

DEFINING THE RELATIONSHIP: CREATOR & CREATION

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We need to “define the relationship” in order to understand how we should relate to God in a Biblical way and go to the depth of relationship He invites us to.

Genesis 1:1–2 (NLT)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Genesis 1:26–28 (NLT)

Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” ²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:7 (NLT)

Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

Atoms in an adult body:

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Colossians 1:15–17 (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

THE CREATOR IS NOT LIKE THE CREATION

GOD IS TRANSCENDENT - He exists above, beyond, and independent of His creation.

Attributes of our Transcendent God

- **Omnipotent**

Jeremiah 32:17 (NLT)

“O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!

- **Omniscient**

Psalms 147:5 (NLT)

How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!

- **Omnipresent**

Psalms 139:7–10 (NLT)

I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! ⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. ⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.

- **Immutable**

Hebrews 13:8 (NLT)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

- **Eternal**

Revelation 1:8 (NLT)

“I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”

He is the Creator of it all, and he stands above it all!

THE TRANSCENDENCE OF GOD AS OUR CREATOR IS HUMBLING

Revelation 1:17–18 (NLT)

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, “Don’t be afraid! I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.

Romans 11:33–36 (NLT)

Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! ³⁴ For who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? ³⁵ And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back? ³⁶ For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

YOU EXIST BY HIS POWER, AND YOUR LIFE IS INTENDED FOR HIS GLORY! WE SHOULD LET THAT UNDERSTANDING CHANGE US AND CHANGE THE WAY WE RELATE TO GOD!

OUR TRANSCENDENT GOD IS ALSO AN IMMANENT GOD

Exodus 25:8 (NLT)

“Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them.

1 Kings 8:10–11 (NLT)

When the priests came out of the Holy Place, a thick cloud filled the Temple of the LORD. ¹¹ The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the LORD filled the Temple of the LORD.

Matthew 1:23 (NLT)

“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’ ”

THE HEART OF OUR CREATOR GOD IS TO DWELL IN US

A TRANSCENDENT GOD - LIVING INSIDE OF US!!

HIS OVERWHELMING TRANSCENDENCE AS OUR CREATOR, MAKES HIS NEARNESS EVEN MORE ASTONISHING!

THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE HAS CHOSEN TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS CREATION

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO GOD AS OUR CREATOR?

1. HUMBLY SURRENDER OUR LIVES
2. SAY YES TO HIS TRANSFORMING PRESENCE
3. GRATITUDE AND WORSHIP!

Psalms 57:5 (NLT)

Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens! May your glory shine over all the earth.