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A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF LIFE

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE HUMAN MIND AND THE NATURE OF MAN

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Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image,
according to Our likeness;

Genesis 2:7

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 soul.

This "living soul" was mankind's genesis – meaning: from that moment on, the genetics or the mechanics or the metaphysics of man was what it was and is what it is today - - **alive!**

Regarding the Reality of the Unborn Child

– at what point is the child alive? When is life determined?

Some say today that a baby isn't actually a baby until it is born and some politicians say that is even debatable.

(but let's not talk Insane, or Unscientific or Neanderthal)

If Science Teaches Us Anything, It Teaches Us That Life Lives.

Do not think for a moment that **at conception** is the creation of life. LIFE LIVES and LIFE BEGETS LIFE - - A healthy living **male sperm** colliding into a healthy living **female egg** results in a controlled "pre-programmed" **nova** of information that is beyond our modern ability to know fully.

Genesis 1:31

Then God saw everything that He had made,
and indeed it was very good.

When we talk about the creation of mankind of humankind, the creation of us, were talking about a “Creation” depth or design of creation that is altogether separate from God’s animal kingdom.

BUT JACK, THERE ARE SO MANY “SIMILARITIES”
- THAT MAYBE EVOLUTION IS TRUE.

**This is Evidence of the Same Contractor.
It works well. It’s proven.**

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The Human Mind?

And The Nature Of Man

1.) What is it to be human?

Consider This:

Your brain is not your mind. Your brain is approximately 3 pounds of white a grey matter – it is material. Your mind is more like a current or presence that uses your brain to perform in ways that we have yet to fully understand.

Just like your brain manipulates your hand & eye coordination – the actual Genesis / Origin or Source of You is your mind.

Redundancies / Programmed

We know scientifically that the human brain is hard-wired in the ways that it needs to be for you to live.

Variables / Programable

We also know scientifically that the human brain is plastic or flexible and able to cope with the most extraordinary challenges.

Our minds direct / manipulate / drive our emotions, passions, processes, moods, patterns, approaches...

The Reality of Man's Sinful Situation

"When a man is getting better he understands more and more clearly the evil that is still left in him. When a man is getting worse he understands his own badness less and less. A moderately bad man knows he is not very good: a thoroughly bad man thinks he is all right. This is common sense, really. You understand sleep when you are awake, not while you are sleeping. You can see mistakes in arithmetic when your mind is working properly: while you are making them you cannot see them. You can understand the nature of drunkenness when you are sober, not when you are drunk. Good people know about both good and evil: bad people do not know about either."

C. S. Lewis

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2.) What makes us the way that we are?

1st. We must go back to who (the human) we used to be in the DNA of our first parents, Adam and Eve.

Their purpose for existing.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism of 1646-47

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

We possess god-like traits and abilities.

What Adam and Eve could and could not do is lost to us.

What were they like, having been created perfect?

What could they do both physically and spiritually?

Their happy responsibilities in relation to God in creation must have been beautiful beyond our imagination.

But Something Has Gone Terribly Wrong *and We Know It.*

Genesis 3:1-4a

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he **said** to the woman, “Has God indeed **said**, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” :2 And the woman **said** to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; **3** but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has **said**, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” :4a Then the serpent **said** to the woman, “You will not surely die.

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3.) How do I get control of my thought life?

It’s Time We Confess the Obvious “What’s going on here inside my head?”

Romans 8:5-7

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

SIN-fulness has affected the Human Machinery.

1 Corinthians 2:12-15

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. :13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

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4.) Can I change my mind forever?

Yes, Our Minds Can Be Reprogrammed

Hebrews 8:10b

I (The Lord) will put My laws in their **mind** and write them on their hearts;

Yes, Our Minds Can Be Renewed.

Romans 12:1-4 ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Yes, Our Minds Can Be Rewired.

Psalms 119:14-15

Your word I have **hidden in my heart**, that I might not sin against You. 15 I will **meditate** on Your precepts, and **contemplate** Your ways. 16 **I will** delight myself in Your statutes; **I will** not forget Your word.

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5.) What can be done to heal my mind / thoughts?

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Some Practical Applications

Colossians 3:1-2

If then you were raised with Christ (foundational truth), **seek** those things which are above, (present action) where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
2 **Set** (present action) your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

So, Where were you “**seeking**” today?

So, What did you choose to “**set**” your mind on today?

Your Mind is very much like a muscle and your memories are able to “flex” your thoughts, emotions, pleasures, drama and issues.

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore **gird** up the loins of your mind,

End of Study