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THEOLOGY AND ME - PART 2

THE PERSON, THE WORK, THE MINISTRY, THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Christianity, Apologetics, Anthropology, Culture.

Introduction to the Topic;

Theology and Me and The Design of God.

Psalm 139:1-18

O LORD, You have searched me and known me. **2** You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. **3** You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. **4** For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. **5** You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. **6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. **7** Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? **8** If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. **9** If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, **10** Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. **11** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; **12** Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. **13** For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. **14** I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well... **15** My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. **16** Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. **17** How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! **18** If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

Ecclesiastics 3:11

He (God) has made everything beautiful in its time (ordered universes). Also
He has put (set in place) eternity in their hearts (the human being),

THEOLOGY AND ME

BEING HUMAN AND OUR ABILITY TO KNOW GOD.

1.) What am I - being a human?

The Foundations of Human Creation & Existence

Genesis 1:24-28

In His Image... (a revelation of our value = identity)

Genesis 2:15

To Tend The Garden... (a call to maintain order = purpose)

The Exceptionalism of The Human Machine.

The complexity of the human being and our consciousness.

(1)

We are “physically” aware. { why are we? }

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God #1 formed (shaped, crafted) man of (from) the dust of the ground, (physical) and #2 breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; (his non-physical / consciousness) and man became a living being. (2 out of the 3 aspects of man)

There Are Two (2) Tragic Verses in The Bible.

- The Saddest Moments in All of Human Existence

The Post Fall Cover Up

Genesis 3:8-13 esv

And they (Adam and Eve) heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool (expanse/refresh) of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 And Adam said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” 11 And God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12 The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The True Manifestation of Sin’s Power;

(Excuses, Deflection, Accusation, Self-Righteousness)

Man’s Real Systemic Problem is - His Love of Sin.

John 3:19-20

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20** For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

**God Breathed Forth / Exhaled into Adam’s Lungs
The Breath of Life**

John 1:4

In Him was life, (Jesus Christ) and the life was the light (pho – fire-light, light, spark or cause) of men.

But where does **“the breath of life”** go after your body dies?

(2)

We are “thought” centered. { why are we? }

The Mind of Man is the Closest Thing That allows us to know what God is like.

#1 God is Spirit. // #2 God has a Will

#3 God has Allowed Himself to be known.

(3)

We are “spiritually” cognizant. { why are we? }

(we have the ability to possess values, make moral judgements, & be self-determinant)

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/what-is-consciousness/>

What Is Consciousness?

Scientists are beginning to unravel a mystery that has long vexed philosophers.

Psalm 8:3-4

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him,

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. 2 A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. 3 A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. 4 A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. 5 A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. 6 A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. 7 A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. 8 A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.

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2.) Why is spirituality intrinsic to our human experience?

Is This Verse True About You?

1Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul,** and **body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“A Trichotomy”

{ Spirit, Soul, and Body – That’s Me }

What’s With **My Body**?

James 3:6

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

What’s With **My Soul**?

Philippians 2:5

Let this **mind** be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,

Proverbs 23:7

For as he **thinks** in his heart, so is he.

**I believe that God has allowed us a “left-over” from Eden
- Stamped upon us, embossed within are the faint remnants of
His divine finger-print.**

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

James 1:13-15

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

What’s With **My Spirit** – Saved or Lost?

Ephesians 2:1-9

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. :4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

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3.) Why do we know good from evil?

Unlike the animal kingdom - We have a unique ability to not only determine what we prefer or desire, but we also (and we do) judge and evaluate all things in life. – why?

The existence of Good and Evil.

(how do you know that there is a good or evil?)

Romans 2:14 esv

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

“Because God has also written morality on our hearts (Rom 2:14-15). Even the Gentiles who don’t have the Law of Moses know this. Even the Jews and Canaanites before there was a Bible knew this. Otherwise, how could God judge the entire generation of Noah or the Canaanites? It would be unfair of God to judge people if they didn’t know they were doing wrong.”

– *Dr. Frank Turek*

**When we say “Good” We mean
“Good” as referring to God-like characteristics.**

Luke 18:18-19

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 19 So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

The desire to comfort, love, and benefit another individual.

This comes from the “image of God” that lingers in us.

When we say “Evil” We mean
“Evil ” as referring to Devilish characteristics.

The desire to harm or injure for the sheer pleasure of seeing someone suffer.
This comes from a desire to control and to have power over another.

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4.) How do we know right from wrong?

We have an Internal Compass / an Active Barometer

C.S. Lewis wrote: "It seems then we are forced to believe in a real Right and Wrong. First, human beings all over the earth have this curious idea that they ought to behave in a certain way. Second, they do not in fact behave in that way. The truth is, we believe in decency so much that we cannot bear to face the fact that we are breaking it, and consequently we try to shift the responsibility." - *C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, page 21*

When we say “Right” We mean “Right” as referring to a natural law that exists
from outside of us.

The awareness or burden to align with what is right and meaningful and edifying and of a high
standard.

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5.) What can be done about me?

You and I are our problem. You are your problem. I am mine.
But how do I know that – that is true?

Your self-awareness { in the presence of God }

Do You Think The Following Is True or False?

The Bible Says;

Romans 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Do You Think The Following Is True or False?

The Bible Says;

Psalm 14:1

The fool has said in his heart, “**There is no God.**” They are corrupt,
They have done abominable works, there is none who does good.

Do You Think The Following Is True or False?

The Bible Says;

Psalm 19:1-3

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

The Bible Says;

Psalm 8:4

What is man that You are mindful of him,

This is a question coming from the Psalmist.

A Call To The Rededication of The Believer

The Invitation To Know Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

End of Study

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