

Article III. Man

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Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation.

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The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.