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IDENTITY, pt. 2—I am Wonderfully Made
Psalm 139:1-16

“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” 1 Pet. 2:9

God knows WHO I am

Despite the complexity and enormity of the universe, humans are not just *part* of the creation, they are His crowning achievement. *Humans are the only beings created in the image of God* (Gen. 1:26, 27)! Every person is known by God and searched (Heb. *khaw-kar* ‘to examine thoroughly’) so that nothing is a mystery or surprise to God about anyone—physical, mental, emotional or spiritual. God knows thoughts, motivations, and actions—even before they happen! God’s intimate knowledge of every person is so complete He knows the number of hairs on their head (Luke 12:7). Humans are special because they can communicate with God, love God, serve Him and enjoy Him. God put His stamp of uniqueness on each person by giving them value based on His love for them. *People can choose to live apart from God, but no one lives independent of God.*

God knows WHERE I am

God has total and complete knowledge of the universe as a whole—all the way down to the sub-atomic level. Like fish in the ocean, because God’s Spirit fills the universe, no one can escape Him, they just move around inside Him! God’s sovereignty includes determining where people live and the borders of nations (Acts 17:24-28). *Though believers may feel lost, when they trust God they always end up in the right place!*

God knows WHAT I am

At the beginning of the universe, God made an ideal planet to sustain life and built the first man from the dust (Heb. *adamah* ‘dirt/earth’) and breathed life into him (Gen. 2:7; Law of Biogenesis). The human body is fearfully (Heb. *yaw-ray*, ‘to bring fear/frighten’) and wonderfully made as an unduplicatable piece of masterwork, crafted with 12 separate yet interdependent systems. Each system is then made up of billions of unique cells, each programmed like a factory, with a chemical alphabet (DNA) directing its job in supporting life. *God doesn’t make junk!*