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Creation

God created everything from nothing.

Ex nihilo.

(John 1:3; Gen. 1)

Creation is orderly and organized, created with specific properties.

(Job 38-39)

Creation is open.

It is not preprogrammed, but open to input by God and man.

(Acts 5:12; Heb. 2:4)

Creation includes the visible, invisible, natural and supernatural realms.

(Col. 1:16-17)

Creation is sustained by God's power.

(Col. 1:16-17)

Creation is under a curse.

(Gen. 3-6)

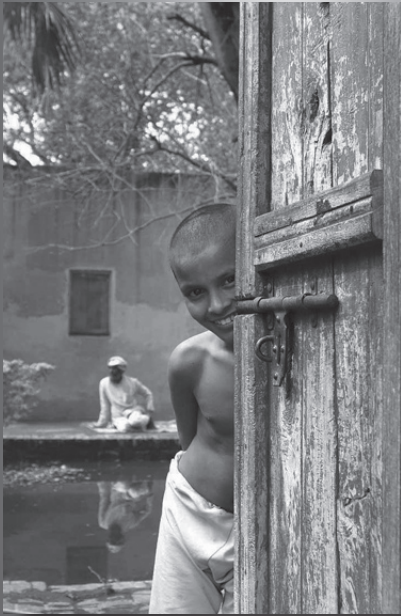


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Mankind

Man is made in the image of God and has value and worth.

Man is like God in spirit.

(Gen. 1:26-28, 9:6; Ps. 139:13-16)

Man is moral, creative, and intelligent.

(Jam. 1:5)

Man is personal.

Man is self-conscious, self-determined, and has free will.

(Matt. 26:39; Gal. 5:10-26)

Man is lower than God but above creation.

(Gen. 1:26, 28; Ps. 8:4-8)

Man is relational.

Man was made to have a relationship with God and man.

(Matt. 22:37-39; John 14:6; Rom. 6-8; Eph. 2:18)

Man was made for a purpose.

(Gen. 1:26-28)

Man was created good, sinned, fell under a curse, has a sin nature, and in need of a Savior.

(Is. 53:6; Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:8-9)

Man is body (finite), spirit and soul (eternal).

(Matt. 10:28; I Thess. 5:23)

Man is mortal.

Man has one life to live on earth.

(Rom. 6:23; Heb. 9:27)



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MORAL ORDER

God is the source of and sets the moral standard.
(Ex. 20:1-17; Rom. 1, 3:21, 6, 7)

The Bible reveals the moral standard.
(Rom. 3:21)

There is absolute truth.
(John 1:1)

There are good and bad consequences for actions.
(Rom. 3:23, 6:23; Gal. 5:16-25, 6:7-10)

Moral order is upheld through the family, church, and government.
(Gen. 2:18-24; Matt. 1:18; Rom. 13:1-7; Eph. 5:22-6:4; I Cor. 12:12-31)



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Purpose

Man is to love God and man.
(Duet. 6:4-8; Matt. 22:37-39)

God's will should be done on
earth as it is in heaven.
(Matt. 6:10; Col. 3:17)

Man has been given dominion
over the earth.
(Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8:4-6)

Christians are to fulfill the
Great Commission.

Christians are to go into all
the world and teach and
baptize.
(Matt. 28:18-20)

History shows God's concern
for and involvement in
human events.

History is directed toward a
specific end.
(Rom. 5; II Pet. 3:9)