

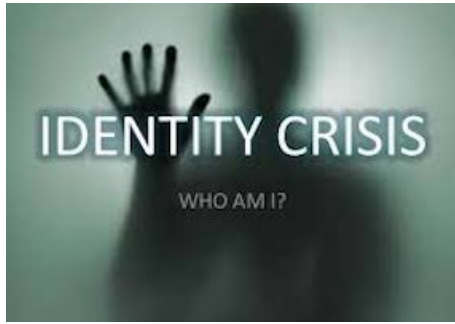
# Model of Life – The Person of Jesus

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

John 14:6

Held every January in Detroit, Michigan, the North American International Auto Show is one of the world's premier public events, attracting nearly one million visitors. Though generating millions at its glitzy charity ball, the primary purpose of the affair is to unveil new models.

Over 2000 years ago a model debut occurred that impacted the whole world. The event, of course, was the birth of Jesus (John 1:14). In a Bethlehem stable, a most unlikely venue for such an auspicious unveiling, the Maker of Life revealed His authentic design for human living ... the **Model of Life**. "God the Son came to reveal what being human is truly all about from our Creator's perspective." (Jesus Defines True Humanity)



It's the most profound question we ask.  
To answer the question we resort to the input from others: parents, siblings, extended family, friends.

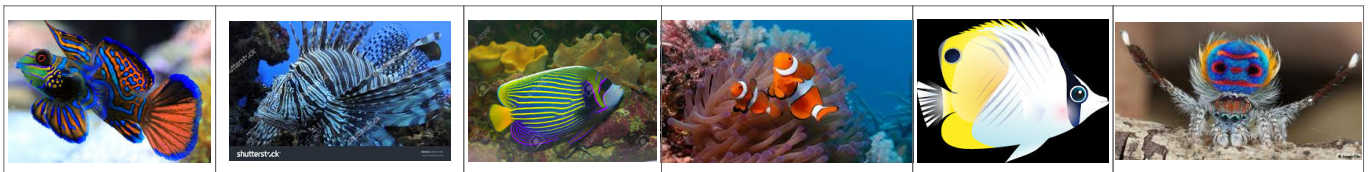
Furthermore, we base our identity on performance or lack thereof.

Finally, we allow circumstances to craft our selfhood.

Here's the problem: all the data is flawed.

Hence, we're "in the dark" about our authentic identity.

LOOK AT A MINISCULE SAMPLING OF THE MAKER'S MASTERPIECES!



And yet, for all of their awesome beauty, both in form and color, creatures of nature do not reflect God's being. Only humans do! *God created human beings; reflecting His nature.* (Genesis 1:26-27). However, with Adam and Eve's separation from God our identity as authentic Human-Being-Ness was shattered. Consequently, we all face a crisis of identity.

*ENTER JESUS, THE MODEL OF LIFE!*

We see *the original and intended shape* of our lives there IN HIM. (Romans 8:28-30) Jesus is the Creator's *Prototype of Humanness, the Original Human Being, and the Pattern of Humanity!* In your uniqueness, you were designed to be a

“Jesus Person.” That’s the foundation of your authentic identity! David knew this! *Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.* (Psalm 139:14)



**YOU DISCOVER YOUR IDENTITY  
THROUGH A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST!**  
– Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*