



ASK  
ANYTHING

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and everything

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*Asking a question is...* *wisdom.*

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- admits we may not understand as much as we wish.

January 25th

How do we know that  
God created time?

January 18th

What is the deal with  
creation....

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What is the deal with  
creation....

is it important to my  
understanding of  
God and man?

January 18th

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and therefore value?

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*Value:*

40-100 million dollars





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**There is no inherent value or identity?**

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## 1<sup>st</sup> day of creation:

Creation of light, and the separation of  
light from darkness.....  
and therefore “day” and “night”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> day of creation:

Creation of the 'expanse', separation  
of the waters under and above the  
expanse...

therefore the expanse is called  
"heaven"

## 3<sup>rd</sup> day of creation:

The waters under the expanse were gathered into 'seas' and separated from the 'dry land'.

## 4<sup>th</sup> day of creation:

Creation of lights in the expanse, the separation of day and night, the creation of seasons as a sign...

Therefore the 'sun', the 'moon' and the 'stars'.

## 5<sup>th</sup> day of creation:

Creation of sea creatures and flying creatures... let them multiply and swarm in the waters and fill the earth.

6<sup>th</sup> day of creation:

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*then the pinnacle of creation...*  
that which would be referred to as  
“very good”

## Genesis 1:26-31

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 image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 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 move on the earth.

29 And God 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.

30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

31 And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning the sixth day.

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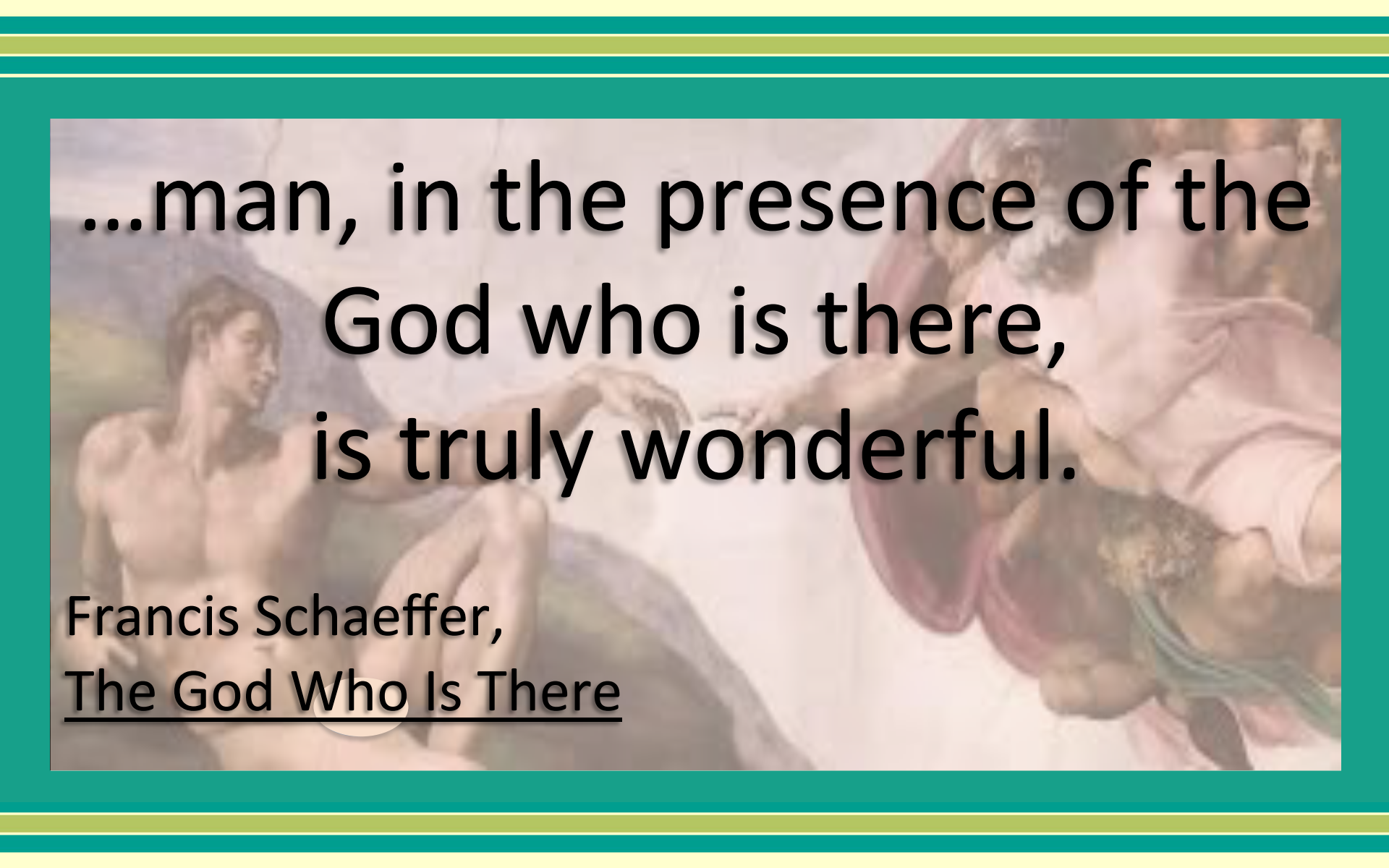
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- The ***‘sanctity of identity and value’*** then determines the ***‘sanctity of human life’***

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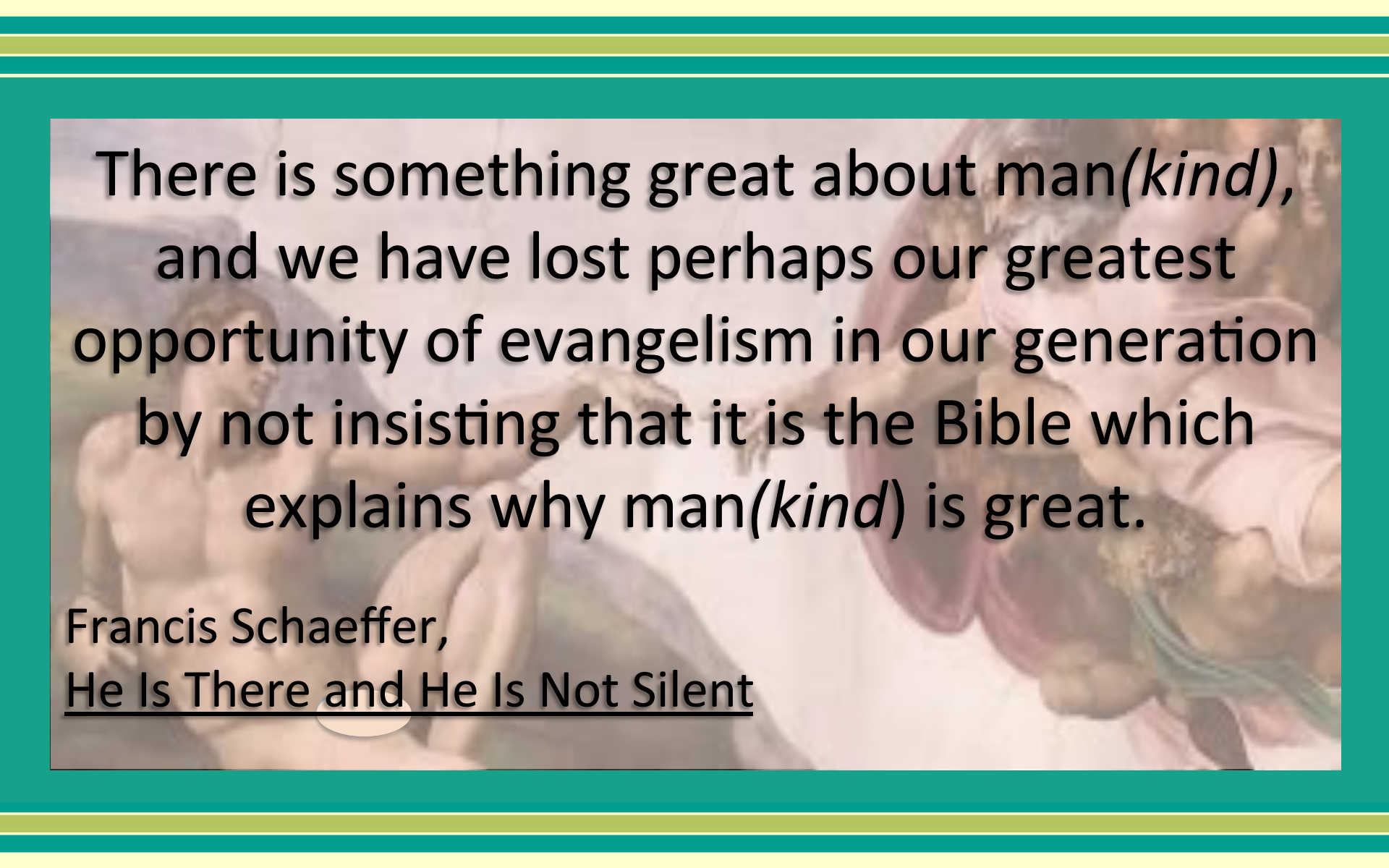


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...man, in the presence of the  
God who is there,  
is truly wonderful.

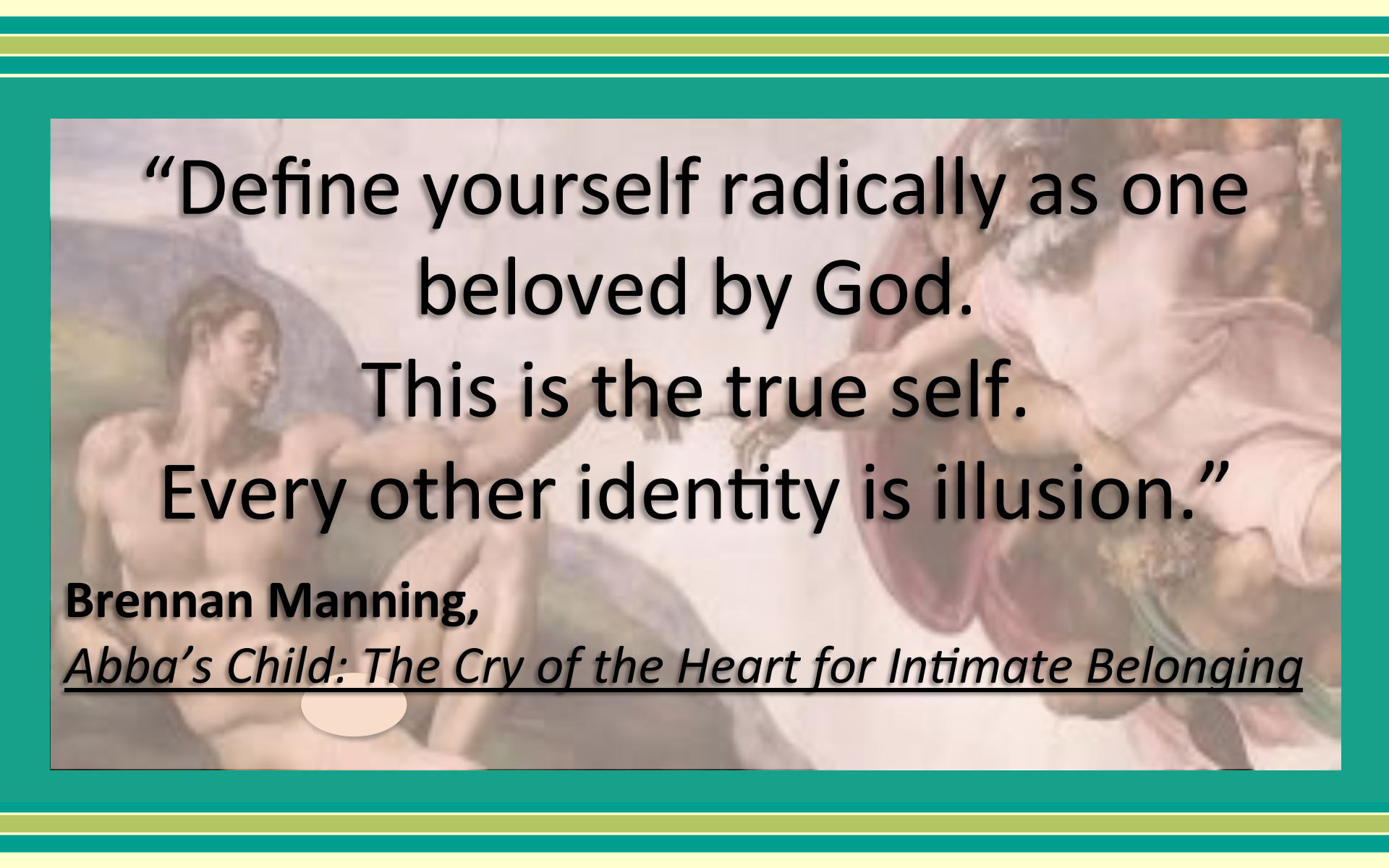
Francis Schaeffer,  
The God Who Is There



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There is something great about man(*kind*),  
and we have lost perhaps our greatest  
opportunity of evangelism in our generation  
by not insisting that it is the Bible which  
explains why man(*kind*) is great.

Francis Schaeffer,  
He Is There and He Is Not Silent

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“Define yourself radically as one  
beloved by God.  
This is the true self.  
Every other identity is illusion.”

**Brennan Manning,**

*Abba's Child: The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging*













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