

LESSON 4: October 8: The Doctrine of Man (Part 1)

“You are not an accident. Your parents may not have planned you, but God did. He wanted you alive and created you for a purpose. Focusing on yourself will never reveal your real purpose. You were made by God and for God, and until you understand that, life will never make sense. Only in God do we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance and our destiny.”

- The Rev. Rick Warren for Starbucks

1. Genesis 1-2 and Revelation 21-22 are bookends.

Are the Universals in Genesis 1-2 a myth?

Does science disprove the Genesis stories of our origin?

Are the stories an allegory?

“All your life an unattainable ecstasy has hovered just beyond the grasp of your consciousness. The day is coming when you will wake to find, beyond all hope, that you have attained it, or else, that it was within your reach and you have lost it forever.” C. S. Lewis in *The Problem of Pain*.

2. The principle parts of a human being. (Genesis 2:7)

In the Bible, what does the “heart” represent? IDEAS?

1. _____ 1 sam 4:13-18.
2. _____ Isa.10:7 NIV vrs KJV; Ezekial 36:26 and Romans 12:1-3;
1 Kings3:9; Mark 2:8.
3. _____ I Kings 8:37; Prov 14:10; 1 Sam 24:5; 1 Tim. 4:1; Jer. 7:24. Mark 7:6.
4. _____ Psalm 51:10; Luke 6:45.
5. _____ 1 Sam 10:9, Jeremiah 31:31-32); Ezekial 11:19ff; Joel in Acts 2;
1 Co 2:16.

3. Christoplatonism (Plato’s Dualism)

4. The THREE STATES OF MAN

- a. Man’s Essence: created innocent; in God’s image.
- b. Man’s moral state, fallen; Romans 5:12 and Gen. 6:5; THE FALL: severed God from man, man from man, and man from the creation.
- c. Man’s need, Death leads to Hell Hebrew 9:27 or Redemption leads to Heaven.

5. State #1: Imago Deo Made in God's image. Gen. 1:26-27; 5:1-3; 9:1-7.

6. THE CULTURAL LIE

"The nonreality of the supernatural means, on the human level, that men do not possess supernatural and immortal souls." Corliss Lamont in Humanism and Philosophy.

Remember Dr. Provine, says: no gods or purposive forces no free will (just a cause and effect machine), no ultimate foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning in life, no life after death.

"Using the powerful critical tools of science and logical analysis, modern man now recognizes that the universe has no special human meaning or purpose and that man is not a special product of creation."
Dr Paul Kurtz in The Humanist Alternative.

"A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy."

Ingrid Newkirk (president of People for the ethical treatment of Animals) in the book Save The Animals.

Activist, Pentti Linkola of the Finnish Green Party says he has more sympathy for threatened insect species than for children dying of hunger in Africa.— quoted in Josh McDowell in The New Tolerance

"While the death of young men in war is unfortunate, it is no more serious than the touching of mountains and wilderness by humankind." David Brown, former head of the Sierra Club.

"If man is a product of evolution, one species among others, in a universe without purpose, then man's option is to live for himself." Paul Kurtz:

"The purpose of man is like the the purpose of the pollywog -- to wiggle along as far as he can without dying; or, to hang to life until death takes him." Clarence Darrow

STATE OF MAN

man's essence:

man's moral state:

man's need:

THE BIBLE

made in God's image

fallen nature/sinful

redemption

OUR CULTURE

nothing special, on same level as animals

not good or bad, no free will means no sin

perfect yourself, actualize yourself