

SOCIOLOGY

the divine Imprint

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The heavens **declare** the glory of God
 The skies **proclaim** the work of his hands
 Day after day they **pour forth** speech
 Night after night they **display knowledge**
 There is no speech or language where
 their **voice** is not **heard**
 Their **voice** goes out into all the earth,
 their **words** to the ends of the world

Psalm 19:1-4

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"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you."

Job 12:7-8

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talked to a
chicken lately?

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listening to a **Chicken** Egg...

Three main parts:
Shell, yolk, albumen (egg white)

Shell is porous:
10,000 pores (O₂ in; CO₂ out)

Four vessels:
2 attach to the yolk for food;
2 attach to the outer membrane to breathe

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listening to a Chicken Egg...

Chick metabolizes the yolk:
gives off CO2 & H2O vapor
through the vessels to the shell

19th day: chick needs more air:
uses "egg-tooth" on beak to peck
hole in air sack at end of egg for 6
hrs of air; enough to break hole
in shell for more O2

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THE PROBLEM OF ORDER

The **chicken egg** poses a **problem**:

- Order -

Random, purposeless, mindless
forces **should produce** a
random, purposeless,
mindless **cosmos**

But that is not what we have!

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THE GOD OF ORDER

"Dominion and awe belong to
God; he establishes **order** in
the heights of heaven."

Job 25:2

For God is not a God of disorder...

1 Corinthians 14:33

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DISORDER IS A VICE

For where you have envy
and selfish ambition, there
you find **disorder** and
every evil practice.

James 3:16



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**COUNTLESS & INCREDIBLE
SYSTEMS OF ORDER**

Water cycle to DNA

**Photosynthesis to
Cleansing Tides**

Chicken Egg to Blood Clotting

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GOD IS A GOD OF ORDER

Displayed in great glory through the physical creation...

But even more so...

In the order that He has created in the social realm...

An order which is just as phenomenal and beautiful

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THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S SOCIAL SYSTEMS

The Real Battleground

The diagram consists of six colored spheres arranged in two rows. The top row contains 'Family' (blue), 'Labor' (orange), and 'Church' (yellow). The bottom row contains 'God & Man' (light blue), 'Community' (green), and 'State' (red). Dashed lines connect 'Family' to 'Labor', 'Church' to 'State', and 'God & Man' to 'Community'.

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ORDER BAFFLES THE BLIND

"Biologists must constantly keep in mind that what they see was not designed, but rather evolved."

Francis Crick
cited in William Dembski, *First Things*

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Crick, Francis (1988). Cited in William A. Dembski, *Science and Design. First Things*, 86, October, 21,

ORDER BAFFLES THE BLIND

"I remember well the time when the thought of the eye made me cold all over..."

Charles Darwin

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Darwin, Charles (1860). "I remember the time" quotation. Darwin to Asa Gray on April 3, Cited in *Cretinism or evolution? No. 3* (Online). www.talkorigins.org/faqs/ce/3/part9.html.

CREATION

God's recurring comment...

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GENESIS 2:18
Qualitative or Ethical?
Pragmatic or Moral?

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OUR SOURCE OF TRUTH
Focus on the
Nature of God

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WESTMINSTER CONFSSION

"In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; the Father is of none, neither begotten, nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son."

1646

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Westminster Confession of Faith, The (1646).

THE TRIUNE GOD
Perfect Unity, Relationships, Equality,
Roles, Authority & Submission

Matthew 28:19

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

John 10:30
John 20:21
John 14:26

John 14:26

John 16:7

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THE DIVINE MARK

Solid, Liquid, Gas

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THREE REALMS

Physical Laws

Physical

Spiritual Social

Spiritual Laws Social Laws

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GOD'S SOCIAL LAWS & ORDER

Social

Social Laws

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it's all about
Relationships

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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE FALL?

relationships severed

God & Man

Man to Man

Man Internally

Man & Creation

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importance of
Relationships

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Qualitative or Ethical?
Pragmatic or Moral?

Why was it not good for man to be alone?

This slide features a collage of images: a group of people at a table, hands clasped in prayer, and a classical painting of Adam and Eve. A small circular icon of the Trinity is positioned at the top center.

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THE DIVINE MARK

- One**
Aloneness
- Two**
Relationship & Intimacy
- Three**
Community & Fellowship

A small circular icon of the Trinity is located at the bottom center.

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**SOCIAL SPHERES/
SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

A diagram showing six spheres: Family (blue), Labor (orange), Church (yellow), God & Man (light blue), State (red), and Community (green). Dashed lines connect Family to Labor, Church to State, and God & Man to Community.

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THE INTIMATE THREE

A diagram with five spheres: Trinity (grey), Family (blue), Church (yellow), God & Man (light blue), and an unlabeled blue sphere.

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THE INTIMATE THREE

A diagram with three spheres: Family (blue), Trinity (grey), and an unlabeled blue sphere. A red oval encloses the Family and Trinity spheres. A grey box contains the text: Authority, Submission, Oneness, Unity.

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FAMILY & CHURCH

Wives, **submit** to your husbands as to the Lord.

For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the **head of the church**, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Now as the church **submits** to Christ, so also wives should **submit** to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:22-24

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FAMILY & CHURCH

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:25-27

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FAMILY & CHURCH

In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—

for we are members of his body.

Ephesians 5:28-30

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FAMILY & CHURCH

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:31-32 (ESV)

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FAMILY & CHURCH

However, let each one of you **love** his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she **respects** her husband.

Ephesians 5:33 (ESV)

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THE CHURCH
Relationships, Roles,
Authority & Submission



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ESTABLISHING THE SPHERE AUTHORITY

The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and **appoint elders** in every town, as I directed you. An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.


Titus 1:5-6

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ESTABLISHING THE SPHERE AUTHORITY

Keep watch over yourselves and all the **flock** of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be **shepherds** of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Acts 20:28




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ELDERS, PASTORS, TEACHERS

Obey your leaders and **submit** to their **authority**. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17




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ELDERS, PASTORS, TEACHERS

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double **honor**, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

1 Timothy 5:17



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FAMILY SPHERE
 God's Design & Purpose
 The Cultural Attack

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THE FAMILY
 what does it look like?
 Exodus 20:12, 14, 17

Husband: Eph 6:4

Wife: Gen 1:26-28, Gen 2:18-24, Mat 19:4-8, Mal 2:13-16, Eph 5:22-33, 1 Pet 3:1-7, Col 3:18-21, Titus 2:4-5, Heb 13:4

Children: Eph 6:1-3, Col 3:20, Prov 1:8, Deut 6:6-7

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THE FAMILY:
 SERIOUS BUSINESS

"I hate divorce,
 says the LORD God
 of Israel..."

Malachi 2:16

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THE FAMILY:
 SERIOUS BUSINESS

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with **respect** as the weaker partner and as **heirs with you** of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing **will hinder your prayers**.

1 Peter 3:7

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SERIOUS BUSINESS

Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because He no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands.

Malachi 2:13-17

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SERIOUS BUSINESS

You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. Has not the LORD made them one?

Malachi 2:13-17

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SERIOUS BUSINESS

In flesh and spirit they are His. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring.

Malachi 2:13-17

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SERIOUS BUSINESS

So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. "**I hate divorce**," says the LORD God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment," says the LORD Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.

Malachi 2:13-17

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SERIOUS BUSINESS

You have wearied the LORD with your words. "How have we wearied Him?" You ask. By saying, "All who do evil are good in the eyes of the LORD, and he is pleased with them" or "Where is the God of justice?"

Malachi 2:13-17

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