creation was *good* (Gen. 1:4, 10, 18, 21, 25, 31), beautiful, being without blemish, chaos, or sin, it was and very pleasing.
3. Creativity is God's gift to us. Using our creativity is our gift back to God (Julia Cameron<sup>1</sup>)
4. When you create (Lat. *ex materiā*, from existing material) you do something that:
  - a) Comes from your own imagination.
  - b) Is unique to you.
  - c) Is "good" (theocentric, morally upright).
  - d) Makes you happy; pleasing.
  - e) Glorifies God (Eccles. 9:10a; 1 Cor. 10:31)- he sees himself in you.
5. Creating is not necessarily:
  - a) Duplicating something already made.
  - b) Solving problems.
  - c) For other people.
6. Examples:
  - a) Painting, sketching.
  - b) Developing a new song, or piece of music.
  - c) Arranging a garden, the way you like.
  - d) Writing a novel or poem.
  - e) Photographing a unique image or in a unique way.
  - f) Carving a unique object.
7. Question: What do you like to do that is creative?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://stacyloves.wordpress.com/tag/creativity-is-gods-gift-to-us-using-our-creativity-is-our-gift-back-to-god/>

## II. HE CREATED ME TO REPRESENT HIM

- A. I represent him when I to rule over the earth and subdue it (Gen. 1:26b, 28).
1. To rule over the earth as his viceroy (a ruler exercising authority in a colony on behalf of a sovereign).
  2. Subduing the earth simply means that as God's representatives:
    - a) We are to take care of the earth.
    - b) We are to make it productive. To make the earth's resources beneficial for everyone; but not for human greed.
  3. Subduing means to provide the foundation for wise scientific and technological development.<sup>2</sup>
- B. I represent him when I increase in number and fill the earth—
1. We do this when we multiply and have children.
  2. We do this when we raising children to know God (Gen. 1:28; Deut. 6:4-6).
- C. I represent him when I exercise his qualities (Jer. 9:24) such as:
1. His kindness
  2. His justice
  3. His righteousness
- D. I represent him by taking the gospel to everyone on the earth (Mark 16:15).
1. Making disciples (Matt. 28:19).
  2. Teaching them to obey God (Matt. 28:20).

## III. HE CREATED ME TO RELATE TO HIM

- A. By loving God with all my heart, soul, might, mind (Deut. 6:5-6; Mark 12:30-31)
1. Expressed through worship (Psalm 100:2; Rom. 12:1)
  2. Expressed by studying God's Word with my intellect (Rom. 12:2)
  3. Expressed through singing praises to him (Eph. 5:19)
- B. By loving my neighbor as much as I love myself (Lev. 19:18; Mark 12:31,33)
1. By not doing anything harmful to your neighbor (Rom. 13:10)
  2. By caring for their needs when they unable to (Luke 10:27-37)

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<sup>2</sup> (ESV Crossway Bibles 52, note for Gen. 1:28)

**IV. HE CREATED ME TO REJOICE IN HIM**

- Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)
- Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones; And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart. (Psalm 32:11)
- Sing for joy in the Lord, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright. (Psalm 33:1)
- Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. (Psalm 100:1–2)