

Just Thinking Apologetics

According to a Christian worldview, all humans possess eternal worth and dignity. This marks one of the big differences between the Christian and those who would hold to a purely secular view. On the secular view, we have no special importance. According to secularists Michael Ruse and E.O. Wilson, who are both advocates of Darwinian evolution, “an amoeba is as good as a person.”

So, what makes people so special on a Christian worldview? The reason for the importance of man is due to the Christian principle of *Imago Dei* (Greek word pronounced ih-MAH-go day), which means created in the image of God. Scripture tells us that humans have special importance because of *Imago Dei* (Genesis 1:26).

Because humans are in the image of God they are very different from animals. Humans, unlike animals are able to create, reason and to either accept or reject God’s favor. Because of *Imago Dei*, humans should treat everyone with dignity. *Imago Dei* is the principle reason why Christians do not support abortion. The New Testament writer James, makes a statement that humbles those who forget we are all bearers of God’s image by saying, “With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God’s likeness (James 3:9).” *Imago Dei* is clearly a principle that honors all humans as the pinnacle of God’s creation.