



ANTHROPOLOGY

who is **Man**?

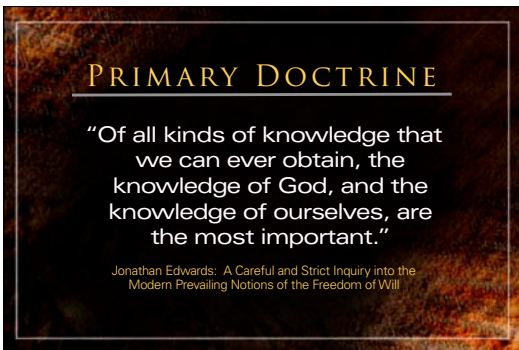
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WHAT IS EVIL?

Why is there **Evil** in the world?

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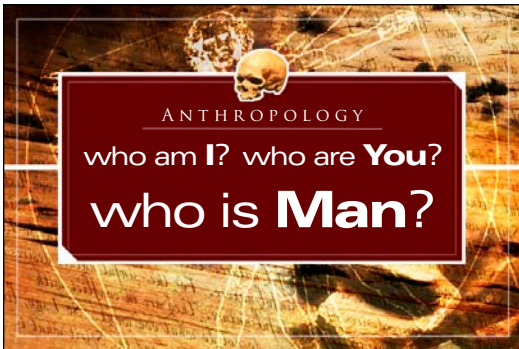
PRIMARY DOCTRINE

"Of all kinds of knowledge that we can ever obtain, the knowledge of God, and the knowledge of ourselves, are the most important."

Jonathan Edwards: A Careful and Strict Inquiry into the Modern Prevailing Notions of the Freedom of Will

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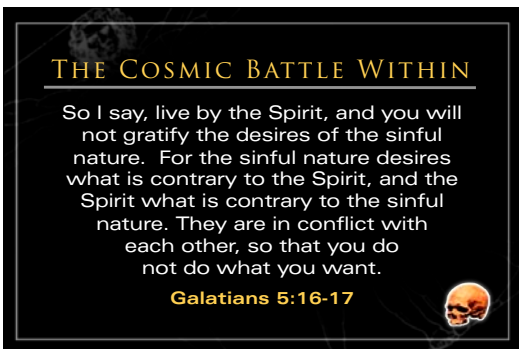


ANTHROPOLOGY

who am **I**? who are **You**?

who is **Man**?

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THE COSMIC BATTLE WITHIN

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

Galatians 5:16-17

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THE BATTLE OVER ANTHROPOLOGY

who is Man?

Truth Reality VS Lie Illusion

THE PERNICIOUS LIE

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THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

his **essence**

his **moral state**

his **need**


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THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

the **states of man**

- or -

"**modes**"




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THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

mode 1: **innocent**

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him;

Genesis 1:27



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THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

mode 2: **fallen**

...sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 5:12

The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

Genesis 6:5

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DESCRIPTIONS & NAMES OF THE OLD MAN

Evil	Rebellious
Dead	Without hope
Blind	Haters of God
Deaf	Desperately Wicked
Lost	Children of the devil

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"YOU CANNOT SLANDER
HUMAN NATURE; IT IS
WORSE THAN WORDS
CAN PAINT IT."

C. H. Spurgeon

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THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

mode 2a: hell

If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:15

...man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

Hebrews 9:27

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THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

mode 3: redeemed

...with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Revelation 5:9

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DESCRIPTIONS & NAMES OF THE NEW MAN

The redeemed	Children of God
Saints	Sons of God
Priests	Beloved
Called out ones	Wear white robes
The people of God	Born from above
A holy nation	

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BUT WE CARRY SOMETHING

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Galatians 5:16-17



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THE COSMIC BATTLE WITHIN

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do...I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

Romans 7:15, 18-20



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THE COSMIC BATTLE WITHIN

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Romans 7:24-25



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THE COSMIC BATTLE WITHIN

this **does not absolve** us from **responsibility!!**

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Romans 6:12

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Romans 8:5-14



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THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

mode 3a: glorified

The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44



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THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

His **essence**
made in the image of God
dualistic: both flesh and spirit

His **moral state**
fallen nature

His **need**
redemption

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THE BATTLE OVER ANTHROPOLOGY

who is **Man**?

Truth
Reality

imago deo

Dualistic, Fallen,
Redemption

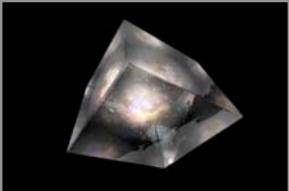
VS

Lie
Illusion

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"THE COSMOS IS ALL THAT IS, OR EVER WAS, OR EVER WILL BE."
Carl Sagan




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THE WORLD & CORLISS LAMONT'S PRIMARY DOCTRINE

"The nonreality of the supernatural means, on the human level, that men do not possess supernatural and immortal souls..."

Humanism as a Philosophy



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NATURALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS

if man is but a material beast, having nothing beyond the **evolutionary cosmic particles**, then what must we conclude about man?

does he have a **purpose** beyond himself?

can he have any **meaning** in life?

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NATURALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS

does he have a **free** will?

is he basically **good**?

is there anything **beyond** the grave?

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NATURALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS

Dr. William Provine

No gods or purposive forces
 No ultimate foundation for ethics
 No free will
 No life after death
 No ultimate meaning in life

Debate with Phillip Johnson, Stanford University
 "Summary of Implications of Modern Evolutionary Biology"

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NATURALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS

Paul Kurtz

"Using the powerful critical tools of science and logical analysis, modern man now recognizes that the universe has no special human meaning or purpose and that man is not a special product of creation."


The Humanist Alternative

SOURCE OF TRUTH?

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IMPLICATIONS FROM AN ICON OF EVOLUTION




Haeckel's Embryos

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IMPLICATIONS FROM AN ICON OF EVOLUTION



**"A rat is a pig
 is a dog is a boy."**

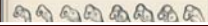
Ingrid Newkirk, Save the Animals
 ~ president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

Haeckel's Embryos

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**IMPLICATIONS FROM AN
ICON OF EVOLUTION**



The Finnish Green Party activist Pentti Linkola...goes so far as to say that he has more sympathy for threatened insect species than for children dying of hunger in Africa.


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**IMPLICATIONS FROM AN
ICON OF EVOLUTION**



“While the death of young men in war is unfortunate, it is no more serious than the touching of mountains and wilderness areas by humankind.”

David Brower, For Earth's Sake ~ former head, Sierra Club

Haeckel's Embryos

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NATURALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS

Paul Kurtz

“If man is a product of evolution, one species among others, in a universe without purpose, then man's option is to live for himself...”

The Humanist Alternative



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NATURALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS

Clarence Darrow

“The purpose of man is like the purpose of the pollywog—to wiggle along as far as he can without dying; or, to hang to life until death takes him.”

cited in The Best of Humanism




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ANTHROPOLOGICAL “MONISM”

“Holding an organic view of life, humanists find that the traditional dualism of mind and body must be rejected.”

Humanist Manifesto I



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Sellars, Roy W. (1933). Humanist Manifesto I. The New Humanist, May-June, 58-61.

THE WORLD'S VIEW OF MAN


his **essence**

his **moral state** ←

his **need** ←

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ABRAHAM MASLOW



"Hierarchy of Needs"

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"Hierarchy of Needs"

SA	Self Actualization (following/doing your inner desires)
Esteem	(self respect, autonomy, status, achievement, recognition, attention)
Social	(affection, belonging, acceptance, friendship)
Safety	(security, protection from physical & emotional harm)
Physiological	(hunger, thirst, shelter, sex)

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"AS FAR AS I KNOW WE JUST DON'T HAVE ANY INTRINSIC INSTINCTS FOR EVIL."

Abraham Maslow
cited in David Noebel, *Understanding the Times*




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"I DO NOT FIND THAT... EVIL IS INHERENT IN HUMAN NATURE."


Carl Rogers
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ABRAHAM MASLOW




“If you think in terms of the basic needs; instincts, at least at the outset, are all ‘good’ ...careful study of them [instincts] will provide the values we need by which better societies can evolve.”

cited in David Noebel, Understanding the Times

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ABRAHAM MASLOW



“Since this inner nature is good or neutral rather than bad, it is best to bring it out and to encourage it rather than to suppress it. If it is permitted to guide our life, we grow healthy, fruitful, and happy.”

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THE TRUTH

For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live...

Romans 8:13

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THE TRUTH

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived...

Colossians 3:5-10

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THE TRUTH

But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Colossians 3:5-10

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THE OL' GARDEN LIE

No! Get in touch with the inner man...let him flourish...if you let him guide your life, you will be healthy, fruitful and happy.

this is **self-actualization**...and the **consequences** are **huge**...



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What is the enemy of **self-actualization**?

Suppression
of one's inner desires



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WHO IS MAN?
the **Truth** claims

Man is created in the image of God

Goo-man, a product of mindless, purposeless forces



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WHO IS MAN?
the **Truth** claims

Man, though created perfect, rebelled against God and is now fallen, his heart desperately wicked

Man is basically good



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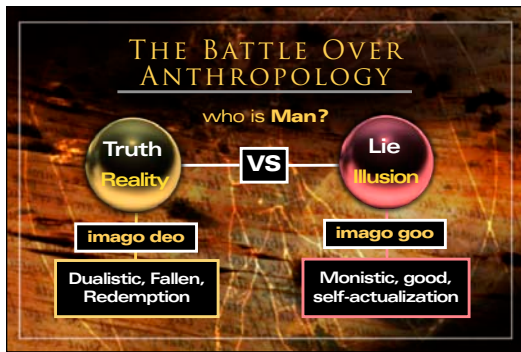
WHO IS MAN?
the **Truth** claims

Man needs divine grace, regeneration, and redemption

Man must save himself through self-oriented pursuits



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HMMM???

“[Man’s] inner nature is **good**...”

“...we just **don’t** have any intrinsic **instincts** for **evil**...”

“...**instincts**, at least at the outset, are all ‘**good**’...”




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HMMM???

doesn’t this raise a very **obvious** and **important** **question**????

if Man is **instinctively** and **basically good**, then **why** is there **evil** in the **world**?



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JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU
(1712-1778)

“If man is good by nature, as I believe to have shown him to be, it follows that he stays like that **as long as nothing foreign to him corrupts him**.”

“Man was born free, but everywhere he is in **chains!**”

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CARL ROGERS

“For myself, though I am very well aware of **the incredible amount of destructive, cruel, malevolent behavior** in today’s world—from the threats of war to the senseless violence in the streets—I **do not find that this evil is inherent in human nature**.”

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THE LOGICAL QUESTION...

If evil doesn't come from human nature, then **where does it come from?**

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IF MAN IS GOOD?
WHY IS THERE EVIL?


"Sick people are made by a **sick culture**; healthy people are made possible by a healthy culture."

Abraham Maslow, Motivation and Personality

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IF MAN IS GOOD?
WHY IS THERE EVIL?



Carl Rogers

"...experience leads me to believe that it is **cultural influences** which are the major factor in our evil behaviors."

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INTERESTING QUESTION

the "feeling bad about evil" problem

why does evil **bother** you?

why do you **feel bad** about **evil**?

isn't **evil**, as you described it, simply the natural **outworking** of the **evolutionary process**?

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OUR CULTURE'S ANTHROPOLOGY
BASIC ASSUMPTIONS

man, by nature, **is good**

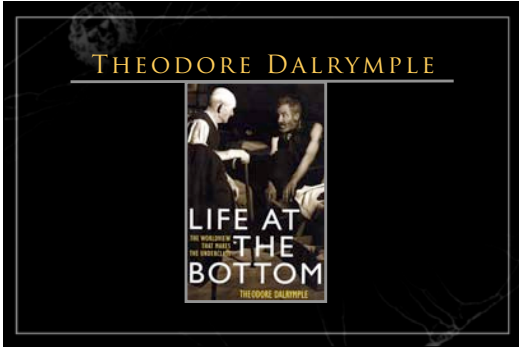
mental health and **happiness** come through **self-actualization** and getting in touch with one's real '**good**' self

social institutions are **responsible** for man's **evil** actions

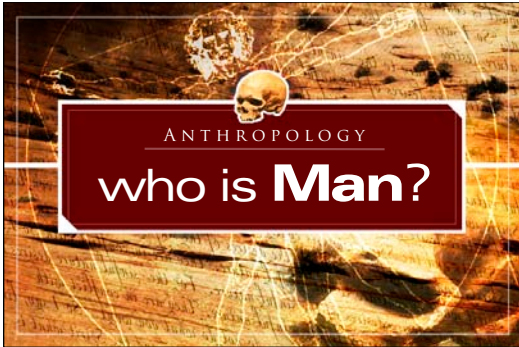
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