

God creates Man & giues him a liuing soul.



God creates Mankind and Crownes him with Dominion ouer all liuing things.

TO ponder the meaning of being created in the image of God is to consider ones own place in the vniuerse. And to recognize ourselues as the sons and daughters of the Most High, is to percieve of the royal nature that lies at the heart of our very being. We are, all of vs, royaltie, and heirs to the promise of maiestie, (*for ours is the Kingdom of God.*) Yet liberty demands of vs a decision as to the kinde of Monarchs we should like to be. Will we reign with loue, grace & tender mercies; or is ours the rule of the vniust iudge, the petty tryant whose feet rush too quickly to condemnation and violence? Or, perhaps we care not what our actions and iudgements may bring, whether for goode or ill? This is the King who sleeps in the midft of battle, or the Queen that liues in squalor, knowing not that she is Queen.

Beside this kinsmanship with our fellowes, is the matter of our souereigntie ouer all the earth and all her creatures, great and small. The fact of this dominion, as the stewards of creation, should not in any case be abused. For it is written of the final iudgment, that God shall, "*destroy them which destroy the Earth.*" - Reu. 11. 18.

Now, as a matter of the most vrgent of queries, haue we fully comprehended the awefome reponsibilitie that is ours as the caretakers and preseruers of this wonderous creation? Or has the loue and purfuit of mammon led vs to be in seruice to its destruction?

Remember, it is written that, "*Hee hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doeth the Lord require of thee, but to do iustly, and to loue mercy, and to walke humbly with thy God?*" - Micah. 6. 8.

Genesis Chapters 1 & 2.