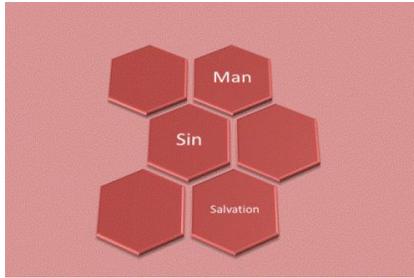


Unit 5: Anthropology: The Study of Man

Unit Introduction



In this unit we will be studying Anthropology – the study of man. In Lesson 11, we will begin by looking at the origin of man – both unscriptural theories of man’s origin, and what the Bible has to say about man’s origin. We will see man’s state before and after the Fall in the Garden of Eden.

In Lesson 12, we will look at sin: where did it come from, what are the results and penalty of it, and what provision has God made for

it? Closing out this unit will be Lesson 13, where we will see just how man can be saved from sin.

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Lesson 11: What is Man?

Lesson Introduction

In this lesson we will examine man's origin, his nature, what he is made of, and his state before and after the fall in the Garden of Eden.

What is man? (Psalm 8:3-9) As young David sat there at night, gazing up at the blackness of the sky, the brilliance of those points of light shining through thousands and thousands of stars and heavenly bodies, he started to think these thoughts, "What is man?" What is man? Why in the world would God care about us? What is the purpose of life? That's our study, anthropology. It's simply the study of man, and we want to come at it from a biblical perspective. Who is man? Who is he? Where is he from? And where is he going? These are the three profound questions that all people are trying to ask, what is man? This is the same thought that David had when he considered the heavens, the work of thy fingers. Can you imagine the fingers of God? And instantaneously as He spoke it, these things existed. What is man that thou art mindful of him?

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The Effects of Sin

Topic 2: Unscriptural Theories About Man's Origin

We're going to look at the untrue theories of the origin of man. You all are probably familiar with the main one today, which is evolution. But there's another one that's called "spontaneous generation," and that's the belief that there is no Creator, and that man came into existence without cause. Well, we came into existence by a cause, and that Cause was God. And then you have evolution. The Encyclopedia Britannica has this definition of evolution, okay. Remember, these are theories. A theory cannot be proven scientifically because it's not repeatable and observable. How many of you were here to observe the Creation? How many of you can repeat the Creation in a laboratory? You cannot. So therefore, [neither] evolution nor Creation can be verified by science, but there's going to be one that lines up a lot better with observable science and the world that we see. The Encyclopedia Britannica says, "It is now universally held by competent biologists that all organisms, living or extinct, have arisen from remote common ancestors by a process of gradual change, or evolution, and further that life itself, in all probability, arose from non-living matter in the first stages of this evolutionary process." This is conjecture. This is the best solution that Godless minds can come up with. This is hypothesis. The definition of hypothesis is "a deed or act, also something that has really happened, or is actually the case of real occurrence or state of things, as distinguished from something merely alleged or believed; hence, a

truth known by actual observation or authentic testimony.” There’s no possible way that evolution can be deemed as a fact. It is not a fact. The evolutionary hypothesis is void of all facts. The things that the evolutionary theory has no explanation for, and you can ask them point blank: “Give me an answer to this, where did matter originate from?” You know, they all say, “Well, we evolved from, life evolved from, you know, lesser forms.” But then there had to be an initial life form, and where’d that come from? And then where did that matter that made the life form come from? You know, it stumps people. The brilliant scientists of our day, if you go ask them that question, they will be totally stumped. They don’t know what to say. They start babbling. You can tell them that matter has never been observed to evolve life. There’s no transmutation of species. You see differences within species. You see a dog, but within that species, a dog’s a dog. You know, from the wolf. And you have a cow. A cow’s a cow. You have different varieties of cows. You have, you know, just different species, different kinds, the Bible calls them. But you never see any transmutation between those species. It can’t happen. It never has. It’s never been observed. Throw that one at the evolutionary theorists. How about this one: explain life. Oh yeah, we can see this, this, and this happened. But explain what is life. The Bible says, and we’ll get to this, that God formed man from the dust of the ground. . . And then He breathed into man life. That’s the mystery. What is life? What is breath? What is it that makes life consciousness? Evolution can’t explain Christ, nor Christianity, nor the Christian experience. Evolution can’t explain a future life, or any explanation is not too good, because if we’ve evolved from lesser species, we should continue to be evolving past human, right. We should come up with something greater than human. And that means the extinction of us, as we continue to evolve higher and higher. What is the future? A lot of death and destruction and disease. That’s the future of an evolutionist’s worldview. But a Christian has a better worldview than all of that, praise be to God.

QUESTION 1

“Spontaneous generation” is the belief that there is no _____, and man came into existence without cause.

QUESTION 2

According to many today, scientists who believe in _____ are “incompetent.”

QUESTION 3

The evolutionary hypothesis is _____ of all facts.

QUESTION 4

The future of an evolutionist’s _____ contains death, destruction and disease.

The Elimination of God and His Word

So what’s the logical result of eliminating God and His Word? Well, what you need to do is look at tadpoles for moral ideals. Go talk to the tadpoles in the pond, and ask them if they have any ideas on how to fix crime and how to pay for healthcare. You know, go ask the tadpole. You might as well, cause they’re as good a source of information as anyone else, when you eliminate God and His Word. If you eliminate God and His Word, truth has no foundation. . You eliminate God from our schools, from our government, from everything else, you eliminate the standard. What is right or wrong? Well, that’s just

my opinion. If I think it's okay to murder, and you think it's not okay to murder, why is my opinion not better than yours? And that's when you remove God out of the equation, you have an absence of literal, absolute truth, and we need that absolute truth as humankind. If you eliminate God and His Word, you have eliminated the devil, okay. You've eliminated the corruption caused by the devil, cause he does not exist, and therefore that takes a lot out of the equation that makes this world what it is today in a bad way. And then another thing that you have to think about when looking at unscriptural theories about the origin of man, is this idea of the great difference between man and animals. There's a big difference between man and animals. Darwin noticed this and he said that there's a huge gap between the animal world and man, and that gap was amazing. Physically, man is upright; other animals are on all fours. So you see the, you know, the monkeys that run around. But they're still going down on their knuckles and stuff, right? So there's a huge difference between man and animal. You have the differences of flesh and blood. They're different in man and animal, but they say the genes of a man or chimpanzee and a man are 90-something percent close, but the other percent is so different. It's night and day. It's not even close, even in the DNA. Man has intellect; animals have instinct. Big differences, Big reasons why we did not evolve. Man is the only creature of God with moral qualities. Man has one moral command. What is that? "Be holy as I am holy." Animals don't have that command. Animals are [in]capable of morality; they are capable only of instinct. Man was created with spiritual concepts, and only man can worship God. So we have to realize the contrast between the world's theories on how we came to be, and God's truth on how we came to be. They're vastly different, nor should we ever meld them together. The geologists tell us that the earth is millions of years old because of the geologic formations and so on, then we'll just take what they say, and we'll mix it in with what the Bible says, and we'll kind of make it all work. The problem with that is you're accepting the long age of the earth, which the evolutionists put into the picture in order to sell their story. Can you imagine evolution without many, many millions of years? It doesn't work. So why would a Christian take that flawed model and insert it into the Scripture, when Scripture seems to be so clear that the Creation happened in six literal days. It seems to be from the biblical record and observation of things, that the earth is no more than six, seven, eight, ten thousand at the most, years old. That's stunning to people, but we can show that the formations of geology are mainly the result of the catastrophic worldwide flood, which the Scripture says. So we see that the Bible stands alone, and it's accurate, and it's fine. We don't need to mix and match to fit the world's views.

QUESTION 5

To eliminate God and His Word is to eliminate the _____ for truth.

QUESTION 6

The logical result of eliminating God and His Word is the elimination of _____ ideals.

QUESTION 7

Man is the only creature of God with _____.

QUESTION 8

Man was created with _____ concepts, and only man can worship God.

Topic 3: The Biblical Explanation of Man's Origin

Let's look at the biblical explanation of man's origin. In (Genesis 1:1) The very first thing the Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." And then you continue to read the story, and we read about it in Hebrews. It puts it this way in (Hebrews 11:3) It's an amazing concept, but in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Animals then procreated after their kind. In (Genesis 1:24), So you have the kinds. And then you have the creation of man. God so created man in His own image, (Genesis 1:27). That's profound. That's amazing. That separates us completely from any other animal or any other creation on this earth. We are so unique because we are a creation of God, and we are made in His image. So what's the nature of man? Well, man has a triune nature. We see a lot of triune things in the world. We could go through lots of those things where it seems like there's three that make one. Of course, the Trinity of the Godhead is the first place we would look, but other areas in the natural world, we see that. But in man, you have the body, the soul, and the spirit. We see this in (1 Thessalonians 5:23). We see the three components of the human nature, the body, the soul, and the spirit. Man's moral and intellectual nature. Man is the only creature given a command by God, who is expected to have morality and a moral nature. We're a lot different than the rest of God's creation in that respect. How about physical likeness? Now this is interesting. Look at Romans 5:14. It's almost different than I've ever thought of it, perhaps you've ever thought of it. Were we made in the image of God? Was Christ made in the image of us? We think of Him being born, so He's like us. But really, according to Romans 5:14, we're like Him (Romans 5:14). Who was the figure of Him that was to come? I believe Adam was the figure of the One that was to come, which is Christ. But we know that we are made in the physical likeness of God. Now how is that possible if God is a spirit? Well, it's because He had, before the foundation of the world, promised the coming of Jesus. And so we were made in His image, that He was to come. Adam was made in the likeness of Christ, not Christ in the likeness of Adam. Now what else about man's nature? Well, we see original innocence. Adam was not created in holiness or righteousness. Now listen, man was created perfect, but in innocence. Innocence is sinlessness that has never faced trial. Okay, we often call children innocent, and they are in many, many ways. They're innocent. But innocence is sinlessness that has never faced trial. Righteousness is innocence that has been tested and tried, and has come out victorious. Isn't that wonderful that we are now the recipients of the righteousness of Christ? And that's a wonderful thing. The nature of man: Man understood right and wrong. Man has been held accountable for that understanding.

QUESTION 9

Man has a _____ nature.

QUESTION 10

Triune man is composed of _____, _____ and spirit.

QUESTION 11

Man is the only one among many creatures given a _____ nature and responsibility. *True or False?*

QUESTION 12

Adam and Eve were created as _____ beings.

QUESTION 13

_____ is sinlessness that has never faced trial.

QUESTION 14

_____ is innocence that has been tested and tried, and has come out victorious.

Topic 4: Man's Composition

How about man's composition. Man is composed of earthly and spiritual elements. Let's look at Genesis 2:7, and let's see how this plays out. I've already referenced it. (Genesis 2:7) Isn't it interesting when we die, we return to dust? From dust to dust. The body, someone has said, chemically is 16 elements of soil composing 6% of the body. So when the body is, the spirit and soul separating from the body at death, the body goes into the ground, and eventually that body decomposes down, basically dries out and turns to dust, about 6% of what it used to be. The remainder of the 6% is water, carbon, and gases. (1 Corinthians 15) in verse 47 (1 Corinthians 15:47-48). In other words, those that are born of Adam, that have only received the first birth, you are of the earth. Those that have received the second birth. You have put your trust in the second Adam. You have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. You are saved, and now you have not only an earthy, but a heavenly. You will spend eternity in Heaven, and you will assume the image of a glorified body in Heaven, according to this verse. Man's spirit, according to (2 Corinthians 4:7). Your spirit is like treasure in earthen vessels. . . . I think that's important to realize. What are we? We are earthen vessels. God can use us to make and mold us the way He needs us to be for His service. Man's body is built by God for the purposes and functions of the immaterial man. Immaterial man is the soul and spirit, so the body if functioning for the purpose of the soul and spirit. What are some of those functions? Well, pain, sensation, the ability expressed in my body, are identified as "Me" and "mine." In other words, the body is for the soul and for the spirit. The body is the outward man, while the soul and spirit are the inner man, you see. (2 Corinthians 4:16) And then (2 Corinthians 5:1-2). At death, the body returns to dust (Genesis 3:19) This is part of the curse . . . so mankind, our curse has been not work, but hard work, work by the sweat of our brow, and from the ground that we work so hard to provide for us. And today we don't really know really much about that, because none of us really go to the ground for our sustenance. But most of the world, that is their daily job, they go out and make, they make sure they have enough food by planting, and weeding, and harvesting their crops. And that's how it always has been until modern machinery. So you go and work the ground by the sweat of your face you will eat bread, until thou return to the ground. It doesn't sound like a great existence, does it? But we're not living for this life, are we? For out of it wast thou taken. Man was formed by the dust of the ground. "For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Assignment:

- Memorize Genesis 2:7

QUESTION 15

Man is composed of _____ and _____ elements.

QUESTION 16

Man's body is built by God for the purposes and functions of the _____.

QUESTION 17

The body is the _____ man, while the soul and spirit are the _____ man.

Soul and Spirit

Then we have the soul. Remember the breath that was breathed into the man, the soul. This is the real you. This is the conscious life in you. Animals have conscious life, but after death there is no soul. Plants have a body, but no conscious life. Only man has conscious life, and a body, and that soul that continues on for eternity. So people that don't believe in eternal life, everyone will face eternal life somewhere. We call it eternal death in Hell, but that's really eternal life in Hell, or you can spend eternal life in Heaven, based on what you do with Christ. But man was made a living soul. That living soul will never die. That goes against those that teach in reincarnation. That goes against what people teach about soul sleep. Some people say, "Well, when you die, you're just dead, and that's it." Or some people say, "When you die, then you come back as something else. It depends on how you live." Hinduism and other religions practice that. They believe that. But not according to the Scripture. "It is appointed unto man once to die, then the judgment." We have an eternal soul that was created. It never dies, but it never comes back into this earth unto this body. Now, the soul is the seat of the emotions, the affections, the desires, and the active will. That's the soul. The spirit, or that part of man related to worship and communion with God. In (Proverbs 20:27), it talks about the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord. In Job it talks about there is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty gives him understanding (Job 32:8). The spirit, this part of us that communicates with God, the spiritual things. And we also find the heart referred to in the makeup of man. The heart is, in Scripture, not the pump; it's not the organ that pumps the blood. The heart is the, in Greek in the New Testament, you'll see heart, it's cardia most of the time. The innermost thoughts, the innermost expression, the innermost person. But in the Bible, in (Genesis 6:5). That's the heart of man after the Fall. Jehovah searches the heart. Peter wrote about the hidden man of the heart. Paul writes about the Law being written in their hearts, and so we see the composition of man, body, soul, and spirit. And then the heart is used to denote that innermost person as well.

QUESTION 18

Animals have _____ life, but after death there is no soul.

QUESTION 19

Man's eternal soul never _____, but never returns to this earth in this body.

QUESTION 20

The spirit is the part of us that _____ with God.

QUESTION 21

The heart of man in Scripture refers to the _____ person.

Topic 5: Man's Condition Before the Fall

Let's talk about us before the Fall. Eve was deceived, but Adam sinned; Adam sinned. He just sinned. She was deceived. He knew better, but he still did it. So I think both culpable; both sinned. And thanks to them we have the curse of sin. We have the inheritance of sin. We all have the sin nature. But what was it like before that? What was it like in the garden before the fall of man? Well, we have the knowledge of man. In Genesis 2, it talks about how he, Adam, had the job of naming all the animals. Now this is astounding. This is amazing. And I bet you a lot of the animals that we have names for today must have come from Adam. He was created as an adult, and as an intelligent adult. He already had intelligence. He had the ability to do something that we probably couldn't do—he named the animals, and he had that ability. Man was created with the right relationship with God. And the wisdom of God was available to him. So you can kind of see what the differences were before the Fall. We see the fellowship of man with God. It talks about how he had perfect communion in (Genesis 2:16). He walked and talked with God in the garden on a daily basis. It says, "in the cool of the day." What must that [have] been in the garden of fellowship? Sin broke that fellowship, but we through Christ can reestablish it. We also see the helpmeet. We saw the formation of Adam. How about the formation of Eve? In (Genesis 2:21) . . . Eve was fit for Adam. And there God created woman. So we see God has four ways of creating a human. The first way is the way that we're familiar with, conception: a man and a woman, and then a child is born. We see another way, as He formed Eve without the aid of a woman. He took a rib from Adam. We see another way. He formed Adam without a man or a woman, and He formed Christ without a man. You see the four different ways that God can make a human being. We see the work of Adam. Work is not a curse. Work itself is not a curse. Work is good. We're created to work. What was the work that they were to do? Well, they were to guard the garden. I think that implies they were to guard it from the devil, and they weren't doing their duty, were they, when Satan was there deceiving Eve? Well two other things, tending the garden, replenish the earth, subdue the earth, have dominion over the animals, to eat the herbs and the fruit. But the original creation, they were vegetarian, as were all the animals. You say, "Well how could a lion be a vegetarian, with those big teeth?" Well, we find those big animals tear off the vegetation, and God had different plants and different things that were created that animals and man ate. And I think it was, there was a lot more than we have today. A lot of it has gone extinct. They had all sorts of herbs and fruit that they were eating from. And that was the food, according to Genesis 1:29. By the way, you notice in prophecy, the lion and the lamb will lay down together? You know what that implies? It's going to be a return to a Garden of Eden-like setting, and there will be no more of that happening. The lion and the lamb laying down together. We also see the headship of man. All the human race descended from Adam, and these were all part of the pre-Fall world.

QUESTION 22

In the Fall of Man, Eve was _____ but Adam _____.

QUESTION 23

Man was created with a right _____ with God and the _____ of God available to him:

QUESTION 24

Adam's sin broke the perfect daily _____ he had with God.

Topic 6: Man in His State of Sin

How about man in the state of sin? What is man? Well, after the sin, what is the source of sin? Look in Genesis 3 and we're going to look at the first five verses. (Genesis 3:1-5). This was the temptation. You say, "Why did God put such a tree in the Garden of Eden? Wouldn't it have been smarter for Him not to put the tree there, and then we'd still be there? There's no way to sin without that rule." that is a good question. And here's the answer. God created us to choose to love Him, to choose to obey Him. If we didn't have a choice, we would be no more than robots. We would have no choice to obey or disobey. That tree in the middle of the garden was essential in God's plan to show that He could have His creatures love Him willingly. Love Him willingly. Now you say, "Yeah, but we blew it. Man fall. We're born in sin. We needed a Savior, and all of these things." Yes, but Christ came to show how much He loves His creation and those that put their trust in Him now can have that restored fellowship back to God, and now we can obey Him with His help and His power. Willing obedience and dependence on Him. And that will be fully restored and realized in the Millennium and in eternity. But here we have the source of sin, the serpent the devil. But notice the deceitfulness of Satan. He perverts the Word of God, and Eve does not repeat God's command as given. We need to know God's Word, and we need to repeat it as given. Have you ever heard someone misuse the verse you can do all things? If you stop there, then that will kind of give you the ability to do anything on your own. The verse says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." We must speak it as God said it, or we're going to be deceived just as Eve was. (2 Corinthians 11:3) Oh, the devil is so subtle. He boosted several things. (1 John 2:15-17) The lust of the flesh, isn't that the deception of the serpent to Eve? What is the lust of the flesh? The fruit looked so good for food. It will taste good. It will satisfy my taste buds. It'll taste good. It'll chew good. It'll feel good when I eat it. Lust of the flesh. Then you have the lust of the eyes. This looked good. It was tempting. It looked so good. And then the pride of life. The pride of life: you will be like God. A desire to make one wise, those three subtle, but powerful, temptations, are all around us today. Eve allowed forbidden desire to be nourished in her heart, and that eventually brought forth sin.

Assignment:

- Memorize 2 Corinthians 11:3

QUESTION 25

God created man to have a free will to _____.

QUESTION 26

Eve's statement in Genesis 3:3 shows the importance of knowing God's Word as it is _____.

QUESTION 27

These three temptations that Adam and Eve faced, and still challenge us today are the lust of the _____, the lust of the _____, and the pride of life.

The Effects of Sin

Because of Adam's position as the head of the human race, this sin was no small thing. This was a bad thing for all of us. It affects his children down through the generations. It affects you and affects me. We're born after Adam. He is our great, great, great, great-grandfather. And because he sinned, we are born in sin. Man's fall is Satan's crowning work upon the earth. He thought he had done it. He thought he had trumped God to make man fall. What did the fall of man do? Well, it questioned God's love. It said

that I will be as God. God, we have to trust that He would do what is best when we know what's better. It also said that God did not really mean His Word. He's holding back on us. There's something more. The fall of man also questioned God's authority. And then Satan's sin, and this is so similar. Satan's pride, he wanted to be God, and he tempted man with the same temptation that he fell with. And then we have the effects of sin upon Adam and Eve. We have shame. They were naked, but yet they were clothed with righteousness. I don't know what that would have been like, but they had no embarrassment. And today there is embarrassment after sin. Man tried to clothe himself with fig leaves, and God Himself provided a covering by killing the first animal. The immediate effect of sin upon Adam and Eve, you have fear. Adam hid from God. That wasn't part of the original creation. He had fellowship with God, and now he is fearful of God. We have separation from God, spiritual death, separation of the soul and spirit from God, the perfect fellowship is broken, the expulsion from the Garden, Adam driven from the Garden. Adam lost his lordship over the rest of creation. Man became subject to the second death. Nature changed, and you also know the curses of sin. Ladies, pain in childbirth; men, work by the sweat of your brow. Thorns, thistles, the serpent crawling upon the earth, eating the dust. And not only the immediate effects of sin that we still have to pay for, but also the remote effects of sin—man is spiritually darkened. (Ephesians 4:18; Ephesians 2:1) This was a long-term consequence of sin, and that is why it is so hard to convince people that they need a Savior. It's so hard for us to convince people that they need to put their trust in Him, and that judgment is coming. Time is running out. That is the reality. It's because mankind is blinded, because mankind is dead in trespasses and sins; man is spiritually darkened and became spiritually dead, and that is why we have to be people that bear the light of the gospel, to work along with the Holy Spirit that calls the world to Christ, judging the world of sin, righteousness, and of judgment. And that's why our job is so critical, because people are blind. They're blinded from the truth because they're walking the wrong way, and that's what we're to do is turn them around, and say "Look over there. This makes a lot more sense." And then they say, "Oh yeah, I get it." Man's soul was corrupt. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it? These are the effects of sin in the body: subject to disease and death.

QUESTION 28

The Fall of man questioned God's love and _____.

QUESTION 29

Immediate effects of sin upon Adam and Eve were _____, _____, and _____ from God.

QUESTION 30

The long-term consequence of man's sin is that man is _____.