

Foundations 05

Man, not another species

Why is killing a man murder, not dinner preparation?

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

(Genesis 1:26a)

Man - who, or what, is he?

Unlike the familists of our day, will are going to use the term "man" in the biblical senses of mankind, or as Justin Trudeau would insist, humankind.

One day they will notice that humankind, still has the world man in it!

The bible says...

"God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Gene. 1:27)

The dictionary says "*A man is an adult male human.*"

Man is not as some would insist a misogynist term.

It is just the right term.

We are not dominating women by calling the human kind "Man".

We are just using the term correctly.

Wikipedia says...

Humans (Homo sapiens) are highly intelligent primates that have become the **dominant species on Earth**. ... Together

with chimpanzees, gorillas, and orangutangs—are part of the family Hominid, (the great apes).

The mainstream media will tell you that we are just another species on the planet.

That there is nothing exceptional about us... except how destructive we are.

Charles Darwin

Charles Darwin published his now famous or rather infamous book...

On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life

On the 24 November 1859.

Over 160 years ago.

The fruits of this has been that our society has taken up the idea that Man is just an... over evolved ape.

Over the last 160 years, as the acceptance of this idea has grown...

so has...

- **Abortion** - the mass murder of children in the womb. You kill rats that are an inconvenience, why not children, they are only animals!
- **Euthanasia** - you put down a dog when it is old and suffering, why not grandma too, she is only an animal?
- **Murder** on our streets. You might kill off a wasp nest if it is keeping you from getting what you want. Why not kill off that other gang member, his has no more value than a wasp.

And more general problems.

- **Drug use** - why not poison your body with drugs, you body has no special value.
- **Casual sex** - why should you have any special idea about sex, it is just a biological impulse to procreate. It is just an urge, and why not fulfil it?
- **Holocaust** - why not kill off millions of Jews. Hitler believed them to be less evolved and a risk to the health of the master race. We breed from the best of race-horses and send the less good to the glue factory. Why not with the Jews? They are just less evolved apes.

It is of course much more complicated than this.

But basically Darwin and others with the aid of...

- Our universities
- The mass media
- Schools
- Others

The value and importance of the human has been undermined.

Racism

Today racism is a big thing.

On the whole it appears that racism is being used by the left to assist them in manipulating society and bringing down the “christian western world”.

But racism is to a very great extent bound up in the Darwinistic world view.

On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life

The very title tells you that he believed that the different races of humans were more or less “favoured” to survive.

More or less **evolved**.

This is also clear from the content of the book and his other book *The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex*

This view is totally contradictory to the biblical view of just who man is.

The Bible on Man.

Let us first read the biblical account of the creation of man and then pick out a few important points.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. v27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. v28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. v29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. v30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. v31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." (Genesis 1:26-31)

There is a little more detail given in the second chapter of Genesis.

"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." (Genesis 2:7)

So let us have a look through this in a little more detail...

In the image of God

God said...

"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness"

There are a few things we can see from this passage.

First, God, though one, is three persons and they take council among themselves.

"Let us make"

But for our purposes today I want us to note that man is

"in our [God's] image, after our [God's] likeness"

Man is made in the image and likeness of God.

We call this "**imago dei**" that is the Latin for "The image of God"

We do not need to know latin or speak Latin or use Latin...

But it is the term that the church has used for many hundreds of years and you will hear it used at times.

In England we use latin like...

- **ad hoc** (for this): said of something created or formed for a special case

- **ad infinitum** (to infinity): something that keeps going forever
- **caveat emptor** (let the buyer beware): a reference to the principle that a customer is responsible for making sure that a product is in good working order
- **compos mentis** (of healthy mind): sane

Imago dei - in the Image of God

This is just the term that the church uses for the idea that man is made in the image of God.

Mentally, humanity was created as a rational agent. In other words, human beings can reason and choose.

Morally, whenever someone writes a law, recoils from evil, praises good behaviour, or feels guilty, he or she is confirming the fact that we are made in God's own image.

Socially, humanity was created for fellowship. This reflects God's triune nature and His love. In Eden, humanity's primary relationship was with God

But more importantly, You carry the image of God

You represent God

Man rules the Earth on behalf of God

Therefore to mistreat another human is to deface or mistreat a representative of God.

The baby in the womb is a representative of God.

That baby is made in the image and likeness of God and when you kill that baby... it is...

Murder, but we will get to that in a moment

But it is an offence to the image of God.
It is to deface the self-portrait of God.

Dominion over the all the earth.

“... let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

We will not major on man’s responsibility to rule or steward the earth. But this is an important **foundation for society**.

Man is to have dominion over the earth and all it’s animals as stewards for God.

Not for man’s pleasure.

Male and Female

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; **male and female created he them.**”

There is a BIG move in today society to say that...

Gender is fluid or on a spectrum.

But God says that you were made male or female.

You were not created somewhere along the line of male to female... a little bit more male, but a bit female

No you are a Man or a Woman.

You may be a more butch woman or a softer man.

Not everyman is created to be a north-sea fisherman. Some are great tailors or doctors or...

Some women are created or suited to be the wives of backwoods men working hard in on the farm.

But that does not mean that they are “born in the wrong body!”

They are still Men and Women.

You can choose your sex!

They even talk about babies being assigned a sex by the midwife. And who knows she may have got it wrong.

NO. God gave you your sex at conception.

“Did not **he that made me in the womb make him?** and **did not one fashion us in the womb?**” (Job 31:15)

“Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and **formed thee from the womb...**” (Isaiah 44:2)

I’ve been born in the wrong body or I am a woman trapped in the body of a man...

“As for God, his way is perfect...” (Psalms 18:30)

God did not make a mistake when he formed you in the womb.

“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.” (Deuteronomy 32:4)

He did not give you the wrong body just for LOLs

Subdue the earth

Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Again, we are not today really looking at the role of man, but who man is.

But lets note - Man is, as part of who he is, the head of the earth. He is to subdue it, to have dominion of the animals of the earth.

Formed by God

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground... ”
(Genesis 2:7)

It appears that God took a more, intimate role in the creation of Man. And even more so woman.

All the other animals it records that God... called them into being.

They are amazing.

God's handy-work in every living animal is just beyond comprehension.

Let us not diminish His work in the creation of... trees or fish or birds or the other land animals.

But we must raise our understanding of who man is.

God was more intimately involved in the creation, the forming of man than all the rest of creation.

Only of man do we read that God “formed man”

And out of dust!

Man this amazing creation - when dead and left for a very little while is... just dust.

Man is just dust...

But for the amazing power of God.

A living soul.

"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.**" (Genesis 2:7)

We do not know quite what is meant by God, "*breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*"

Some would teach that this was merely the bringing to life of the lifeless clay of a dead, but formed body.

The lightning bolt of Shelley's Frankenstein.

Just the bringing to life.

And it may be...

But if not here, somewhere, God made man, more than an animal, but a Spirit being too.

We are not our bodies.

At least not only our bodies.

" But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12:20)

" And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28)

Man is both body and soul.

The **Body** is something of the machine that we live within and interact with the world through

Your **Soul** - is something more

Something of your emotional self.

But there is yet more...

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

(I Thessalonians 5:23)

There is a trinity of you, as there is a trinity of God.

You are Body, Soul and Spirit.

Your body will not live forever.

It will die and rot

Those who are in Christ will one day be given a new body.

Not sure if those who go to Hell will have new bodies?

Your **Spirit** or your **Soul**, will live for ever.

May be it is both???

God is eternal - He had no beginning or end

You are... Well sort of immortal... that is you will live forever... somewhere.

You will either live for eternity with God in Heaven...

OK not actually Heaven and we actually live on the New Earth, but that is another talk.

Most people think of eternity or the afterlife as being
“heaven or hell.”

Or you will live forever in eternal punishment.

" Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart
from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil
and his angels: " (Matthew 25:41)

It was made for the Devil and his angels

But you will go there with him...

" And these shall go away into everlasting punishment:
but the righteous into life eternal. " (Matthew 25:46)

I don't think it is that God is evil and wants to punish people forever,
for finite sins, but that you will live forever somewhere...

You choose where.

Once in Hell, it will be eternal

- a. Because you will not die
- b. Because you will never repent, you will never seek
God for forgiveness , because you will become
more and more hate filled, and angry.

It is so important that you do not put off the decision to call on the
Lord for Salvation.

“... behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of
salvation.)” (2 Corinthians 6:2b)

If you are listening to this, and not already saved, not already part of
the family of God, then this is God calling you now to call on Him for
forgiveness a

“... To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts
...” (Hebrews 3:15)

Man is of one blood

Racism is not a Christian trait or idea.

It is not the Bible, that teaches people, to treat some people as worth less or less evolved.

That is Darwin and his ilk.

The Bible teaches that we are all one family

Through Adam and Eve

The through Noah and his wife

We are all one family.

We are all related

We are all made *Imago dei* - in the Image of God

“[God] hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;”
(Acts 17:26)

All mankind is of one blood.

We are one family

We are made by, and for the same God.

Darwin teaches that we are different races.

Struggling to survive by, trying to our breed and out evolve the other.

Margaret Sanger founder of Planned Parenthood...

"We don't want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population..."

London Daily news 1867

“With regard to innate goodness of the negro character... he could not go so far as to say there was in him such innate goodness”

Other animals are not like man

Man is not just another animal,
not just another species of great ape.

When you kill a chicken or a lamb it is dinner preparation.

When you kill a human it is murder.

God made the land animals and man on the same day, but they were quite separate and distinct events.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. v25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.” (Genesis 1:24-25)

God made all the land animals - after their kind

Kind - Barimin

This is something like we use the taxonomical term “family”.

God made dog kind, not the poodle and the great dane.

God made the cat kind not the tiger and the pussycat

This becomes important to know when we come to the Ark of Noah’s day.

So,

God made all the land animals...

Then he said, "And God said, Let us make man."

Man is not just, one of the animals of evolution or of creation that have... out succeeded all the other animals.

Later after creation, after the Flood of Noah's day, God gave man meat to eat.

Possibly because now plants would be less nutritious than they had been.

So man can now eat animal flesh.

"Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things." (Genesis 9:3)

There were a few rules... do not eat meat with the blood still in it.

"But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat." (Genesis 9:4)

This could be animals that are still alive.

The Chinese apparently eat the brains of monkeys that are still alive.

Or meat that has been killed, but not had the blood drained out of it.

Murder

But MEN are different from the animals.

Even an animal that kills a man is guilty of taking the life of a man.

And every man that kills another man is to be killed.

Man is not an animal that can be killed without consequences.

Why? Because man is not an animal, he is the image bearer of the creator God.

“And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of **every beast** will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of **every man's brother** will I require the life of man. v6 **Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed:** for in the image of God made he man.” (Genesis 9:5-6)

Man is not an animal.

Not just another species of animal on earth.

Not as we are constantly hearing on the TV and other media that man is just another species.

Abortion

“**If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow:** he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.
(Exodus 21:22)

If the unborn child is not harmed, just a fine, just some restoration for the injury caused to the woman.

But...

“... if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, v24
Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, v25
Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.
(Exodus 21:23-25)

If the baby is harmed...

Then the man who causes the baby to be harmed shall be punished as though he had injured or killed a human... because he has!

If the baby dies, he should be put to death, “life for life.”

The Bible... or rather the God of the Bible, God almighty.

Considers the killing of men... (mankind, men women and children even unborn children), as a very serious thing.

It is murder.

- Not a woman's rights
- Not the getting rid of an inconvenience
- Not the equivalent to clipping your nails
- Not “family planning”
- Not the greatest gift you can give your other children.

It is murder.

Conclusion

It is almost fashionable to think of Man as... almost nothing, may be even worse.

vocal.media

“Are Humans A Virus On The Planet?” - Science says yes.

Out of every living organism on Earth, humans identify the closest with a virus. We expand uncontrollably, we destroy our host (our host being Earth,) and we have no stable means of not eradicating ourselves without expanding to a new planet.”

In the film The Matrix

Agent Smith (actually a super-computer in human shape) says

“I’d like to share a revelation that I’ve had during my time here. It came to me when I tried to classify your species. I realised that you’re not actually mammals. Every mammal on this planet instinctively develops a natural equilibrium with the surrounding environment, but you humans do not. You move to an area, and you multiply, and multiply, until every natural resource is consumed. The only way you can survive is to spread to another area. There is another organism on this planet that follows the same pattern: a virus. Human beings are a disease, a cancer of this planet. You are a plague, and we are the cure.”

God told us to fill the Earth, but that in the mind of many makes us evil!

debate.org

“Do you believe humans are like a virus to the planet Earth?”

87% Say Yes, of people who answered this question.

The Guardian newspaper

“Would you give up having children to save the planet? Meet the couples who have

The environmental toll of having even one child is enormous - 58.6 tonnes of carbon each year. So is going child-free the answer to our climate crisis?"

You are not a virus.

You are very special to God.

God loves you and cares for you.

He does not believe you to be a disease on Earth.

Man was made by God.

You are made by God.

Do you know... If evolutionist truly believed that all life evolved on earth and that there is no point to life...

It would not matter, not really if humans destroyed all life on earth.

The moon has no life and the universe does not care

If the earth had no life on it the universe would not be any more happy or sad.

Created different and above the animal kingdom.

You are not an animal.

Not even a special animal

You are above all animals.

Horses do not have human rights.

You are not just an animal to be farmed or killed or...

You are an image bearer of God.

You bear the image of God and as such must be treated with dignity and respect.

Killing a man is murder, not lunch prep.

Even the killing of unborn children is murder.

You are important to God.

Despite everything that the media might tell you...

You are important to God.

You are an image bearer of God

He cares for you.

He loves you so much that Jesus, God, died so He could forgive your sins, and give you eternal life.