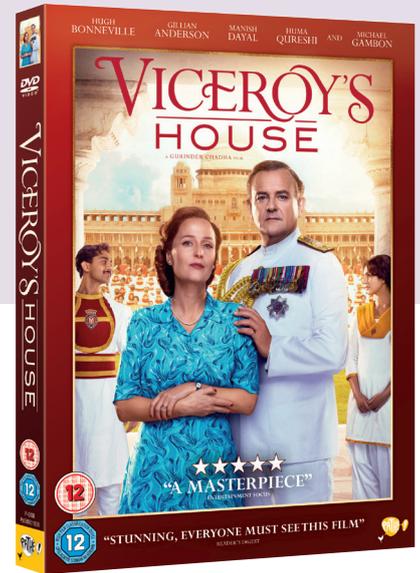




# Bible Brief

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## Summary

The Bible teaches that all people are made in God's image, equal in dignity and sharing a common humanity. But, when sin came into the world, hostility arose between individuals and groups of people. However, God freely offers the good news of reconciliation and peace to all people.

## Textual examples

'So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.' (Genesis 1:27)

For many years, philosophers and theologians have debated what is meant by 'in the image of God' (technically called 'Imago Dei'). But there is broad agreement on two features. First, people are relational. That is, we have an essential capacity for love, because 'God is love'. Second, people are communal. That is, the image of God applies to every person, regardless of any other differences between us. This text highlights male/female, the most obvious difference between people, to illustrate that all are made in God's image.

**'We belong together'**  
Jeet (played by Manish Dayal)

'One day Cain suggested to his brother, "Let's go out into the fields." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him.' (Genesis 4:8)

Because people disobey God (begun by Adam and Eve, but continued by all of us) relationships and community have broken down (starting with Adam & Eve's sons Cain and Abel, but continued by all of us). Our love tends to be turned inwards to ourselves, instead of outwards to others.

**'Dance with your own kind'**  
Engagement party guest

'Through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed, all because you have obeyed me.' (Genesis 22:18)  
'This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away, all who have been called by the Lord our God.' (Acts 2:39)

But God wants to restore us to his original creation plan in which people have an outward looking love, and live in an inclusive community (starting with Abraham, but continued through all of us who respond to God's call).

**'My grandfather spent 18 months searching the refugee camps for my grandmother'**  
Gurinder Chadha (Director)

'After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.' (Revelation 7:9)

The last book in the Bible describes the coming fulfilment of God's promise. People from all over the world, regardless of their differences, are restored and united, with white robes symbolising purity and palm branches symbolising joy.

**'It's about two people believing in a common dream'**  
Huma Qureshi (who plays Aalia)

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