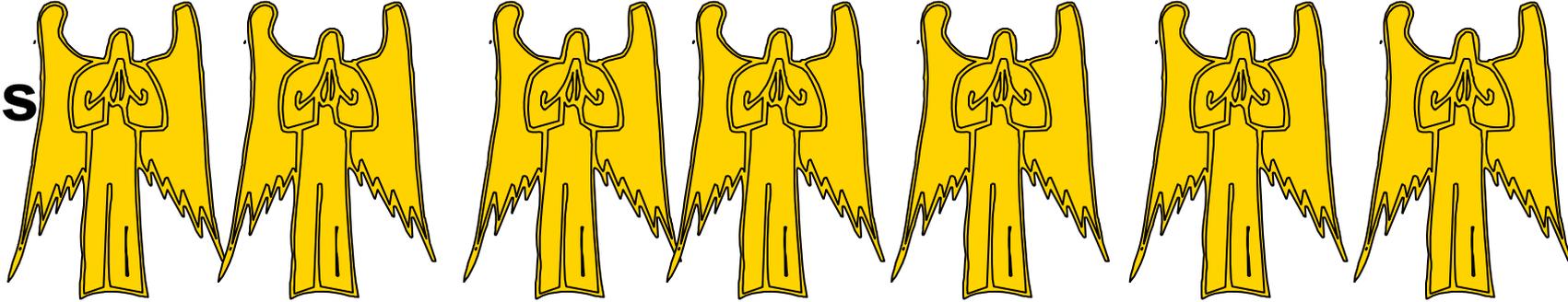




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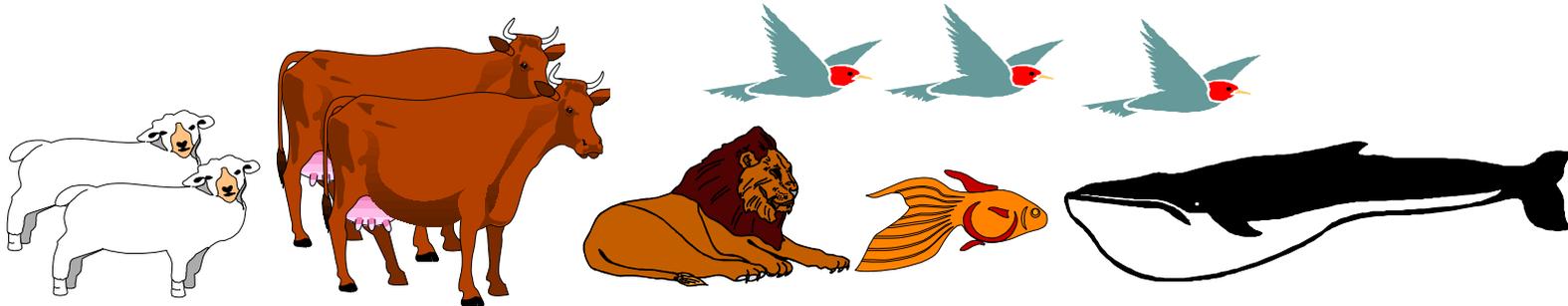
Angels



People



Animals



God's Order of Honour in Creation – Psalm 8

We are Made in God's Image

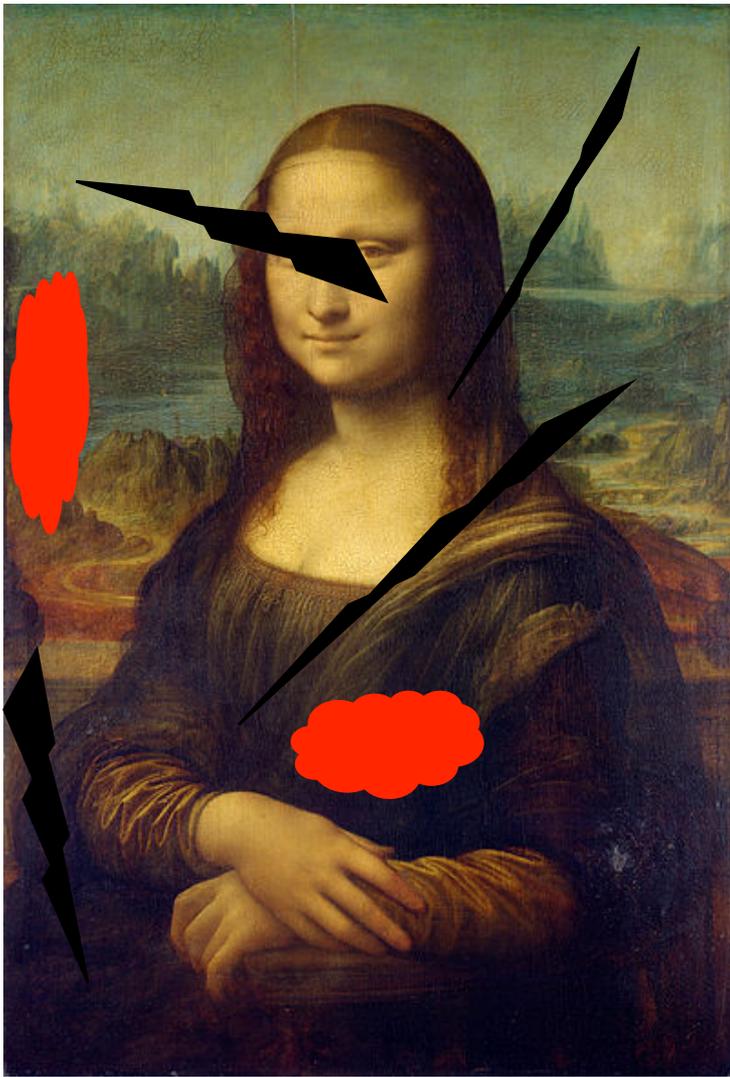
- **Conscious of ourselves and the world around us**
- **Able to feel, desire, love or hate**
- **Able to think, explore, plan, and create**
- **Able to rule over God's creation**
- **Able to procreate new life**
- **Able to relate to God and to other people**
- **Able to choose, including good or evil**

Sin has seriously damaged but not destroyed God's image. In Christ, it can be restored.

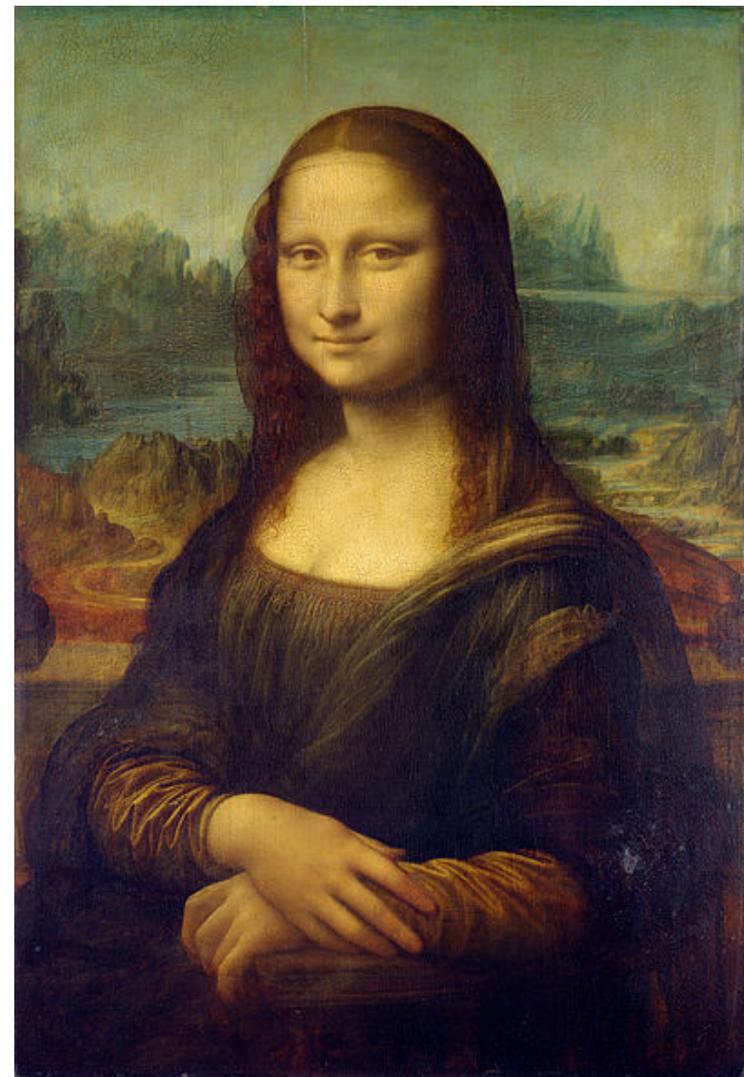
Everyone is very valuable to God, even sinners:

You are worth more than many sparrows (Matt 10:31)

Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked?...Am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live? (Ez 18:23)



Restoration

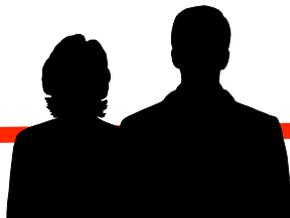


Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness (Eph 4: 24)

Valuable to God



**Adolf
Hitler**



**Mother
Teresa**



**Adolf
Hitler**

Pleasing to God



Types of honour

1) To those in authority

- Honour your father and your mother (Ex 20:12)
- Give everyone what you owe him ... if honour, then honour. (Rom 13:7)
- Honour the king. (1 Pet 2:17)

2) To those who are doing good

- Those who honour me I will honour (1 Sam 2:30)
- My Father will honour the one who serves me. (John 12:26)
- Honour men like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ (Phil 2: 29-30)
- The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour ... (1 Tim: 5: 17)

3) To everyone because they are made in God's image

- Show proper respect to everyone ... (1 Pet 2:17)
- Do not show favouritism [to rich or poor] (James 2: 1-4)

God-given authority



*Honour:
1) Authority
3) In God's image*

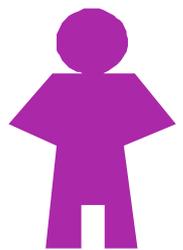


*Honour:
1) Authority
2) Doing good
3) In God's image*



*Honour:
3) In God's image*

*Honour:
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3) In God's image*



Pleasing to God

Type of Honour We Should Give

Honouring someone may include:

- a) Providing for them e.g. *elderly parents (Matt 15: 5-6)***
- b) Giving them freedom to make their own choices, e.g. *choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve (Josh 24: 15)***
- c) Being responsible and caring, e.g. *Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged (Col 3:21)***
- d) Obeying instructions: e.g. *Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything ... with sincerity of heart (Col 3:21)***
- e) Restoring them: e.g. *If someone is caught in a sin ... restore him gently (Gal 6:1).***
- f) Correcting them: *Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance (2 Tim 2:25)***
- g) Being fair: *Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair (Col 4:1)***

For Personal Reflection and Prayer

You are worth more than many sparrows

Can I honour myself? How valuable do I really believe I am?

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve

How can I honour the people I care about who are making poor choices?

Honour all men

How can I appropriately honour the people I do not like?