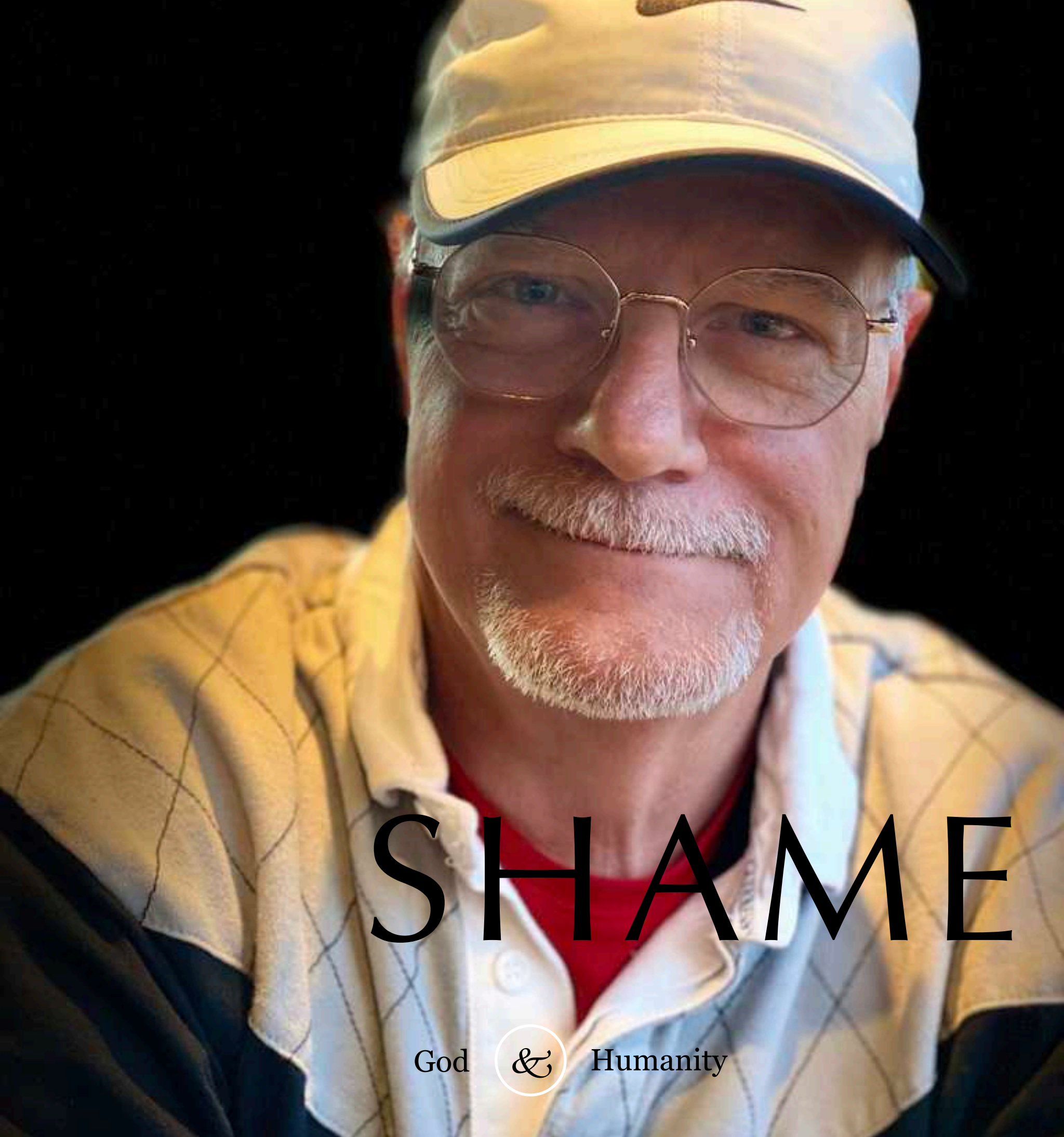




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Celebrate the freedom from SHAME.

“Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is the one who watches and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his SHAME.”

(Revelation 16:15 KJV emphasis mine)



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WHEN LOOKING AT YOURSELF, HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF?

One thing is true of you as with every other human being. Your insides don't match up to the picture people project on you from the outside. Compared to *them* you can feel naked, wrong, weak, bad, ugly, inept, and a thousand other negative descriptions. That is shame, the inner feeling of self when in juxtaposition to the world view of you.

Shame on you is a social disqualification of your-self because of what you have done, while SHAME is a disqualification of your being, because of what you are.

These are easily mixed up. To cause even more confusion, the shame for what you have done can easily grow into the SHAME for your core. A government's execution of a person is the ultimate rejection of that person for

what they have done. It is saying you, at your core, can never fit in our society. What does all this have to do with God?

Unfortunately, most everything.

God's presence before a person seeing themselves as a sinner is SHAME itself. Every time we accept an emotion or picture of SHAME in our heads we become naked before man, God, and self. Most, but not all people, rush to cover their nakedness. All rush to cover SHAME.

In the verse above this shame/SHAME theme is once again played out. Our soul, attached to other people's opinions, shames us, while God's opinion of us can SHAME us. The first declares hope for change, the latter is a damnable statement saying, 'You're out!'. This means SHAME is a



condemnation of your core self-ness. It is judged an unredeemable entity unfit for this society or the community to come. OUCH! *I'm* running for cover!

Is there an antidote?

Yes. Roman 8:1 declares, that right at this moment there is no condemnation to those who are IN Christ Jesus. To those who do not walk after the flesh, but after the Spirit of God.

How do I get into Christ and walk after the Spirit? That old *you* cannot. The one who thinks its-self is flesh, independent, wise, powerful, capable 'only if', that one who wants to be better before they can qualify to get IN must be cut off, disrobed, even discarded. Then you discover, accept, put on, and become clothed with Christ Himself.

Does this sound like magic? Well, in a way it is. As soon as you give up, He takes over. As soon as you turn from trying, and trust Him, there is no SHAME. That which could be SHAMED has been SHAMED to death. Now Christ can do your life without SHAME or shame. His resurrected LIFE has no SHAME, guilt, fear, or any such thing that tries to dissolve our union with God through our adherence to Christ.

When you stop, God takes over!

Let's make this simple. When you try, you fail. When you trust, no matter the outcome, you have succeeded. Your trying is proof of failure, and your trust is success. Your trust in Christ is righteousness. Your trying proves you are believing a lie. The lie says, "God is out of control and needs your help. If you only do this or that, you AND God can get it done. If you only do...YOU can be like God." P.S. THE LIE.