The Greatness of God

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Examining God's CV

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From an early age we tend to like people who are like we are





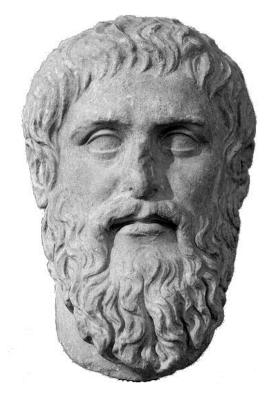


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William Turner 1545

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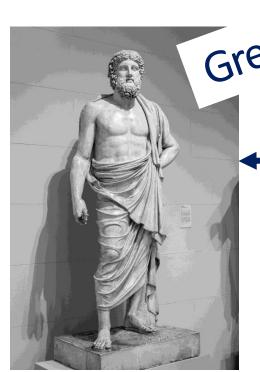
"Men of my age flock together; we are birds of a feather, as the old proverb says"

Plato 4th c. BC

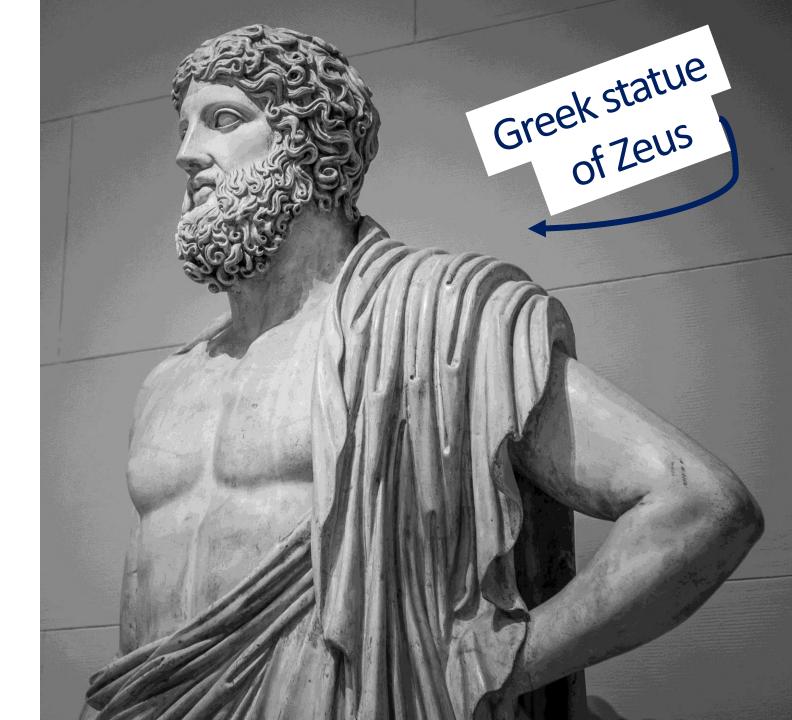
This directly affects how we see



Most ancient societies had gods that were supersized humans



Greek statue of a man





Revelation (the Bible) becomes our key to overcoming our natural tendency to shape God





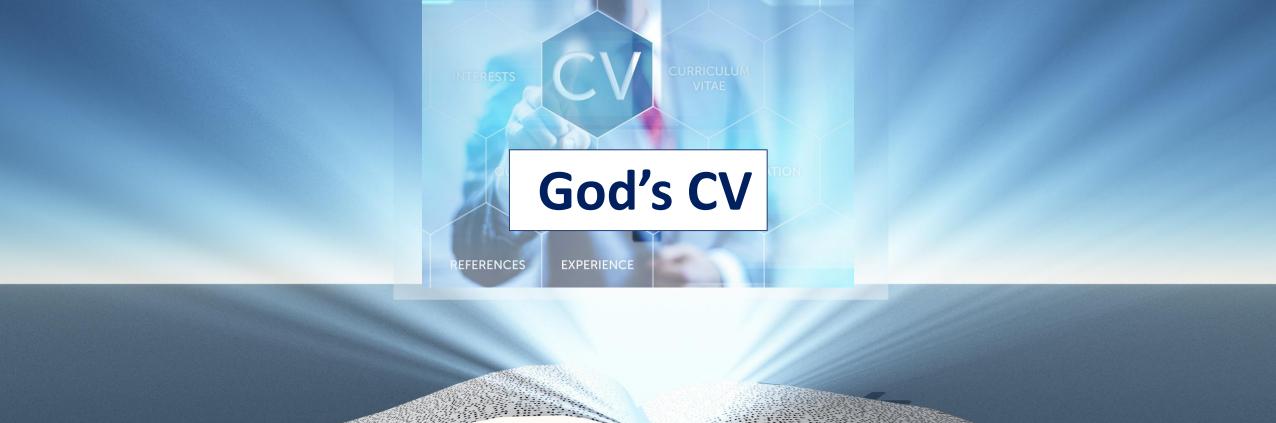
God continued to reveal himself in great detail and clarity through Scripture

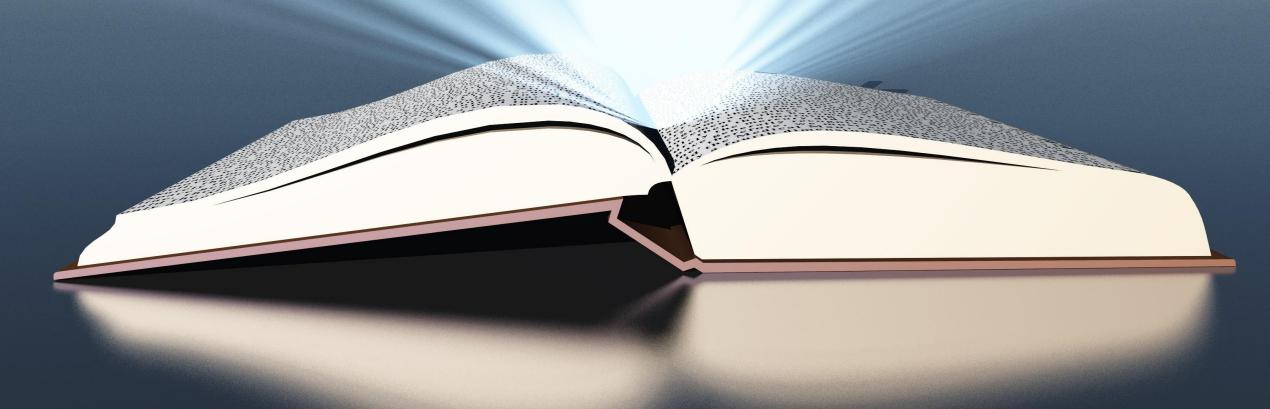




Who is God?







God's Curriculum Vitae

Personal:

- Traits: All-loving, holy, true, moral and righteous, omnipotent, omniscient and wise, social, and communicative.
- One God in three persons. A "trinity" or "triune" God in the persons often called "Father," "Son," "Holy Spirit."
- Address: Outside the material universe (transcendent), inside the material universe at all places at all times (immanent), inside of this children (indwelling).
- **Progeny:** One unique Son who always existed plus countless adopted children who have entered the family through an established righteousness provided by God.

Professional:

- Creator: As creator, God
 - o Created the heavens and earth, forming and filling them with all that is good. (Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Isa. 45:18 "For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!)")
 - Created light and dark, well-being and calamity. (Isa. 45:7 "I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.")
 - Creates a new heaven and earth. (Isa. 65:17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.")
 - o Creates newness in the human heart. (Ps. 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.")
- **Destroyer:** As destroyer, God
 - o Destroyed the world in a flood. (Gen. 6:17 "For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die.")
 - Destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 19:13 "For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.")

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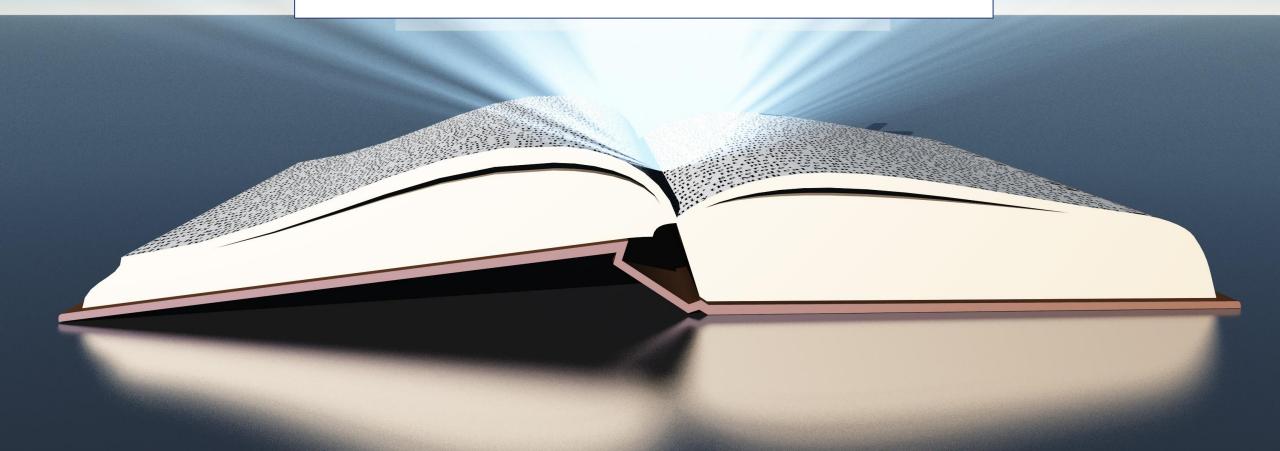
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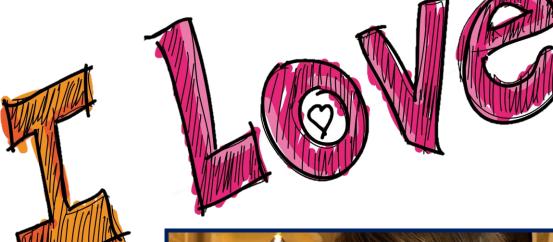


"God is love" - 1 Jn. 4:8



"Love" is a tough word in the English language















There must be different words for "love"

Uh... got a bunch!



phileō (φιλέω)







"Phila-delphia" is the city of "brotherly love"

phileō (φιλέω)

Someone or something for which we have affection

Matt. 23:26 Jn. 12:25

Lk. 20:46 Jn. 16:27

Matt. 10:37 Jn. 5:20





God has affection toward us

erōs (ἔρως)



"No pictures for the deep passion and lust!"

Prov. 7:18

Prov. 30:15-16





agapē (ἀγάπη)



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"This is when I am interested in your welfare"

Jn. 13:35

Jn. 15:13

Rom. 5:8

Rom. 8:38-39

1 Cor. 13





God is concerned for our good

storgē (στοργη)

"This is a parental love for children"





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Isa. 49:15-16

Rom 8:15

Gal. 4:6

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God loves us parentally

There are two sides to every coin



Love

Hate

There are two sides to every coin





Eccl. 3:8

Isa. 61:8

Amos 5:15

Rom. 12:9

Lk 6:27-36

Love

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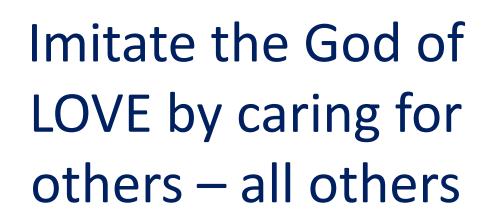


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