

Spiritual Authority – Original Intent

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Hosea 4: 6 (NKJV)

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
Because you have rejected knowledge,
I also will reject you from being priest for Me;
Because you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.*

Genesis 1: 26–28 (NKJV)

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;
let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over
the cattle,
over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.

Then God blessed them, and God said to them,
“Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it;
have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air,
and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

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Word Study

Man – ’âdâm

Male or living human inhabitants of the earth; human beings; mankind.

Image – tselem

Visual appearance of something; likeness or resemblance, replica, figure.

- This word signifies an "image or copy" of something in the sense of a replica.
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Likeness – demûwth

Similar in appearance, character, or nature.

- The word also means "image" in the sense of essential nature.
 - With the ability of **morality, reason, and free will.**
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“Let them have Dominion” – rādâh

To exercise authority over; to tread down, subjugate (bring under control or governance); dominate; rule over.

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Psalms 8: 1–8 (NKJV)

O LORD, our Lord,
How excellent is Your name in all the earth,
Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants
You have ordained strength,
Because of Your enemies,
That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him?

For You have made him a little lower than the angels,
And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,
All sheep and oxen—
Even the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air,
And the fish of the sea
That pass through the paths of the seas.

Angels – ’ēlôhîym

Used of the Supreme God; Mighty One who originated and rules over the universe.

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Created – bârâ’

To bring into existence; make something that has not been in existence before — God’s image.

Subdue – kabash

*To tread down, to conquer, to restrain or dominate by force,
to bring or force into bondage. To achieve by force, forced servitude.*

The original intent to subdue and have dominion was not spoken into a world that was dominated by sin that needed to be conquered, but a sinless world that needed to be defended.