

IMAGE AND LIKENESS

THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR SELF-IMAGE

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YOUR CREATOR, & YOUR SELF IMAGE:

How Solid Is Your **Self Image** And **Self Esteem**?

This is so very important in the Human Experience of Dating, and how we Respond to Others around us.

Every one who has ever 'dated' has known Some Struggle with their Self Esteem. Especially if they've experienced any manner of rejection; especially from **One They Loved Truly, Deeply and Dearly**, in their Life.

If A Man or Woman is not Walking In High Self Esteem, then Dating can be more difficult than it should be. Low Self-Esteem Can Quickly Destroy Your Chances Of **Relating**.

GOD, All Wise, Knew From The Beginning, that **Mankind's Identity** Had to be **Grounded** in his **CREATOR** -if he should Become all that **GOD** Intended him/her to Be, and **Become**, And Maintain Self Esteem.

There would eventually come many Voices **Asking Man**, "Who are You, and where did you come from?"

So **CREATOR** Wanted It "**Written**" so that All Humankind could go to **The WORD**, To Re-Affirm himself/herself; before the days of Cruel Questioning of their self-Worth. **The WORD** Is The Mirror To The Soul. A Looking Glass, To Remind Us Of Our '**Genesis and Our Loving CREATOR!**'

And so we go to **The Genesis** of Mankind's **Creation In The Image** and **Likeness** of his **CREATOR**.

We were **Created on the 6th Day**,

The Crowning of all Life on this Planet that **GOD Himself** called "**Earth**."(Gen 1:1-31).

Creator had already **Created** the perfect Environment for His **Mankind** before HE Said, "**Let US Make Man In Our Image, And After Our Likeness: And let them have Dominion... over all the Earth**"

"**So God Created man in HIS OWN Image, In The IMAGE Of God Created HE him; male and female Created HE them. And God Blessed them...And God saw everything That HE had Made, And Behold, It Was Very Good. And the evening and the morning were the 6th day.**" (Read Genesis 1:26-31).

Today, many will say, "but that was "**In The Beginning**" and what about the 7 Billion People alive on Planet Earth Today?"

God Our CREATOR has the Capacity to See 7 Billion **Individual Human Beings**. **No One** is just another face in these many multitudes. **God** Sees 7 Billion **Unique Souls**. Each and every One **Precious**. (You can Read Psalm 139 To See **CREATOR'S LOVING CARE**)

So, in time we learn, that The Only Sure Foundation for basing our Self Esteem Upon is God Our Creator, **WHO Made Us In His Image and Likeness**,

Also Loves us and Saves us!

Even when our **Soul** is damaged in this world, and We feel like damaged goods, **HE Is Our Soul Restorer**. (Psalm 23:3).

Allowing Your Self Esteem to be Founded On CREATOR, and His Creation Of You As A Unique Individual, will Enable **YOU** to stop hating Yourself, and allow **Someone's Love from God to Reach You**.

None of us are Perfect, But all of us are Unique and Worthy of **God's Love**, And **The Love Of Someone's Heart**.

If we Solidly Base Our Self-Esteem Upon **The WORD Of God** Then we will not base our Worth on what Others Say About Us. Their Opinion will be Secondary, at best. We Should Not Deny Our Uniqueness, nor Should We ever be Compared to Another Soul & Their Personality. There are no Comparisons!

God Created You So Completely Unique and has brought You Through So Many Experiences, both good and not so good.

The WORD Says "There Is No Fear In Love because **Perfect Love (Of GOD) Casts Out Fear**." 1 John 4:18

Love does not Inhabit Fear! Never let Fear destroy Your Love for Someone, Or Prevent Their Love From Reaching Your Heart in Return!

"**Fear Has Torment**" If You Let Love Die Because Of Your Fear, You May Regret It, As One In Emotional Torment.

"The One Who Feels Is Not MADE **PERFECT IN LOVE**." **You Are Perfected In LOVE. GOD IS LOVE, And You Were Made Out Of HIS LOVE! And Your SOUL IS BEING SAVED BY JESUS LOVE!**

Rest Your Self Esteem On Both Your CREATOR And Your SAVIOR'S LOVE!

May You Be Complete IN LOVE
— WJP.