

# Language Revealing God

What powers does  
language show?

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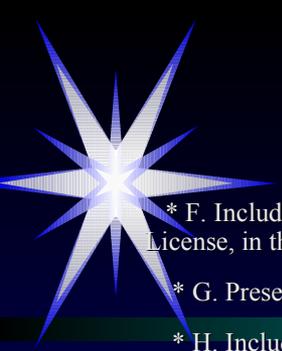
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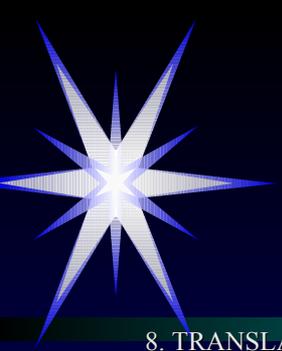
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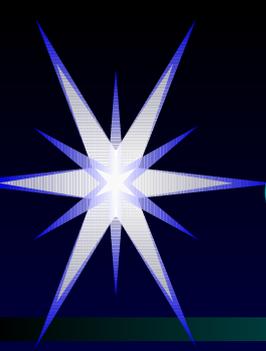
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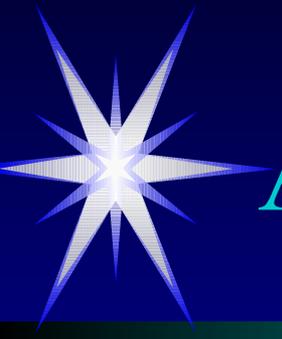
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So what does language show me?



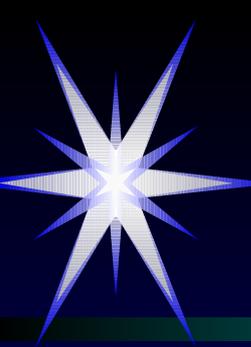
You are in God's image.





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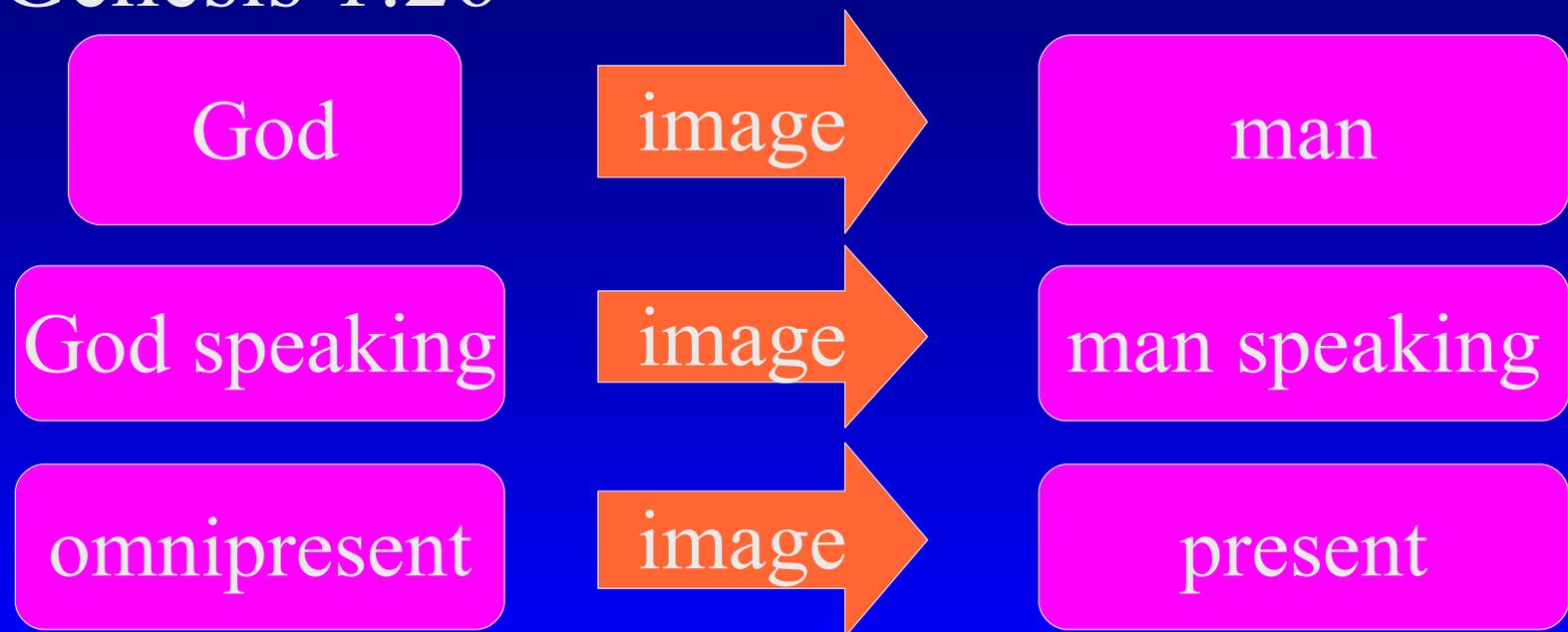
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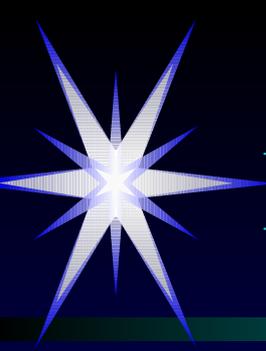


# Imaging

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." --

Genesis 1:26

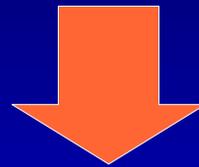
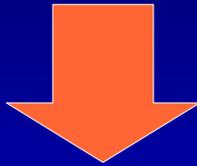




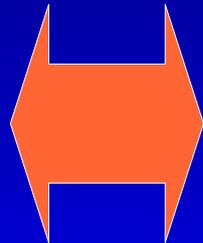
# Extending Presence

omnipresent = "all present"

everywhere  
present

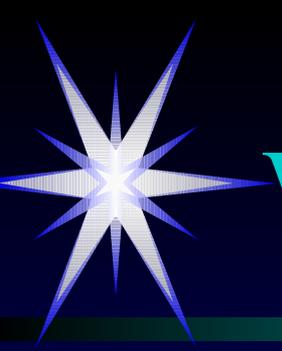


presence of  
language  
with you



world  
with meaning

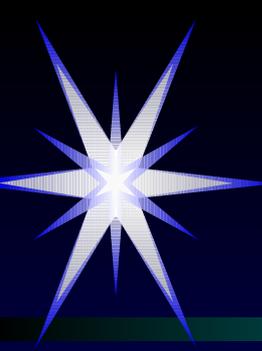
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# Where Is Language?

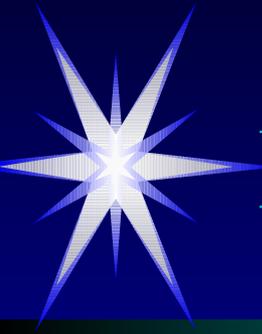
Language is present, is with you

- At home
- Shopping
- Work
- Vacation
- Sleep!



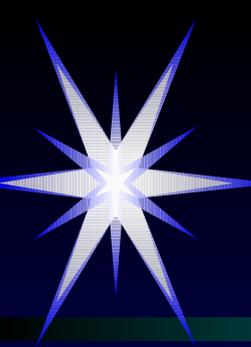
# Biblical Principles on Revealing

For his invisible attributes, namely his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. --Romans 1:20



## B. The Power of Language

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# Imaging

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." --

Genesis 1:26

God

image

man

God controlling

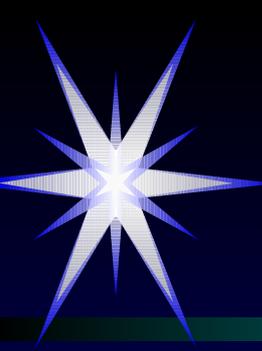
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man controlling

omnipotent

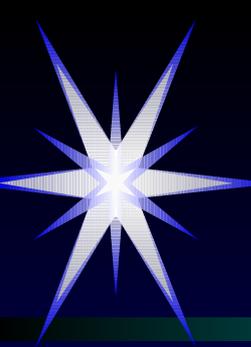
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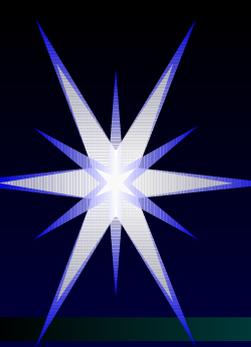
And God blessed them and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." --Genesis 1:28



# Naming

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God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. --Genesis 1:5

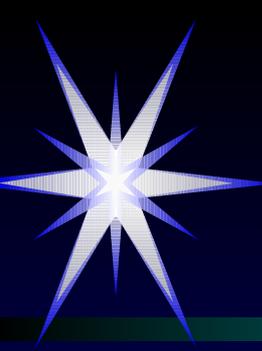


# Naming

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The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. --Genesis 2:20

... he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. --Genesis 5:3

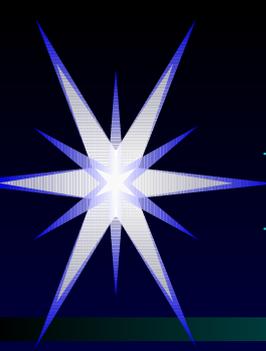


# Power of Language

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## Language gives you power

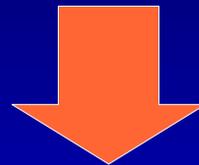
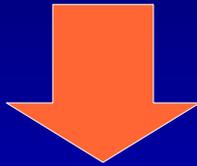
- ▶ To describe
- ▶ To learn
- ▶ To converse
- ▶ To give orders



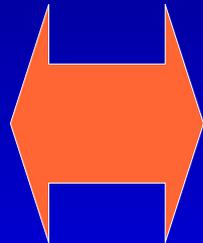
# Extending Power

omnipotence = "all power"

all controlling

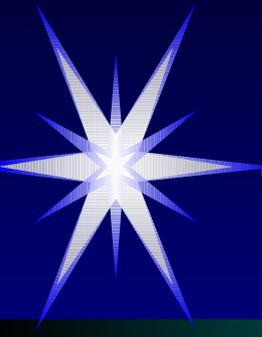


your power  
of language



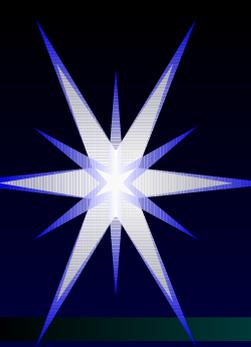
world  
with meaning

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## C. Meaning in Language

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# Imaging

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." --

Genesis 1:26

God

image

man

God knowing

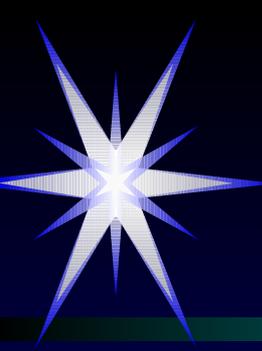
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man knowing

omniscient

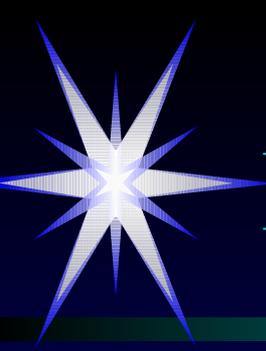
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# Biblical Principles on Meaning

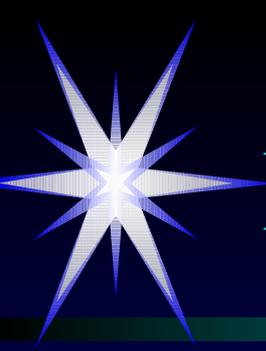
And God blessed said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food." --Genesis 1:29



# Meaning in Language

Language gives you meanings and knowledge

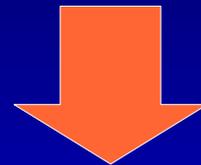
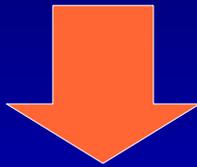
- ▶ To know plants and animals
- ▶ To know fellow human beings
- ▶ To know God



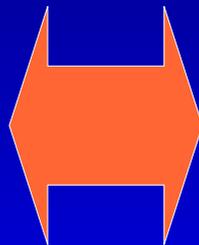
# Extending Meaning

omniscience = "all knowledge"

all knowing

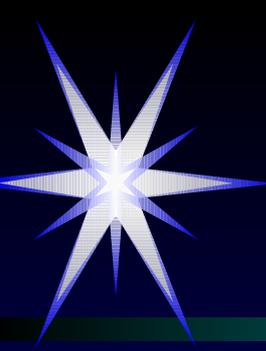


your knowledge  
through language



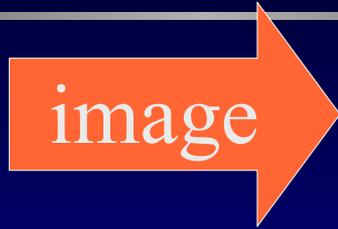
world  
with meaning

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# Summary on Human Imaging

God



man

everywhere present  
(omnipresent)



present

all controlling  
(omnipotent)

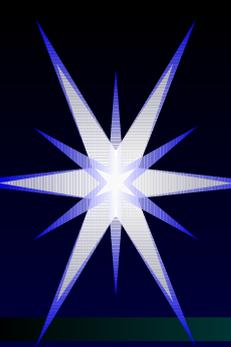


controlling

all knowing  
(omniscient)



having meanings



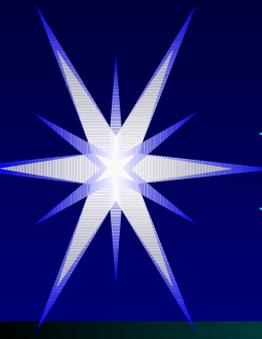
# God's Wonders

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I praise you, for I am fearfully  
and wonderfully made.

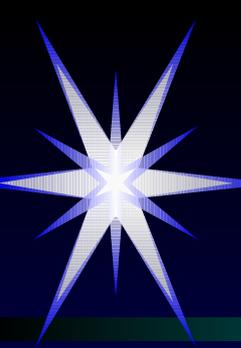
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.

--Psalm 139:14



## D. Postmodern Doubts

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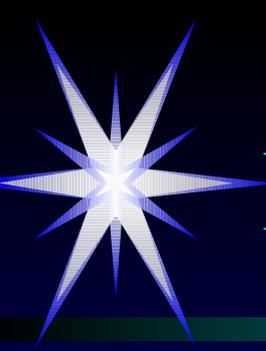
# What Is Postmodernism?

## Modern "Enlightenment":

- Cast off God.
- Reject authority. (Good or bad?)
- Think for yourself.
- Doubt; question critically.

"Modernism"

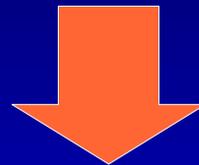
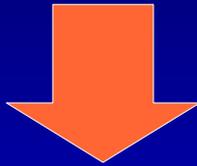
Postmodern: continue.  
Doubt language and culture.



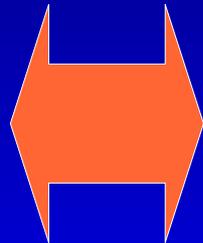
# Extending Presence

omnipresent = "all present"

everywhere  
present

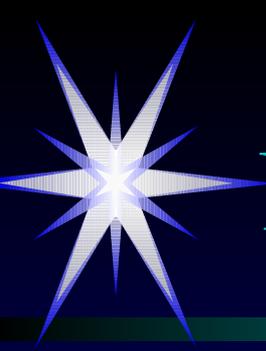


presence of  
language  
with you



world  
with meaning

coherence



# Not Trusting God

human  
world

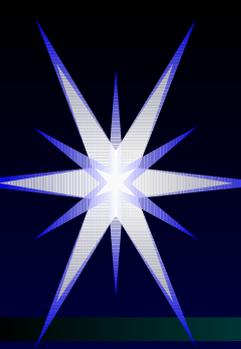
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# How Does Language Look?

