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## **The Doctrine of Man**

Gen 1:26-28

### **I. Man is a created being**

Genesis 1:26-27

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

#### **Man was created distinctly in the image of God.**

Animals were not made in the image of God.

Animals do not have a living soul.

#### **Man did not evolve.**

The Bible says God made the world and all things therein in six days. These were six normal days by man's reasoning—24-hour days.

Some have tried to teach theistic evolution – that God led in evolution over a course of millions of years. We can see the wrong of that teaching by the wording of Genesis chapter one as it repeated uses the phrase “the evening and the morning were the first day.”

God would not have chosen this expression if He had not desired to communicate the idea of a normal day.

Also, in Exodus, the Lord revealed that the days of creation were the same kind of days as those kept by the Israelites for Sabbaths. We see this in Ex. 20:8-11 and 31:16-17.

Evolution, on the other hand, says the present world is the product of millions of years of evolutionary process.

Gen. 2:7 gives the details of how man was created.

Genesis 2:7

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Every human being on this earth is descended from Adam and Eve, the first two humans, the ones God created.

Ge 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

### **II. This created being is in three parts: body, soul, spirit.**

1 Thessalonians 5:23

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

### **You get your body at conception.**

This is the part of you that everybody sees; it hurts, gets tired, hungry, sleepy, can be injured, etc.

Matthew 10:28

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Psalms 139:14

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

### **You get your soul at conception.**

This is the part of you that looks out behind your eyes, your mind/personality, your uniqueness, and this part will live forever in either heaven or hell.

This includes our self-consciousness or self-awareness.

Genesis 2:7

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

(This refutes the false teaching that our souls existed in time past and came into our body. There was no soul until God breathed into Adam.)

The Bible speaks of a weary soul and a sorrowful soul:

Jeremiah 31:25

25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

We also see a thirsty soul, Psalms 42:2; a grieved soul, Job 30:25; a loving soul, Song 1:7.

The soul can be troubled (John 12:27), can fear (Acts 2:43), can be vexed (2 Peter 2:8), can prosper (3 John 2), can lust (Revelation 18:14).

### **You get your spirit at salvation.**

This is the part of you that worships God and communicates with God. Our spirit gives us God-consciousness.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Thus, the only complete human beings are saved human beings.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **III. God created man with several things that set him apart from the other animal life.**

### **Soul and Spirit**

**Will** -the ability to choose to obey God or not

Joshua 24:15

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Revelation 22:17

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

**Conscience** –an innate sense that there is right and wrong

Romans 2:15

15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

The conscience can be: Pure, weak, defiled, seared, good, clean, etc.

**Gifts** -some talent, something you are good at

Ephesians 4:8

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Romans 11:29

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

1 Corinthians 7:7

7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

#### **IV. Man, without salvation through Christ, is already condemned to hell**

Psalm 51:5

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Romans 5:12

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

John 3:18

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1 John 5:12

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

#### **V. The main purpose of man is to glorify or praise God forever**

1 Corinthians 6:20

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 10:31

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.