

Loris First Baptist Church
“52 Vital Doctrines of The Bible”

Doctrine #25 - Man: His Creation

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Man As A Created Being

1. Discovering himself in the midst of a wonderful universe and being the highest order of its physical creatures, man would naturally seek to understand his own “origin” as well as the origin of all existing things.
 - a. Because nature does not reveal the creation of man and tradition would not be a reliable source of information, it is “reasonable” to expect that God would reveal the essential facts about man’s creation in the Bible.
 - b. That’s why it makes sense that, in the early chapters of Genesis and elsewhere in the Bible, the creation of man is clearly taught in Scripture.
2. Because the origin of man is a natural subject for human inquiry and speculation, those who have tried to answer the question “apart” from Scripture have made numerous attempts to explain the origin of man.
 - a. These conflicting accounts demonstrate that man has no certain information about his origin apart from what the Bible can give, and only in Scripture can one expect to find a complete and accurate account.
 - b. One of the most common views which have arisen in contradiction to the doctrine of the creation of man revealed in the Bible is the theory of evolution.
 - 1) This theory is that somehow there came into existence a living cell and from this living cell man evolved by a process of natural selection.
 - 2) Evolution attempts to explain all the complicated forms of life in the world by this natural process of chance and time.
 - a) According to the theory of evolution, all plants, animals, and man were formed by a process of small changes accomplished by mutations which are supposed to explain all species that are on earth.
 - b) However, mutations are almost invariably harmful rather than beneficial, and no series of mutations have ever been observed to be beneficial or to have produced a new species.
 - c) Accordingly, while the biblical record recognizes that there can be variations within a species, it declares that God created animals “after their kind”.

Genesis 1:21 “So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, ACCORDING TO THEIR KINDS, and every winged bird ACCORDING TO ITS KIND. And God saw that it was good.”

Genesis 1:24 “And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures ACCORDING TO THEIR KINDS: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, EACH ACCORDING TO THEIR KIND.” And it was so.”

Genesis 1:25 “God made the wild animals ACCORDING TO THEIR KINDS, the livestock ACCORDING TO THEIR KINDS, and all the creatures that move along the ground ACCORDING TO THEIR KINDS. And God saw that it was good.”

3. In contrast with animals, man was made in the image and likeness of God.

Genesis 1:26-27 “Then God said, ‘LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, IN OUR LIKENESS, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

4. Although most adherents to evolution admit that it is “only a theory” and fossils reveal no systematic evolution from lower forms of life to higher forms of life, evolution is about the only explanation that natural man has been able to offer in contradiction to the Bible’s doctrine of creation; it is clearly based on a naturalistic concept rather than a supernatural origin for man.

5. In like manner, the theory of so-called theistic evolution—that God used evolution as a method—depends for its support upon a denial of the literal meaning of the creation narratives in the Bible.

6. The doctrine of man’s creation is clearly taught in Scripture:

Genesis 1:26-27 “Then God said, ‘LET US MAKE MAN in Our image, in Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God CREATED MAN in His Own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female HE CREATED THEM.”

Genesis 2:4-7 “This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens— and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and THERE WAS NO MAN to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground— the LORD GOD FORMED MAN FROM THE DUST OF THE GROUND AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE, and the man became a living being.”

John 1:3 “Through Him ALL THINGS WERE MADE; without Him nothing was made that has been made.”

Colossians 1:16 “For by Him ALL THINGS WERE CREATED: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.”

- a. The first chapter of Genesis alone refers to God as the Creator about seventeen times, and about fifty other references may be found in the Bible.
- b. Some directly teach creation, and other passages imply that God is the Creator of Adam and Eve.

Exodus 20:11 *“For in six days THE LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and ALL THAT IS IN HIM, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”*

Psalms 8:3-6 *“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him? YOU MADE HIM A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE HEAVENLY BEINGS and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of Your hands; You put everything under his feet...”*

Matthew 19:4-5 *“‘Haven’t you read,’ Jesus replied, ‘that at the beginning THE CREATOR ‘MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?’”*

Mark 10:6-7 *“Jesus replied. ‘But at the beginning of creation GOD ‘MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.’”*

1 Corinthians 11:8-9 *“For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; NEITHER WAS MAN CREATED FOR WOMAN, BUT WOMAN FOR MAN.”*

1 Timothy 2:13 *“FOR ADAM WAS FORMED FIRST, then Eve.”*

- c. The very concept of creation is that God created the world out of nothing, as no previous existence is mentioned in Genesis 1:1.

Hebrews 11:3 *“By faith we understand that THE UNIVERSE WAS FORMED BY GOD’S COMMAND, so that what is seen WAS NOT MADE OUT OF WHAT WAS VISIBLE.”*

7. As presented in Genesis, man is the crowning work of God in creation, and the entire work of creation is declared to have taken place in six days.
 - a. Among those who accept the Bible as the inspired work of God, different explanations have been given of these creative days.
 - 1) Some regard the narrative of Genesis 1 as a re-creation following an early creation which was judged and destroyed in connection with the fall of Satan and the fallen angels.

NOTE: This would account for the evidence that the inorganic world was in existence long before the creation described in the six days of Genesis 1-2.

- 2) Some regard the six days as periods of time, longer or shorter than twenty-four hours, because the word “day” is sometimes used for long periods such as in the expression “the day of the Lord.”
- 3) Others insist, however, that because numerals are used with the word “day” that it must apply to a day of twenty-four hours.

NOTE: In this case it is assumed that God created the world with apparent age as He did, for instance, in the creation of man himself and in the case of animals.

- 4) Others point, however, to the suggestion that a time process was involved longer than twenty-four hours because of such expressions as in Genesis 1:11, where the fruit tree is pictured as growing out of the earth.

NOTE: While God could create a full-grown fruit tree, the fact that it is said to grow implies a longer period than twenty-four hours.

- b. While even evangelicals have differed on the precise interpretation of the process of creation, most interpreters who hold to the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible attribute the present existence of animals and man to the immediate creation of God, and there is no evidence in Scripture of evolutionary development of species by natural laws.

The Nature of Man

1. According to the testimony of Scripture, man in his present human form was created by God as the conclusion and consummation of all creation.
 - a. Of man it is said that he was made in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1:26) and that God breathed into him the breath of life (Gen. 2:7).
 - b. These distinctions classify man above all other forms of life which are upon the earth and indicate that man is a moral creature with intellect, capacity for feeling, and a will.
2. Speaking generally, man’s creation included that which was material (“the dust”) and immaterial (“the breath of life”).
 - a. This twofold distinction is referred to as “outward man” and “inward man”:

2 Corinthians 4:16 *“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though OUTWARDLY we are wasting away, yet INWARDLY we are being renewed day by day.”*

- b. It is also referred to as “the earthen vessel” (i.e. “jars of clay”) and “this treasure”:

2 Corinthians 4:7 *“But we have THIS TREASURE in JARS OF CLAY to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”*

- c. While the soul and spirit of man are represented as continuing forever, the body returns to the dust from which it was formed, and the spirit goes to God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 “...*the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.*”

- d. Accordingly, people can kill the body but not kill the soul.

Matthew 10:28 “*Do not be afraid of those WHO KILL THE BODY BUT CAN NOT KILL THE SOUL. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*”

- 3. When considering the immaterial part of man, Scripture sometimes uses various terms interchangeably.

- a. A man’s “spirit” with his “soul”:

Genesis 41:8 “*Now it came to pass in the morning that HIS SPIRIT WAS TROUBLED, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.*”

Psalms 42:6 “*O my God, MY SOUL IS CAST DOWN WITHIN ME...*”

Hebrews 12:23 “*To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to THE SPIRITS of just men made perfect...*”

Revelation 6:9 “*When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar THE SOULS of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.*”

- b. A man’s “life” with his “spirit”:

Matthew 20:28 “*just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give HIS LIFE as a ransom for many.*”

Matthew 27:50 “*And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up HIS SPIRIT.*”

- c. A man’s “heart” with his “spirit”:

John 12:27 “*Now MY HEART IS TROUBLED, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.*”

John 13:21 “*When Jesus had said these things, He was TROUBLED IN SPIRIT, and testified and said, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.’”*

4. Sometimes the “spirit” and “soul” of man are listed and distinguished separately from each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 *“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Hebrews 4:12 *“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to DIVIDING SOUL AND SPIRIT, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

- a. Although the highest functions of the immaterial part of man are sometimes attributed to the spirit and sometimes to the soul, a careful study of the Scriptures show that they are not “the same” immaterial substance within mankind.
 - 1) The “soul” is that part of man which is related to self and allows man, through the flesh, to interact with the material world around him. The “soul” consists of:
 - a) A man’s “mind” (ability to think and reason)
 - b) A man’s “emotions” (ability to feel things such as “sad”, “happy”, “angry”, etc., etc.)
 - c) A man’s “will” (ability to make decisions based on what a man “thinks” or “feels”)
 - 2) The spirit is usually mentioned in Scriptures as that part of man which is capable of contemplating God and the immaterial (spiritual) world above him.
 - a) The “spirit” of a man is that part that immediately “died” when Adam disobeyed God.

Genesis 2:16-17 *“And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it YOU WILL SURELY DIE.”*

- b) Man’s “spirit” is considered “dead” at birth because of his relationship to Adam who passed this inability to communicate and understand the “things of God” to all of his descendants.

Romans 5:12-14 *“Therefore, just as sin entered the world THROUGH ONE MAN, and death through sin, and in this way DEATH CAME TO ALL MEN, because all sinned—for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. Nevertheless, DEATH REIGNED from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, EVEN OVER THOSE WHO DID NOT SIN by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.”*

Romans 5:17 *“For if, by the trespass of the one man, DEATH REIGNED THROUGH THAT ONE MAN, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.”*

1 Corinthians 2:14 *“But THE NATURAL MAN does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED.”*

Ephesians 2:1-5 “As for you, YOU WERE DEAD IN YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS AND SINS, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying THE CRAVINGS OF OUR SINFUL NATURE and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, MADE US ALIVE WITH CHRIST even when we were DEAD IN TRANSGRESSIONS...”

5. Other terms other than “spirit” and “soul” are also used of man’s immaterial nature.

a. One such term that is used is “the heart”:

Exodus 7:23 “Instead, he turned and went into his palace, and did not take even this TO HEART.”

Psalms 37:4 “Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART.”

Romans 9:2 “I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in MY HEART.”

Romans 10:9-10 “That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe IN YOUR HEART that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with YOUR HEART that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

Ephesians 3:16-17 “I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in YOUR INNER BEING, so that Christ may DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS through faith...”

Hebrews 4:7 “Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: ‘Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden YOUR HEARTS.’”

- 1) “The heart” of a man was considered by Jewish tradition to be the “immaterial” component of man.
- 2) “The heart” of a man includes his “soul” (mind, emotions, will) and his “spirit” (ability to comprehend the spiritual world and desire to worship a higher being).

Genesis 6:5 “The Lord saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of THE THOUGHTS OF HIS HEART was only evil all the time.”

1 Samuel 1:8 “Then Elkanah her husband said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is YOUR HEART GRIEVED?”

1 Samuel 16:7 “...The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord LOOKS AT THE HEART.”

Psalms 14:1 “The fool says IN HIS HEART that there is no God...”

b. Another term used is that of the “mind of man”.

1) In some cases, Scripture refers to “the sinfulness of the mind” of the “unsaved” man:

Romans 1:28 “Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a DEPRAVED MIND, to do what ought not to be done.”

Romans 8:5-8 “Those who live according to the sinful nature have THEIR MINDS set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have THEIR MINDS set on what the Spirit desires. THE MIND OF SINFUL MAN IS DEATH, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; THE SINFUL MIND IS HOSTILE TO GOD. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.”

2 Corinthians 4:4 “The god of this age HAS BLINDED THE MIND OF UNBELIEVERS, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

Ephesians 4:17-18 “So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, IN THE FUTILITY OF THEIR THINKING. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God BECAUSE OF THE IGNORANCE THAT IS IN THEM due to the hardening of their hearts.”

Titus 1:15 “To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, BOTH THEIR MINDS AND THEIR CONSCIENCES.”

2) In other cases, Scripture refers to “the renewed mind” which a Christian possesses:

Matthew 22:37 “Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’”

Romans 12:2 “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

1 Corinthians 14:15 “So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray WITH MY MIND; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing WITH MY MIND.”

Ephesians 4:22-24 “You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; TO BE MADE NEW IN THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR MINDS; and to put on THE NEW SELF, created to be like God in TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.”

- c. Other expressions such as “will” and “conscience” also refer to the immaterial part of man.

Philippians 2:13 “for it is God who works in you TO WILL and to act according to his good purpose.”

Romans 2:14-15 “(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, THEIR CONSCIENCES also bearing witness, and THEIR THOUGHTS now accusing, now even defending them.)”

6. Because of the variety of terms which sometimes are used in the similar sense and sometimes in contrast to each other, many have considered the division of man into material and immaterial as the basic division; but even here expressions like “soul” and “spirit” are sometimes used of the whole man including his body.
7. Immaterial origin of man’s nature is held by some pagan religions to be preexistent, that is, to have existed eternally and only becoming incarnated at the beginning of human existence; this is not supported by Scripture.
8. Another view offered by some evangelical theologians is that the soul is created by God at the beginning of individual human existence; this theory has difficulty in accounting for the sinfulness of man.
9. Probably the best view, known as the traducian theory, is that the soul and the spirit was propagated by natural generation, and for this reason man receives a sinful soul and spirit because his parents are sinful.
10. The human body of man is the abode of man’s soul and spirit until he dies.
 - a. Although it decays upon death, it is subject to resurrection.
 - b. This is true both for the saved and for the unsaved although the resurrections are different

1Corinthians 15:35-36 “But someone may ask, ‘How are the dead raised? WITH WHAT KIND OF BODY will they come?’ How foolish! What you sow DOES NOT COME TO LIFE UNLESS IT DIES.”

1Corinthians 15:42-44 “So will it be with THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, IT IS RAISED A SPIRITUAL BODY.”

Revelation 20:6 “Blessed and holy are those who have part IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.”

Revelation 20:12 “And I saw the dead (“unsaved” that have died!), great and small, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.”

Revelation 20:13-15 *“The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, HE WAS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.”*

c. Sometimes the human body is referred to as “flesh” and is also used of the body of Christ:

Colossians 2:1 *“For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face IN THE FLESH...”*

Colossians 2:5 *“For though I am absent IN THE FLESH, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.”*

1 Timothy 3:16 *“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: GOD WAS MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.”*

1 Peter 3:18 *“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death IN THE FLESH but made alive by the Spirit...”*

1) Other times “the flesh” refers to the sin nature which includes the soul and spirit:

Galatians 5:24 *“And they that are Christ’s have crucified THE FLESH with the affections and lusts.”*

2) Accordingly, flesh should not be considered synonymous with the body in all passages, as it may denote the whole, unregenerate man.

d. The literal bodies of saved persons are given many different designations by Scripture:

1) They are declared to be “temples”

John 2:20-21 *“The Jews replied, “It has taken forty–six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the temple he had spoken of WAS HIS BODY.”*

1 Corinthians 6:19 *“Do you not know that YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, who is in you, whom you have received from God?”*

Philippians 1:20 *“I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always CHRIST WILL BE EXALTED IN MY BODY, whether by life or by death.”*

2) They are also considered “earthen vessels”

2 Corinthians 4:7 *“But we have this treasure IN EARTHEN VESSELS, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.”*

3) They can be called “vile” bodies

Philippians 3:21 “*Who shall change OUR VILE BODY, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.*”

4) Bodies to be mortified

Romans 8:13 “*For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do MORTIFY THE DEEDS OF THE BODY, ye shall live.*”

Colossians 3:5 “*MORTIFY therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry...*”

5) Bodies which have to be kept under and brought into subjection

1 Corinthians 9:27 “*But I keep UNDER MY BODY, AND BRING IT INTO SUBJECTION: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*”

- e. The bodies of the saved will be transformed, sanctified, saved, and redeemed and finally glorified forever at the coming of Christ for His church.

Romans 8:11 “*And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also GIVE LIFE TO YOUR MORTAL BODIES through His Spirit, who lives in you.*”

Romans 8:23 “*Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, THE REDEMPTION OF THE BODY.*”

Philippians 3:20-21 “*But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, WILL TRANSFORM OUR LOWLY BODIES SO THAT THEY WILL BE LIKE HIS GLORIOUS BODIES.*”

- 11. Jesus Christ possessed a perfect human body before His death, and after His resurrection had a body of flesh and bone that is the pattern of the believer’s resurrection body.

Luke 24:38 “*He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have FLESH AND BONES, as you see I have.*”

- 12. The term “body” is also used as a figure of the church as the body of Christ and of which Christ is the head.

Colossians 1:18 “*And He is the head of THE BODY, THE CHURCH; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.*”

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Doctrine # 25 - “Man: His Creation”

1. Read Pages 1-11 from the Doctrine#25 Study Guide by next Wednesday.
2. Answer the following Questions about “Man” as you read:

a. Man As A Created Being

- 1) Why is it “reasonable” to expect that, in the Bible, God would reveal the essential facts about man’s creation? (page 1, top)

- 2) True or False. The conflicting accounts about the “origin of man” by those who try to answer this question “apart” from Scripture is proof that man has no certain information about his origin apart from what the bible can give. (page 1, middle)

- 3) What is one of the most common views which have arisen in contradiction to the doctrine of creation of man revealed in the Bible? (page 1, middle)

- 4) Why is the believe in the theory of evolution explaining the development of all species on the earth through many small changes called “mutations” not very plausible? (page 1, bottom)

- 5) Instead of through “mutations”, how does the Bible explain all of the different “species” of plants, birds, and animals that live upon the earth? (page 1, bottom; see Genesis 1:21, 24, 25)

- 6) What is the major difference in the way man was created versus the animals?
(page 2, middle; Gen 1:26-27)

- 7) What is the name of another “theory” of man’s origin which claims that God used “evolution” as a method of bringing the different “species” into being? (page 2, middle)

- 8) True or False. The moment the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, man became a “living being”. (Genesis 2:4-7)

- 9) About how many times in the Bible can we find references that “God, alone” has created everything that exists...including mankind? (page 3, top; Exodus 20:11; Psalm 8:3-6; Matthew 19:4-5; Mark 10:6-7)

- 10) According to Hebrews 11:3, what was used to make the “visible” universe? (page 3, middle)

- 11) True or False. According to the book of Genesis, God the entire work of creation was accomplished in six days and man is the “crowning work” of God in creation. (page 3, bottom)

- 12) True or False. Some regard the narrative in Genesis 1 as a “re-creation” following an early creation which was judged and destroyed in connection with the fall of Satan and the fallen angels. (page 3, bottom)

- 13) True or False. The only Scripturally “accurate” way to interpret the length of time it took God to create the universe is to interpret the English word “day” to be exactly 24 hours. (page 4, top; see Genesis 1:11)

b. The Nature of Man

- 1) What “distinctions” classify man above all other forms of life which are upon the earth? (page 4, bottom; Genesis 1:26 and Genesis 2:7)

- 2) What was the “material” and the “immaterial” substances used by God to create man? (page 4, bottom)

- 3) What initially happens to a man’s body when a man dies? (page 5, top; Ecclesiastes 12:7)

- 4) What is something that not even the most vicious murderer can kill? (page 5, top; Matthew 10:28)

- 5) True or False. When reading Scripture in reference to a man’s “immaterial” makeup, it is important to pay attention to what the central meaning of the verses are saying in context because the Bible commonly interchanges words such as man’s “spirit” –vs- man’s “soul” –vs- man’s “life” –vs- man’s “heart”. (page 5, middle-bottom; Gen 41:8; Rev 6:9; Matt 20:28)

- 6) According to 1Thessalonians 5:23, what are the three components (both material and immaterial) that make up a man?

- 7) True or False. In the Scriptures, a man’s “spirit” and a man’s “soul” are always referring to the exactly same immaterial component of man. (page 6, middle; 1Thess 5:23; Hebrews 4:12)

- 8) What is the ultimate purpose of the immaterial substance within mankind called “the soul”?
(page 6, top-middle)

- 9) What are the three “essential” components of a man’s “soul”? (page 6, middle)

- 10) What is the ultimate purpose of the immaterial substance within mankind called “the spirit”?
(page 6, middle)

- 11) Which of the three parts of man immediately “died” when Adam disobeyed God?
(page 6, bottom; 1Thessalonians 5:23; Genesis 2:16-17)

- 12) According to Romans 5:12-14, what “reigned” from the time of Adam to the time of Moses because of the original sin of Adam?

- 13) True or False. According to the Scriptures, when it comes to the things of God and how man’s “spirit” can comprehend the spiritual world, every living person is born “dead” in their transgressions and sins. (Ephesians 2:1-5)

- 14) When the Scripture refers to a man’s “heart”, what does this “immaterial” component of man consist of?
(page 7, middle-bottom)

- 15) According to 1Samuel 16:7, when God is examining a man, what does the Lord “look at”?

- 16) True or False. The Bible refers to lost people (i.e. “anyone who is not born again by faith in Jesus Christ!) as having “depraved, sinful minds” which makes it impossible for them to please God, or even submit to His laws. (page 8, top; Romans 1:28, Romans 8:5-8).

- 17) According to 2Corinthians 4:4, what has the “god” of this age (i.e. Satan) done to the “minds” of unbelievers?

- 18) According to Romans 12:2, what is part of the “transformation” process that occurs within a believer after he is saved?
- 19) True or False. Some pagan religions mistakenly believe that the immaterial origin of man’s nature (i.e. “his soul and spirit”) was preexistent, meaning that a man’s soul and spirit existed eternally and only became “incarnate” (in the flesh) at the beginning of human existence (i.e. placement in a body). (page 9, middle)
- 20) What is the official name of the “theory” that the “soul” and the “spirit” of man is propagated by natural generation, and for this reason, man receives a sinful soul and dead spirit because Adam and Eve passed this on to all their descendants? (page 9, middle)
- 21) Although the “body” of a man “decays” at his death, what is something that will happen to the human body that proves that God cares about our bodies? (page 9, bottom; 1Corinthians 15:35-36, 42-44)
- 22) True or False. According to Scripture, there is “one” Resurrection Day where all the bodies of the saved and the unsaved will be raised at the same time and judged together. (page 9, bottom; Revelation 20:6; Revelation 20:12; 1Corinthians 5:9-10)
- 24) According to Revelation 20:13-15, what will happen to the “resurrected” bodies of all the “unsaved”?
- 25) What are different definitions of the word “flesh” as it is applied to man in the Bible? (page 10, top-middle; Colossians 2:1, 5; 1Timothy 3:16; Galatians 5:24)
- 26) According to 1Corinthians 6:19, what is another term used to describe a saved person’s body?

27) According to 2Corinthians 4:7, what is another term that the Scriptures use for a saved person's body?

28) True or False. Because the Scriptures reveal a "born again" believer's body as "the temple of God", then it is impossible for that body to be considered also "vile" and in need of being "mortified" (i.e. "put to death and under the control by a man's soul and spirit!).
(page 11, top; Philippians 3:21; Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5)

29) What will happen to the bodies of saved people upon the coming of Christ for His church?
(page 11, middle; Romans 8:11, 23; Philippians 3:20-21)

30) When Jesus Christ rose from the dead, what did His body consist of that proves He was not a "ghost"?
(page 11, bottom; Luke 24:38)

31) What is "the body" referring to in Scripture in which it refers to "believers" in Jesus Christ?
(page 11, bottom; Colossians 1:18)