

What We Believe

The Doctrine of Man (Gen 1:26-27; 2:7)

ORIGIN – Created ‘In the beginning’ on ‘6th day’

**IMAGE – In the ‘Image of God’, Male-Female
NATURE– dust of the Ground and breath**

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Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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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 being.

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Genesis 2:16-17

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

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Old Testament usage of “man”

adam (550x) – man, humankind, human being, from the root *adamah* meaning "ground"

ish – male, man, husband (Gen 2:23)

ishshah – female, woman, wife

enosh – man as individual in his frailty (some say from *anash* meaning sick/frail) (Ps 8:4)

geber – used to denote the strength of man (from *gibbor* meaning “mighty”?) (Gen 10:9)

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New Testament usage of “man”

anthropos (500x) – used to refer to man or mankind in general positive and negative terms

aner (200x) – refers to man (or husband) with his dignity, strength and masculine characteristics

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Terms Used for the IMMATERIAL Dimension of Man

SOUL (HB: nephesh/GK: psuche) - the principle of life and animation, also used of the body.

SPIRIT (HB: ruach/GK: pneuma) – immaterial dimension of man, God consciousness, interchangeable with ‘soul’ sometimes.

INWARD MAN – spiritual dimension of man relating to eternity (transform)

HEART – refers to the whole inner person, even the mind

MIND – the immaterial dimension by which we think and imagine

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Terms used for the MATERIAL Dimension of Man

FLESH – the material dimension of man known as ‘body’

EARTHEN VESSEL – analogy referring to the body because it contains something inside (soul/spirit) (2 Cor 4:7 ‘jars of clay’)

EARTHLY TENT – analogy for the body, we live in a material shell that houses the soul/spirit (2 Cor 5:1)

OUTWARD MAN – is visible, tangible, material, subject to

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Man made in the IMAGE of God: (Gen 1:26-28; 9:6; Jms 3:9)

Being – in existence

Morally – capacity to do good according to moral standard

Intellectually – ability to think rationally, imagine, (vs. instinct)

Volitionally – freedom, power of self-determination

Physically – made male and female/just as a material book is an expression of the immaterial mind (brooding

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The Nature of Man

Dichotomy

Dicha = Two

Temna = Cut

Material & Immaterial

Gen 2:7 Dust & Breath

Soul/Spirit interchangeable

Church Father's View
in the West

Trichotomy

Tricha = Three

Temna = Cut

Body/Soul/Spirit

Heb 4:12; 1 Th 5:23

Material deprecated

Alexandrian Church
in the East

Psycho-somatic Unity

Psuche = Soul

Soma = Body

Bi-partite unity

Soul holds

body together

James 2:26

Aquinas

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The Origin of the Soul

Pre-Existence

God eternally created all
Souls

Body burdens the soul

Plato, Origen, Mormons

Man is a soul, only has a
body

No Scripture (Jer 1:1-5)

No Evidence

Creationism

God creates new soul

Sinful contact with body

Catholics, Aquinas

Zech 12:1-2

Man is a soul, only has a
body

Traducianism

Parents procreate

Sinful at conception

Shedd, Augustine,

Man is a body/

soul/spirit unity

Ro 5:12; Ps 51:5

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The Doctrine of Sin – God’s perfect creation was vitiated by sin. It’s universal and humanly irreparable! (Rom 3:23)

- 1 John 3:4 - “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.” (missing the mark, falling short, etc)
- Terms: Sin, Trespass, Iniquity, Evil, and Wickedness
- 2 categories: Commission and Omission (Jms 4:17)

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The EFFECTS of Sin on Adam and His Descendants (Death)

Gen 2:16-17 – “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may **freely** eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely **die**.”

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There is no Sin apart from Free Choice – Must have a free moral agent to have Responsibility

Hard Determinism – caused by another

Indeterminism – No cause at all

Self-Determinism – caused by yourself (ought implies can!)

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Death Started Immediately

Spiritual death – separation from God

Isaiah 59:2 – “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you”

Eph 2:1,5 – we “were dead in our trespasses and sins”.

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Death is Inevitable

Physical death – separation of the body from the spirit as a judicial penalty

Rom 5:12 – “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all **sinned** [aorist, we sinned potentially, seminally, judicially in Adam]...”

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Death can be Permanent

Eternal death – eternal and irreparable separation from God, known as the “second death” (hell).

Rev 20:14-15 – “The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.”

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Effect of Sin on Adam's Descendants

- When Adam sinned, his unborn descendants were seminally, judicially, & potentially guilty and condemned to death
- Not actually/personally guilty until you sin (Rom 5:12, 18-19). Christ obedient death reversed this judicial/potential guilt and made humanity judicially/potentially savable)

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Man is dead in sins possessing a sin nature

Ephesians 2:3 – "And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins... we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."

(models: dead, poor, blind, naked, polluted, prison, sick)

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Effect of Sin on Man – Total Depravity

- It means man's nature is *totally* effected from birth (Eph 2:1-3)
- Means depravity is *extensive* (corruptive), not intensive (dest)
- Means the image of God is *effaced* but not erased, man is separated from God with His image (Gen 9:6; Jms 3:9).
- Having a fallen nature is not an acquired habit, but it's a natural inclination, bent, and propensity.
- It means we *cannot save ourselves* because we are sinners by nature and by practice.

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What Depravity Does Not Mean

- That we are as sinful as we could be. Depravity means we are not as good as we should be.
- That sin is excusable, we are responsible. Or that it is unavoidable. Though sin in general is inevitable, no sin in particular is unavoidable (god's grace for the believer and unbeliever). The dead will be judged for what they have done (Rev 20:12)
- That we have no choice in our salvation (Jn 3:16).

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? PELAGIAN

NO Original Sin
NO part affected by sin
SIN affected Adam alone
Unaided will can take initial
step to salvation
Unitarians
Condemned AD 418 & 431

? ARMINIAN

(Semi-Pelagian)
Original Sin
Will not affected
No Adamic guilt
Will can cooperate
with God...
Pentecostals, Meth,
& Wesleyans,
Evangelicals
Condemn at
Orange

(500)

? AUGUSTINIAN

Original Sin
Total Depravity
Have Adamic nature
- *Monergism* - God
alone regenerates
- *Synergism* (God
initiates and man
responds by faith)
Reformed, Calvin,
Catholics, Evangelicals
Orthodox Position

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The Solution

Romans 6:23 –“For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”