Subject: Anthropology: Made In His Image! First Baptist Church

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**Creation Of Mankind – How Did I Get Here?**

**If You Seek To Study The** \_\_\_\_\_ **Of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **From A** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Perspective You Will Discover** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **To Life’s Basic Questions And Find** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **For Your Future.**

**M**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Start With** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Not** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**

**A**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Genesis As** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Not** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**

1. Genesis is the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Properly understood the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confirms the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ account.

**D**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Into The** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **For A** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**

**E**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **The** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**

1. I Was Created To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. I Was Created To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.

**Application:**

*If you believe the creation account, what a difference this can make in your everyday life, knowing there is a Creator God who made you, loves you, redeems you, so you live out His purpose as you face life’s challenges.*

**Anthropology:** The Study of Man from a biblical perspective.

**VIEWS CONCERNING THE ORIGIN OF MAN**.

There are a variety of views by Christians and non-Christians concerning the origin of man (The Moody Handbook of Theology).

1. Evolution –

The evolutionary theory begun by Charles Darwin and refined by others is an attempt to explain the origin of matter and life apart from God. The origin of man, animals, and plant life is all explained apart from any supernatural process. The tenets of evolution, as spelled out in Darwin’s *The Origin of Species”* (The Moody Handbook of Theology, 301). This is a secular theory that seeks to explain the origins of the universe and of life apart from an infinite-personal God as responsible for creating the universe by intelligent design (Systematic Theology: Grudem, 352).

1. Theistic Evolution –

Some Christians have proposed that living organisms came about by the process of evolution that Darwin proposed but that God guided that process so that the result was just what he wanted it to be (Systematic Theology, Grudem, 366). This view is called, “Theistic Evolution” because it advocates a belief in God and in evolution too. This is a syncretistic approach to the origin of man. Theistic evolutionists attempt to harmonize the findings of science with the Bible.

1. Progressive Creationism –

Progressive creationism (also called “process creation”) is the belief that God created the heavens and the earth over a period of billions of years, not the six 24-hour days that is the basis for the traditional creationism view (Gotquestions.org). Progressive creationism is a more serious attempt to reconcile the Bible with science. This theory says that God intervenes in the evolutionary process through special acts where evolution will not work. There are several flaws with this theory, the chief being that death would have occurred before the Fall. Genesis, however, indicates there was no death until Adam sinned (Moody Handbook of Theology, 302).

1. Gap Theory –

The gap theory places a lengthy period of time between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, basically as an accommodation to science. In that way gap theorists can hold to the antiquity of the earth yet understand the words of Genesis 1 and 2 literally, adhering to twenty-four hour days of creation (The Moody Handbook of Theology, 302). The Gap Theory is not built on a study of the text but on an attempt to harmonize the Bible with science. The problems with this theory have been well documented and the Hebrew grammar does not allow for such a view.

1. Sudden Creationism – Also known as “Biblical Creation View.”

Man did not evolve but was created instantaneously. Literal creationists hold to a recent earth, approximately 10,000 years old. Geological formations can be explained through the Noahic flood.﻿ All forms of evolution are rejected by fiat creationists” (Moody Handbook of Theology, 303).

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