

# The Correspondent



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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place.  
(1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## God in Our Image

-Ronald Bartanen

**T**he Bible teaches that God made man in His own image (Gen. 1:26-27), but man seems intent on making God into man's image. We care less about agreeing with God and conforming to His laws than we are about imposing our own standards that are more politically correct.

The Bible presents God as the one supreme being, Creator of heaven and earth, and all therein. He is the living God, with ears to hear and hands to help. This God is holy, almighty, all-wise, all-powerful, and ever present. See such scriptures as Acts 17:23-29 and 14:15; Mark 12:29; 1 Timothy 6:15; 1 Peter 1:15, 16 and 1 John 4:8.

Further, God is "Judge of all," but also the Savior of men and women who come to Him through Jesus Christ (Romans 2:16 and Titus 3:4-6). He is the one God of both the Old and New Testaments. He may not be the God everybody feels comfortable with. Some dislike His laws. Some do not want to answer to anyone for their deeds, especially the One who knows their hearts. Some would prefer to serve a god tailor-made by denominational and cultic creeds and dogmas, rather than the true God whose truths are set forth by inspired apostles and prophets in holy Scripture (1 Timothy 3:16-17). Making God in our image is nothing short of idolatry.

Let's cease making God in our image. It just won't work!

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*Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV)*

*26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

*27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

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