

THE DOCTRINE OF MAN: THE CREATION OF MAN

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I. _____ OF GOD

Images in the ancient world were simply statues intended to represent someone, often a god or a king.

A. Exercising _____—Cultural or Dominion or Lordship Mandate

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Genesis 1:29 says, "And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food."

Genesis 2:15 says, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it."

This exercise of lordship is always under the lordship of God

1. Concerning _____, we worship through obedience, fellowship, reverence and awe, dependence on him for life, and joy in him.
2. Concerning the _____, we subdue the earth; exercise dominion over the fish, birds, and every living creature.
3. Concerning _____, we fill the earth through marriage and procreation, and we labor.

B. Exercising _____, Rationality, and Relationship

Genesis 1:3 says, "And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light."

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Genesis 2:19–20 says, "Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever

the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field."

Genesis 11:6–7 says, *"And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech."*

James 3:1–12 says, *"Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water."*

C. Exercising _____ & Righteousness

Ephesians 4:20–24 says, *"But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."*

Colossians 3:9–10 says, *"Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator."*

Colossians 1:15 says, *"[Christ] is the image of the invisible God."*

Hebrews 1:3 says, *"[Christ] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature."*

Romans 8:29 says, *"For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."*

II. WHY IS THE IMAGE OF GOD _____?

Dignity, _____, and Worth of All Men

Psalm 8:4 says, "What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?"

Genesis 9:6 says, "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image."

"Eugenics movements bounced up in many European and American jurisdictions in response to historical, social, scientific, economic, and political processes occurring at the time. Francis Galton invented the term "eugenics" in 1883, building it from its Latin roots meaning "good in birth" or "noble in heredity. "The science of eugenics was concerned with the improvement of the human standard and focused on the influence that would give "the more suitable races or strain of blood a better chance of prevailing speedily over the less suitable "' Eugenacists were concerned with managing the direction human evolution would take: natural selection, about which Galton's cousin Charles Darwin wrote, was insufficient to deal with the needs of modern society. If left solely to nature, eugenacists argued, the dangerous classes who were thought to have a high-volume reproductive rate would take over; ideas, promoted abroad, were quick to gain popularity in Canada in the early 1900s" "The most damaging sterilization program in Canadian history was afforded via the passing of the Alberta Sexual Sterilization Act of 1928. From the years 1928 to 1972, sterilizations, both compulsory and optional, were performed on nearly 3000 "unfit" individuals of varying ages and ethnicities. In total, over 2800 procedures were performed."

Contrast this with pro-_____ movement, abolition of _____, and the civil _____ movement.

III. WHAT IS GOD'S _____ IN MAKING MAN

God Created Man For His Own _____

Isaiah 43:6–7 says, "bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Ephesians 1:11–12 says, "In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory."

John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Psalm 16:11 says, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Psalm 27:4 says, *"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple."*

Psalm 73:25–26 says, *"Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. ²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

Psalm 84:1–2, 10 says, *"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! ²My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.... ¹⁰For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness."*

Revelation 4:11 says, *"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

Romans 11:36 says, *"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."*