

Connected Leadership – On being human

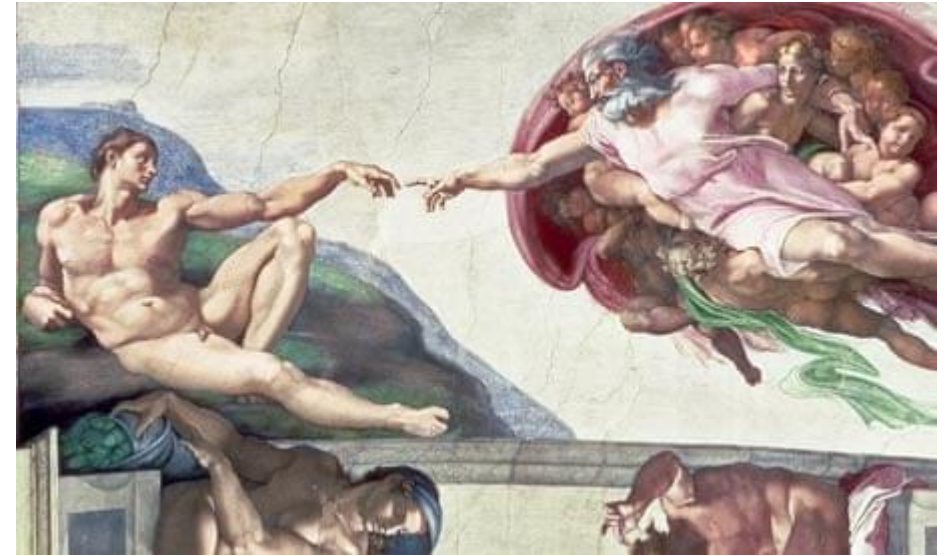
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1. Bearing the image of Christ

Unique in Creation (Genesis 1:26,27, 9:6;
Galatians 3:26-29)

- Embodied, Gendered, Rational, Relational, Moral, Commissioned, Accountable, Eternal
- Precious – worthy of wonder, respect, empathy, protection
- Endowment vs Functional – The grace works/dichotomy
- The foundation of human rights



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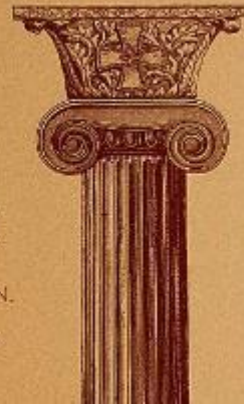
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Peter Singer (1983)

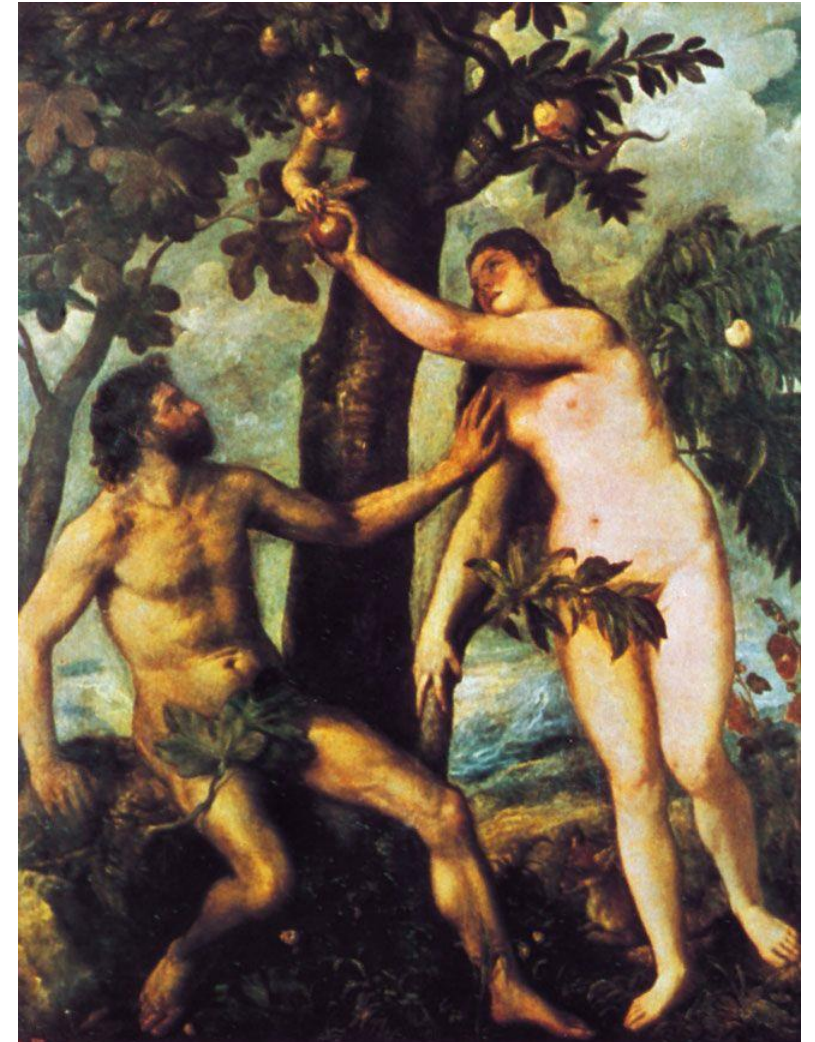
'We can no longer base our ethics on the idea that human beings are a special form of creation, made in the image of God...Once the religious mumbo-jumbo surrounding the term 'human' has been stripped away, we may continue to see normal members of our species as possessing greater qualities of rationality, self-consciousness, communication and so on than members of any other species, but we will not regard as sacrosanct the life of every member of our species, no matter how limited its capacity for intelligent or even conscious life may be... If we can put aside the obsolete and erroneous notion of the sanctity of all human life, we may start to look at human life as it really is, at the quality of human life that each human being has or can achieve.'

Singer, P. Sanctity of Life or Quality of Life? *Paediatrics* 1983; 72(1): 128-9.

2. Having the Mind of Christ

The biblical metanarrative (Genesis 12:2,3;
Colossians 1:19-22; Revelation 7:9,10, 21:1-4)

- Creation - *created 'image bearers'*
- Humanity - *fallen from grace (flawed masterpieces)*
- Redemption - *science, technology, God's wisdom and rebirth*
- New creation - *resurrection into the new creation*



The image features a diamond-shaped iceberg floating in a blue ocean under a blue sky with light clouds. The iceberg is divided into four horizontal sections. The top section is above the water line, while the other three are below. Each section contains a title and a question. The word 'Values' is highlighted in yellow, while the others are in white. The background is a gradient of blue, from light at the top to dark at the bottom.

Behavior

How do I live?

Values

What is good and right?

Beliefs

What is true?

Worldview

What is REAL?

Six questions that determine a worldview

1. What is God? (theology)
2. What are human beings? (anthropology)
3. What is the best way to discover truth? (epistemology)
4. Why do human beings have significance? (value)
5. How do we decide what is right and wrong? (ethics)
6. What happens to a person at death? (afterlife)

The four major worldviews

	Theism	Polytheism	Pantheism	Atheism
God	Personal Supreme Being	Multiple Gods - ?High God	Impersonal Life Force	Doesn't exist
Man	Made in God's image	Lower rational beings	Part of the totality of being	Clever Monkeys
Truth	Absolute, revealed by God	Grounded in tradition	Subjective, felt intuitively	Discovered
Value	Created by God	Place in hierarchy	Part of the totality of being	Arbitrary
Morality	In line with God's nature	Determined by the strongest	What feels natural	Arbitrary
Death	Judgment and heaven/hell	Enter spirit world	Reincarnation	Nothing

3. Holding the commands of Christ

Loving God and neighbour (Matthew 22:37-40; John 13:34,35; 14:15; Galatians 5:6)

- Respect for authority (Exodus 20:12)
- Sanctity of Life (Exodus 20:13)
- Marital faithfulness (Exodus 20:14)
- Respect for property (Exodus 20:15)
- Truthfulness (Exodus 20:16)
- Contentment (Exodus 20:17; Colossian 3:5)



Europe is an end-stage culture

- The three 'exchanges' of Romans 1:18-32 ('God gave them up' – 24, 26, 28)
 - God for idols (23)
 - Truth for lies (25)
 - Natural for unnatural (26)
- The three key markers of 'Amorite' (pagan) culture
 - Idolatry
 - Sexual immorality
 - The shedding of innocent blood (esp child sacrifice)

Camille Paglia Video on transgender and cultural collapse (2016)

Symptoms of a lost morality

1. Abortion and embryo research
2. Euthanasia and assisted suicide
3. Same sex marriage
4. The hook-up culture
5. Drug and alcohol abuse
6. Materialism

Foreword by Rod Dreher

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4. Showing the character of Christ

**Imitators of God (Matthew 5:48;
1 Corinthians 11:1; Ephesians
5:1,2; 1 John 2:6)**

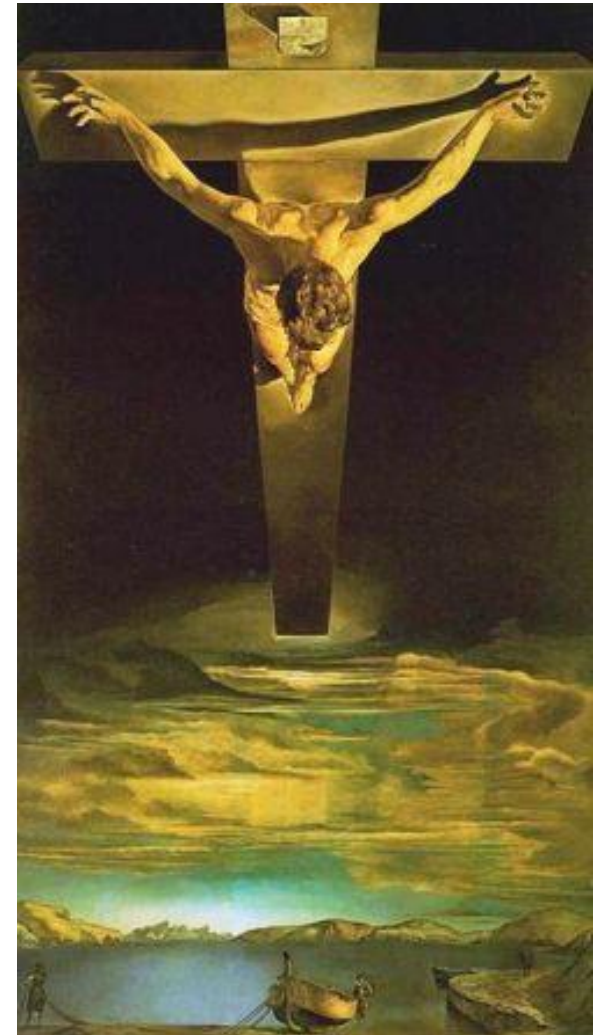
- Character of God (Exodus 34:6,7)
- Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- The impossibility of obedience without virtue



5. Carrying the cross of Christ

Walking in Christ's footsteps (Philippians 2:5ff; 2 Timothy 3:10)

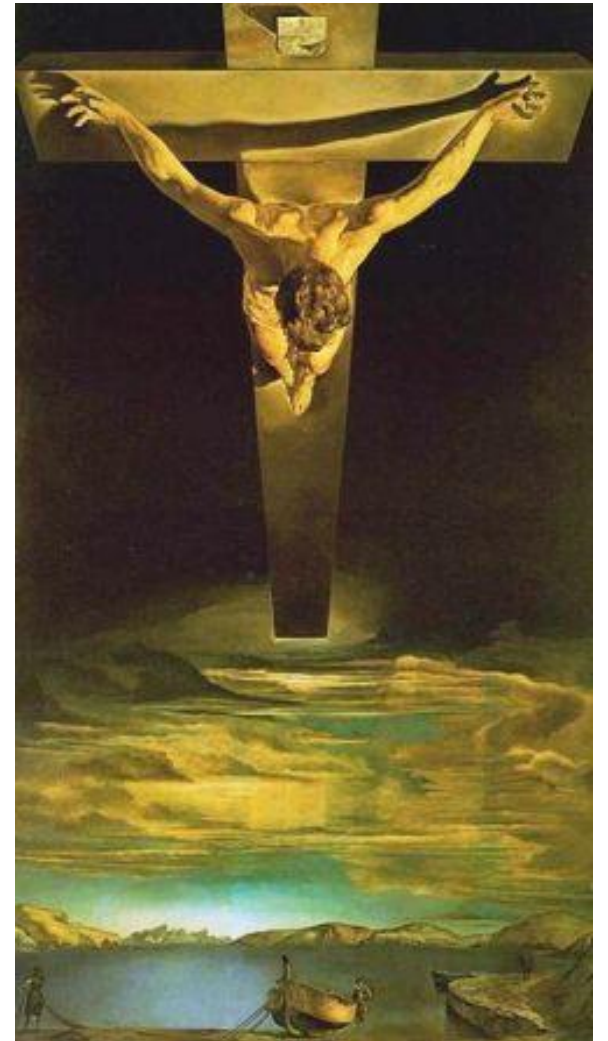
- John 8:1-11 and the third way
- Suffering in service (2 Corinthians 11:16-29)
- Suffering for testimony (2 Timothy 3:12, 4:16, 17)



6. Serving the body of Christ

A purified people doing good works glorifying God (Titus 2:11-14)

- Plurality of leadership (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37; 1 Timothy 3:1-10; Titus 1:5-9))
- Diversity of gifting (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-41; Ephesians 4:7-16; 1 Peter 4:10, 11)
- Unity and Truth (John 17:17, 23)



Questions and Discussion



