**NOTES: on the Study of Image**

image: a representation or similitude of any person or thing

the likeness of something

a copy, representation

a representation of any thing to the mind, a conception, an idea

In optics, the figure of any object made by rays of light proceeding from the

several points of it, thus a mirror reflects the image of a person standing

before it,

* + image: Latin is *spectrum*: 7 separate distinct colors: white light through a prism
  + complete, transparent not opaque
  + all 7 natures expressed
  + if man is image, then God is the original
    1. Total completeness, no subordination, equal

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“Used sixteen times. The word basically refers to a representation, a likeness. Five times it is used of man as created in the image of God. Man was made in God’s image (selem) and likeness (d’mut) which is then explained as his having dominion over God’s creation as vice-regent. Ps. 8:5-8 is similar citing man’s God-given glory, honor and rule. God’s image obviously does not consist in man’s body which was formed from earthly matter, but in his spiritual, intellectual, moral likeness ot God from whom his animating breath came.”

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*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.*

“Image” is a translation of the Hebrew word *tselem,* a masculine noun. “Likeness” is a translation of a feminine noun, *demuth.* The combination of the two words in this verse foreshadows the following verse: “Male and female created he them” (citation 1).

One source relates “image” and “likeness” to the words “after God” in [Ephesians 4:24](http://concordexpress.christianscience.com/?query=Ephesians+4%3A24&book=tfccs.main.hb.kj): “… the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (citation 15).

image: verb

to form a likeness in the mind

to imagine, to copy by the imagination

reflection:

the act of throwing back

the operation of the mind by which it turns its views back upon itself and its

operations

review or reconsideration of past thoughts, opinions, or decisions

thought thrown back on its self

reflect:

to throw back light

to return rays or beams

to bend back

to throw or turn back the thoughts upon the past operations

of the mind or upon past events

to consider attentively

to revolve in the mind

to contemplate

prism:

a solid whose bases or ends are similar, equal and parallel plane figures and

whose sides are parallelograms

transparency:

the state or property of a body by which it suffers rays of light to pass through

it, so that objects can be distinctly seen through it;

like the property of glass, water and air, which when clear, admit the free

passage of light

- the opposite of opaqueness

transparent:

admitting the passage of light, open, porous,

clearly, so as to be seen through

rays:

a line of light

a collection of parallel rays constitutes a beam

a beam of intellectual light

light

hues:

color, form, image, beauty,

light:

that ethereal agent or matter which makes objects perceptible to the sense of

seeing, but the particles of which are separately invisible.

astonishing velocity as it passes through space

when decomposed is found to consist of rays differently colored:

red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet

illumination of the mind, knowledge

open view, a visible state, a state of being seen by the eye

God, Christ

original:

first in order; preceding all others

primitive; pristine

having the power to originate new thoughts

that from which anything is transcribed or translated or from which a likeness is

made

lens:

a transparent substance, usually glass, so formed that rays of light passing through

are made to change their direction, and to magnify or diminish objects at a certain distance.