

Yea God; You're a Creative Genius With Mud

(How to practice the art of courageous dissent)

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"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because **I am fearfully and wonderfully made**; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." (Psa 139:13)

There is something **rather than nothing**.

"In the beginning" (Gen 1:1)

Everything that is **was created**.

"God created the heaven and the earth. and the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." (Gen 1:1-2)

God created **everything good**.

"And God saw the light, that ***it was good***: . . ." (Gen 1:4)

God created **you**.

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along

the ground.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, '**Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.** Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'" (Gen 1:26-28)

Therefore **you are good**.

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Gen 2:7)

Who do you **think you are**?

"For though you made him lower than the angels for a little while, now you have crowned him with glory and honor. And you have put him in complete charge of everything there is. Nothing is left out.' We have not yet seen all of this take place." (Heb 2:7-8)

The art of **courageous dissent**.

"So stop evaluating Christians by what the world thinks about them or by what they seem to be like on the outside. Once I mistakenly thought of Christ that way, merely as a human being like myself. How differently I feel now! **When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore.** A new life has begun! All these new things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did. And God has given us the privilege of urging everyone to come into his favor and be reconciled to him. For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you--be reconciled to God. For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!" (2 Cor 5)