

BTH221 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II

INTRODUCTION

The creation of the things and creatures of the universe were brought forth by the command, "Let us" and "God said." These were the creative source (Ge.1:26), but God formed man from clay by His own hand (Ge.2:7). In man is found the only creature uniquely individual in all makeup from physical aspects (fingerprints, color eyes, hair, etc.), to spiritual aspects, such as gifts and talents. Animals live to survive and reproduce while man lives to worship.

Biblical Arguments for Man's Immediate Creation

The Literal Teaching of Scripture

Although atheistic evolutionists disbelieve the teaching of the Bible, theistic evolutionists are in danger of impugning the character of God, for they often endeavor to explain the story of creation symbolically. The Scripture taken literally gives a reasonable explanation for the origin of man. Even if evolution could prove its doctrine of the survival of the fittest, it cannot account for the arrival of the first. In the Bible we are told that God "created" man (Ge.1:27; 5:1; De.4:32; Ps.104:30; Is.45:12; 1Co.11:9), and that He "made" and "fashioned" or "formed" him out of the dust of the ground (Ge.1:26; 2:22; 6:6; Ps.100:3; 103:14; 1Ti.2:13). As to his body, man was made of the dust of the ground; as to his being a living spirit and soul, this was made by the breath of God (Ge.2:7; Job.33:4; Ec.12:7). Both ideas are included in one (1) statement. This conception of the origin of man taken literally from Scripture gives man a dignity of being and a position of responsibility that no other theory does and lays the foundations for a sane system of ethics and redemption.

Created Male and Female

If Adam and Eve were subhuman before God breathed His image into them, they would have already been male and female, but God made them male and female (Ge.1:27; 2:7; Mt.19:4).

Eve was made directly by God

Eve came from the side of Adam (Ge.2:21; 1Co.11:8). The language of Genesis two (2) will not allow any other interpretation. If Eve was formed directly by God, it is only reasonable that God formed Adam as well.

Man comes from and goes to dust

If the dust of Genesis 2:7 has reference to man evolving from the beast, then there would be a returning to beast. This, of course, is ludicrous.

Man became a living soul

The phrase “living soul” (Ge.2:7), is the same as the translated “living creature,” (Ge.1:21). When Adam was made, he became alive, not before. He was not already a living creature who became a living creature.

The Bible distinguishes between animal flesh and human flesh

Paul does not allow for the mixing of beast, fish, fowl, or human flesh; they are to be distinguished (1Co.15:39).

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- Salvation and Predestination

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- The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ
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