

WHAT WE BELIEVE, PART 2
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Anthropology Part 1: The Creation and Nature of Man

Introduction to Anthropology

• **Definitions:**

- Anthropos (Greek) = “_____”
- _____ (Greek) = “word, doctrine”
- Anthropology = the doctrine of _____ (that is, the human race)

• **Discussion:**

- The Creation of Man
- The Nature of Man
- The _____ to Man
- The Origin of Man’s _____

The Creation of Man

• **The human race was _____ by God:**

- Genesis 1:26-27 states four times that God created man.
 - See also Gen. 2:7: _____
 - 1 Cor. 15:45a: “*And so it is written, The first man Adam was _____ a living soul...*”
- The Genesis account cannot be reconciled with the theory of _____.

• **The human race is a _____ creation of God:**

- In our _____ as the pinnacle of God’s creation.
 - Created last of all at the end of day _____ of creation week.
 - Gen. 1:26, “*Let us make man*” = the last of _____ creative decrees of God in Genesis 1.
 - Created to have “dominion” (rule) over the earth and all it contains (Gen. 1:26).
 - Ps. 8:5-6: _____
- In the personal _____ God gave to our creation.
 - “Let us make man”:
 - Different from any other creative _____ of God.
 - Not “let man be.”
 - A discussion taking place within the _____.
 - “Us, our” = not God speaking to _____ but Himself.
- In the _____ of our creation.
 - Genesis 2:7, “_____” = like a potter shaping a pot.

- The first human being didn't just appear out of the ground but was fashioned by God's own _____.
- **The human race was created in two distinct _____:**
 - Genesis 1:27: "...male and female created he them."
 - The first man was _____.
 - The first woman was _____.
- **The human race was created out of the _____ of the ground.**
 - Genesis 2:7, 2:19:
 - "Man, the man" is the same word as the name "Adam," which means reddish-brown like soil or _____.
 - The fact that our bodies are essentially made of dirt should keep us _____!
 - No person is inherently any better or worse than anyone else.
 - No person is much in comparison with _____.
 - Psalm 139:14, 17-18: _____

The Nature of Man

- **The human race was created in God's own _____.**
 - Genesis 1:26: "In our image, after our likeness":
 - These two phrases mean essentially the same thing.
 - The truth is repeated 2x in Gen. 1:27.
- **The fact that the human race was created in God's own image means five things:**
 - Like God, we are _____ beings and not just soulish creatures like the animals.
 - Adam received his spirit _____ from God (Gen. 2:7).
 - We share God's kind of life, not just soulish but spiritual.
 - We are _____ beings like God.
 - We have _____-consciousness (like God) and God-consciousness.
 - Ecc. 3:19-21: _____
 - Ecc. 12:7: _____
 - Job 33:4: _____
 - Adam bequeathed the _____ he received from God to his offspring.
 - Genesis 5:3: "And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:"

- In the sense that we are created spiritual beings in God's image, we are God's _____.
 - Luke 3:38: *"Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of _____."*
 - Acts 17:28-29: _____
- Like God, we are a tri-unity.
 - A union of spirit, soul, and _____ in one individual.
 - Dichotomous theory = man's nature has two parts, material and _____ (referred to as soul or spirit).
 - _____ theory = man's nature is made up of three elements: body, soul, and spirit.
 - Although the precise difference between the spirit and soul is hard to describe, there is a difference.
 - 1 Thess. 5:23: *"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and _____ and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
 - Heb. 4:12: _____
- Like God, we have the characteristics of personality—intellect, _____, and will.
 - We are able to imitate and appreciate God's thoughts and actions like a child imitating a _____.
 - We are able to think in the abstract, communicate, admire beauty, and _____.
 - We have the power of self-_____ (free will).
- Like God, we possess a _____ nature.
 - We have a _____.
 - We are capable of the same moral _____ as God:
 - Love, holiness, justice, righteousness, goodness, mercy, graciousness, truthfulness.
 - This part of the image of God in us has been _____ by sin but can be restored in Christ.
 - Ecclesiastes 7:29: *"Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man _____; but they have sought out many inventions."*
 - Ephesians 4:24: *"And that ye [have] put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."*
 - 2 Pet. 1:3-4: _____