

**You Are Meant  
To Be Strange**





**STRANGE  
BUT TRUE**

The image features the text "STRANGE BUT TRUE" in a bold, serif font. The letters are black with a prominent red glow or outline. The text is set against a rectangular background of a blue and white starry space scene. The entire graphic is centered on a solid black background.

**You are either....**

**Strange to God**

**or**

**Strange to the world**

# **I. Being Strange To God**

## **A. In worship**

**Leviticus 10:1-3**

**1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not.**

**2 And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.**

**3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the Lord spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.**

# **I. Being Strange To God**

## **B. In relationships**

### **Ezra 10:10-12**

**10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel.**

**11 Now therefore make confession unto the Lord God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.**

**12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do.**

# **I. Being Strange To God**

**C. By location**

**Psalm 137:4**

**How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?**

**Isaiah 29:13**

**Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:**

# **I. Being Strange To God**

**D. By going man's way**

**Proverbs 21:8**

**The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right.**

**Hosea 8:12**

**I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.**

# **I. Being Strange To God**

**E. We don't have to be strangers**

**Psalm 39:12**

**Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry;  
hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger  
with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.**

**Ephesians 2:19**

**Now therefore ye are no more strangers and  
foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of  
the household of God;**

## **II. Being Strange To The World**

### **A. A change in behavior**

**1 Peter 4:3-4**

**3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:**

**4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:**

## **II. Being Strange To The World**

### **B. A change in beleaguerment**

**1 Peter 4:12-14**

**12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:**

**13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.**

**14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.**

**To Whom Are You  
A Stranger?**