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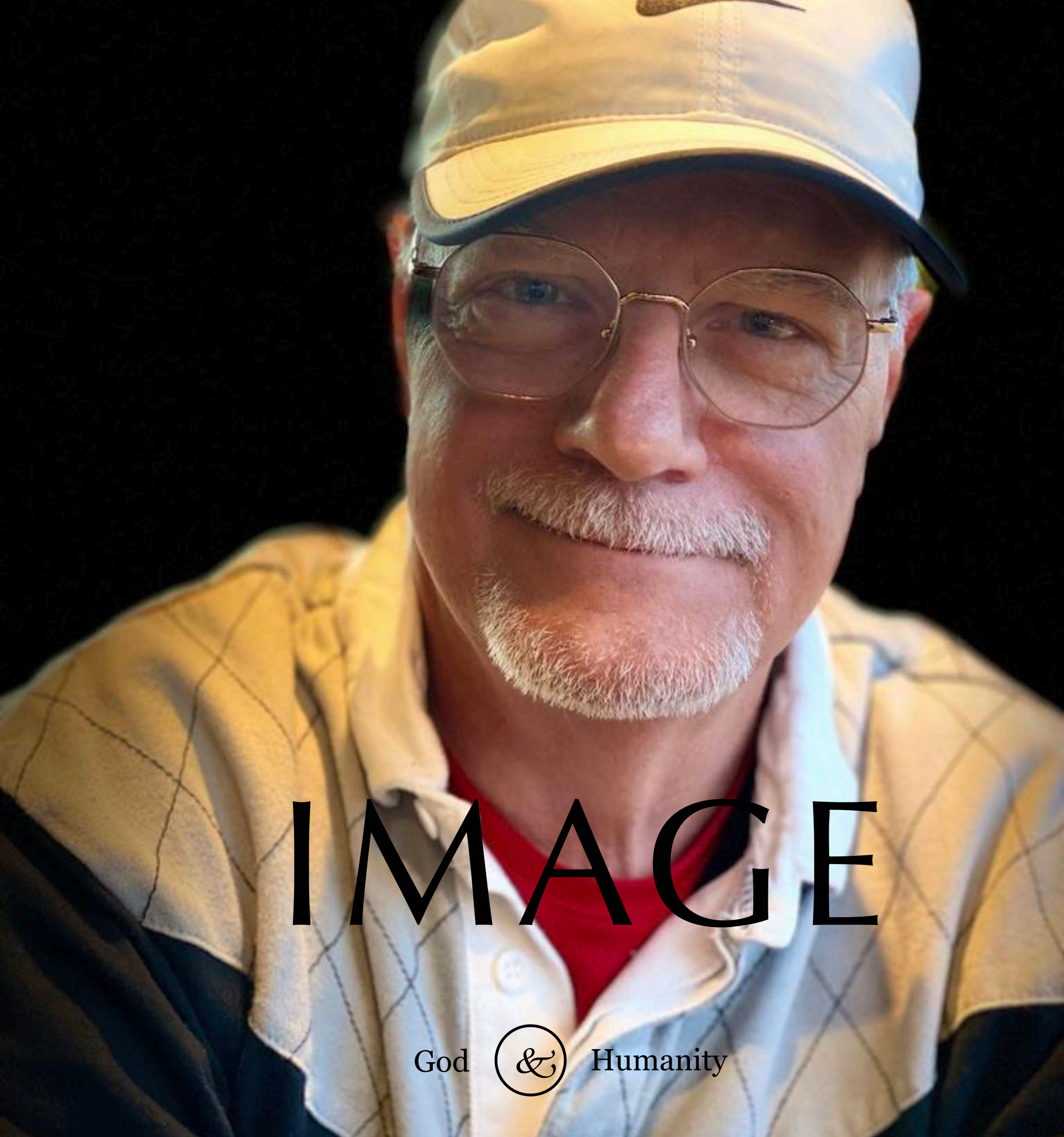
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From the desk of your friend in Christ Jesus,

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of God is our being able to reflect God's nature.

Celebrate God's image, love.

*“God created man in His own IMAGE,
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.*

(Genesis 1:27 NAS77 emphasis mine)



THE IMAGE OF GOD IS THE VERY

nature of God expressed through us, love.

Once, while at my biannual dermatologist session, I gifted my doctor one of my stone sculptures. With the greatest enthusiasm he accepted the gift asking permission to pass it on to his soon-to-be bride as a wedding gift. He acted like a child with all the candy he could ever eat. Instantly, he turned to traverse to his office and his voice faded as he disappeared saying, “Do I have something to show you. You’ll love it!”

He returned with a bronze sculpture of an IMAGE of a cougar on a branch with tail and a paw hanging gently down. It was no more than 18 inches long and a foot tall at the most. The patina was a homogenous black hiding all the bronze. It had heart! Really. It captured both the genteelness of a

house cat and ferocity of a lion ready to leap on its prey.

With a short story he informed me that he had invested in the upcoming sculptor and purchased this piece for less than \$2,000 when he was going to college. He had to eat potatoes as a staple for a year because of the purchase. He then crooned the name of the artist who later became a famous figure sculptor. He added that its present value could have purchased him steaks for 10 years.

Once leaving his office I realized he had equated me with this artist and expected me to blossom into fame. I was, for him, the IMAGE of this other artist.

Of course, in no way did I look like this artist in whom he had invested. Yet he saw in my heart



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what he had seen in this other artist's heart. We mirrored one another. We were an IMAGE of one another's passion for three dimensional art..

And so it is with God and humanity. In no way do our outward appearances or proclivities IMAGE one-another. But our hearts can IMAGE a core self that is easily recognized as God coming through. This was so true for Jesus that He proclaimed to Phillip that if he 'saw' Jesus the Son he was looking right at God the Father. The one was the other by the virtue of their common nature. Jesus did not only know LOVE but IMAGEed LOVE. Then too, our purpose and highest privilege is to IMAGE God's nature of love.

“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the IMAGE of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;”

(Rom 8:29 NAS77 emphasis mine)

Jesus, like the mold itself, pours Himself into the mold to continue to IMAGE Father through us. He within, without, and the form itself, creates an us designed to animate Father's IMAGE of love.