



Major Bible Themes

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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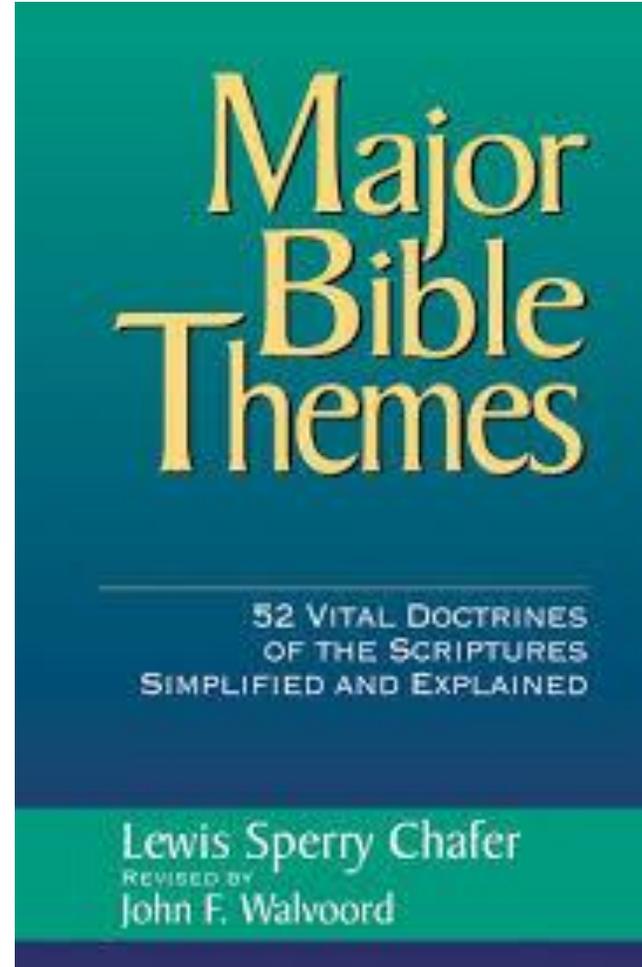
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Chapter Twenty Five : Man

His Creation

Step # One Chapter Twenty Five : Man: His Creation

Find the Outline



Chapter Twenty Five : Man: His Creation

A. Man as a **Created Being**

B. **Nature** of Man

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A. Man as a **Created Being**

Because nature does not reveal the creation of man and tradition would not be a reliable source of information, it is reasonable to expect that **God would reveal the essential facts about man's creation in the Bible.** These facts are given in the early chapters of Genesis and elsewhere in the Bible.



Those who have tried to answer the question apart from Scripture have made **numerous attempts** to explain the origin of man.

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One of the most common views which have arisen is the theory of evolution. This theory is that **somehow** there came into existence a living cell and from this living cell man evolved **by a process of natural selection**. Evolution attempts to explain all the complicated forms of life in the world **by natural processes like mutations**.

However, mutations are almost invariably harmful rather than beneficial. Accordingly, while the biblical record recognizes that there can be variations **within a species**, it declares that God created animals "after their kind" and **one kind has never evolved into another kind**. This explains the persistent search for the missing link between man and apes.



Evolution is a false theory because:

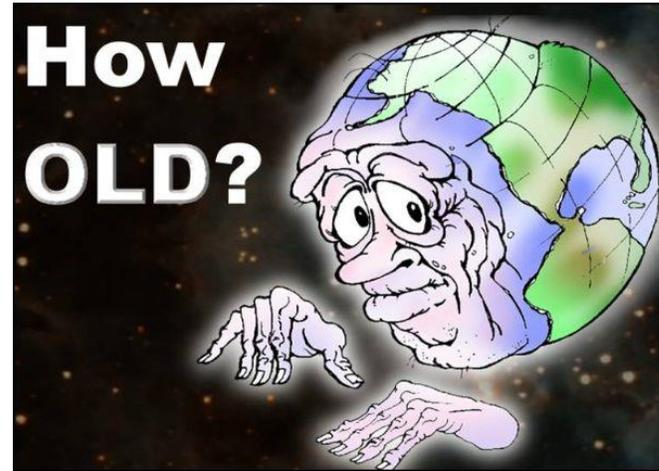
- It is false because of probabilities
- It is false because of DNA archeology
- It is false because of DNA and information theory
- It is false because of the law of Thermodynamics
- It is false because of Archeology
- It is false because of Uniformitarianism

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- It is false because of Design theory
- Many of its advocates don't adhere to scientific honesty
- It is false because of age decay estimates

Age of the Earth



Decay Rates

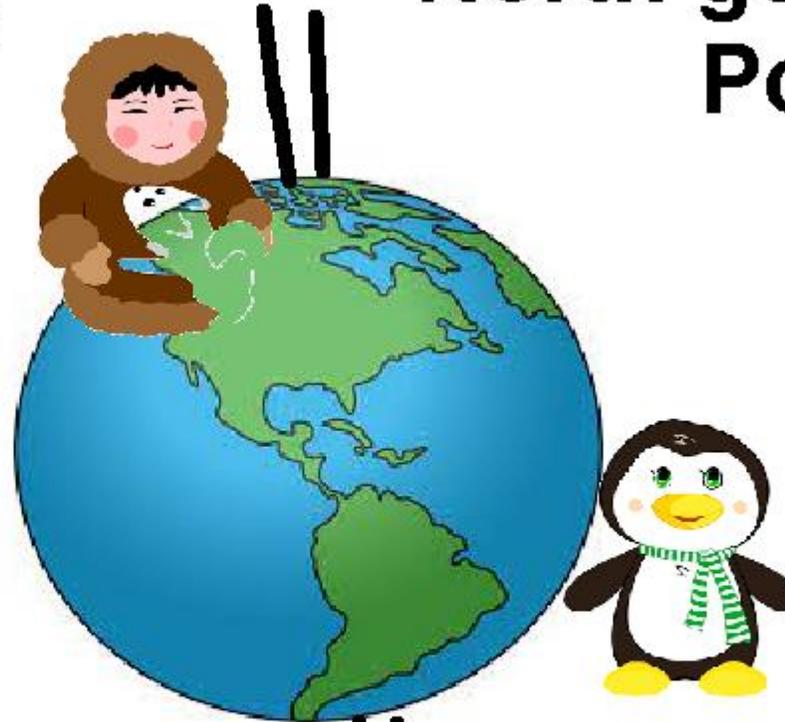
If we knew how fast this sand Island was decreasing over time
We could guess how big the Island was 100 years ago



Decay of Magnetic Force of the North Pole

North magnetic Pole

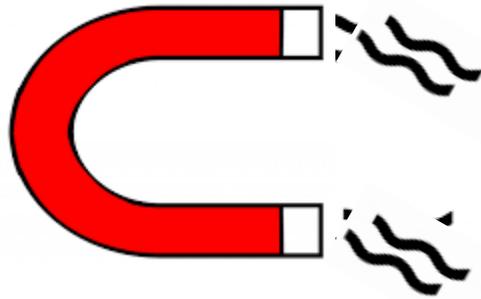
North geographic Pole



South geographic pole

South magnetic pole

The average "**intensity**" of the earth's magnetic field has **decreased exponentially by about 7%** since its first careful measurement in 1829. The field's intensity includes components of strength and direction and tells us the amount of force turning a compass needle northward. By estimating the field intensity everywhere (in, on, and above the earth), we can calculate the total electrical "energy" stored in the field. Such calculations show that the **total energy in the field has decreased by about 14% since 1829.**



"Archaeomagnetism" is the study of the magnetization of bricks, pottery, campfire stones, and other man-related objects studied by archaeologists. Iron oxides in those objects retain a record of the strength and direction of the earth's magnetic field at the time they last cooled to normal temperatures. **Archaeomagnetic data taken worldwide show that the intensity of the earth's magnetic field was about 40% greater in 1000 A.D. than it is today, and that it has declined steadily since then.** The data also shows that the field intensity at the earth's surface fluctuated wildly up and down during the third millennium before Christ (see figure 1). A final fluctuation slowly increased the intensity until it reached a peak (50% higher than today) at about the time of Christ. Then it began a slowly accelerating decrease.

Intensity

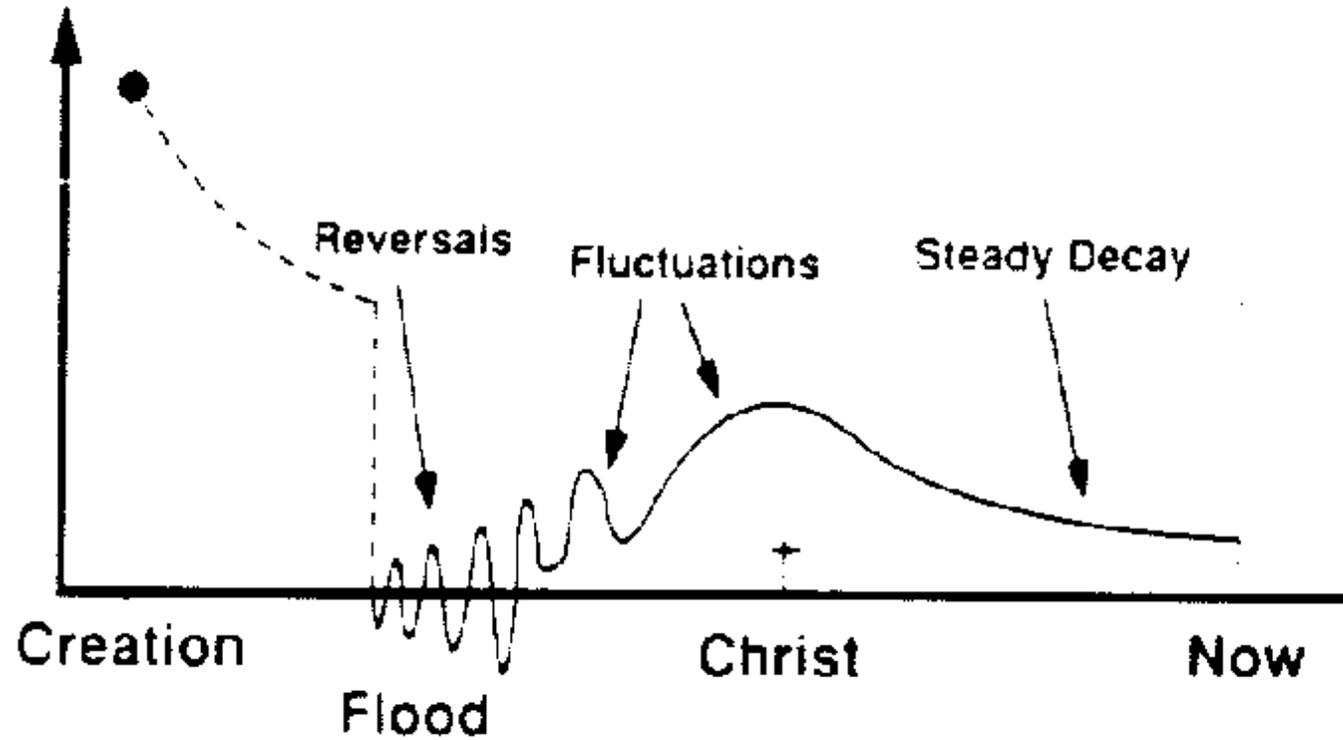
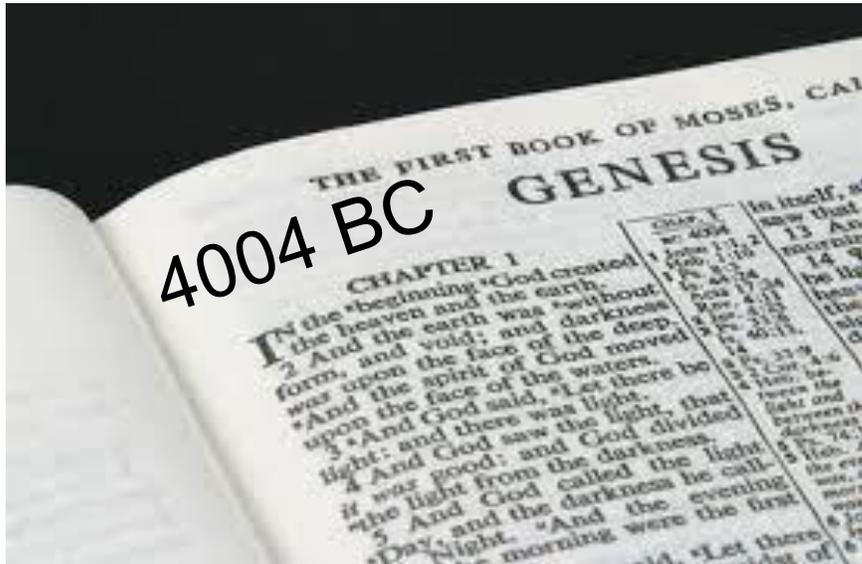


Figure 1. Magnetic field intensity at the earth's surface, from creation to now.

Dr. Barnes set a rough maximum to the initial energy from basic physical considerations, and such a maximum would limit the age to roughly 10,000 years.



- In 1654 Bishop Ussher calculated that the earth was created in 4004 BC
- He got this figure using evidence from the Bible and other literature
- The date became so popular that it was printed with the Book of Genesis





Early times (Creation to Solomon). Ostensibly the easiest period, as the Bible provides an unbroken male lineage from Adam through to Solomon complete with the ages of the individuals involved. However, not all of the versions of the Bible provide the same ages — the Septuagint gives much longer ages, adding about 1500 years to the date of Creation.[**Ussher resolved this problem by relying on the Hebrew Bible** instead.

In the early Age of Kings (Solomon to the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity). The lineage breaks down at this point, with only the length of the kings' reigns being provided and a number of overlaps and ambiguities complicating the picture. **Ussher had to cross-reference the Biblical records with known dates of other people and rulers to create an overall timeline.**



Late Age of Kings (Ezra and Nehemiah to the birth of Jesus). No information at all is provided in the Bible. Ussher and his counterparts therefore had to try to link a known event from this period with a dateable event in another culture, such as the Chaldeans, Persians or Romans. For instance, the death of the Chaldean King Nebuchadnezzar II (who conquered Jerusalem in 586 BC) could be correlated with the 37th year of the exile of Jehoiachin (2 Kings 25:27).

Modern Day Estimations

Age of the
Earth

Event

Scripture

Date

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Creation

Genesis 1:1–31

4004 BC

One two skip a few 100



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Birth of Christ

4 BC

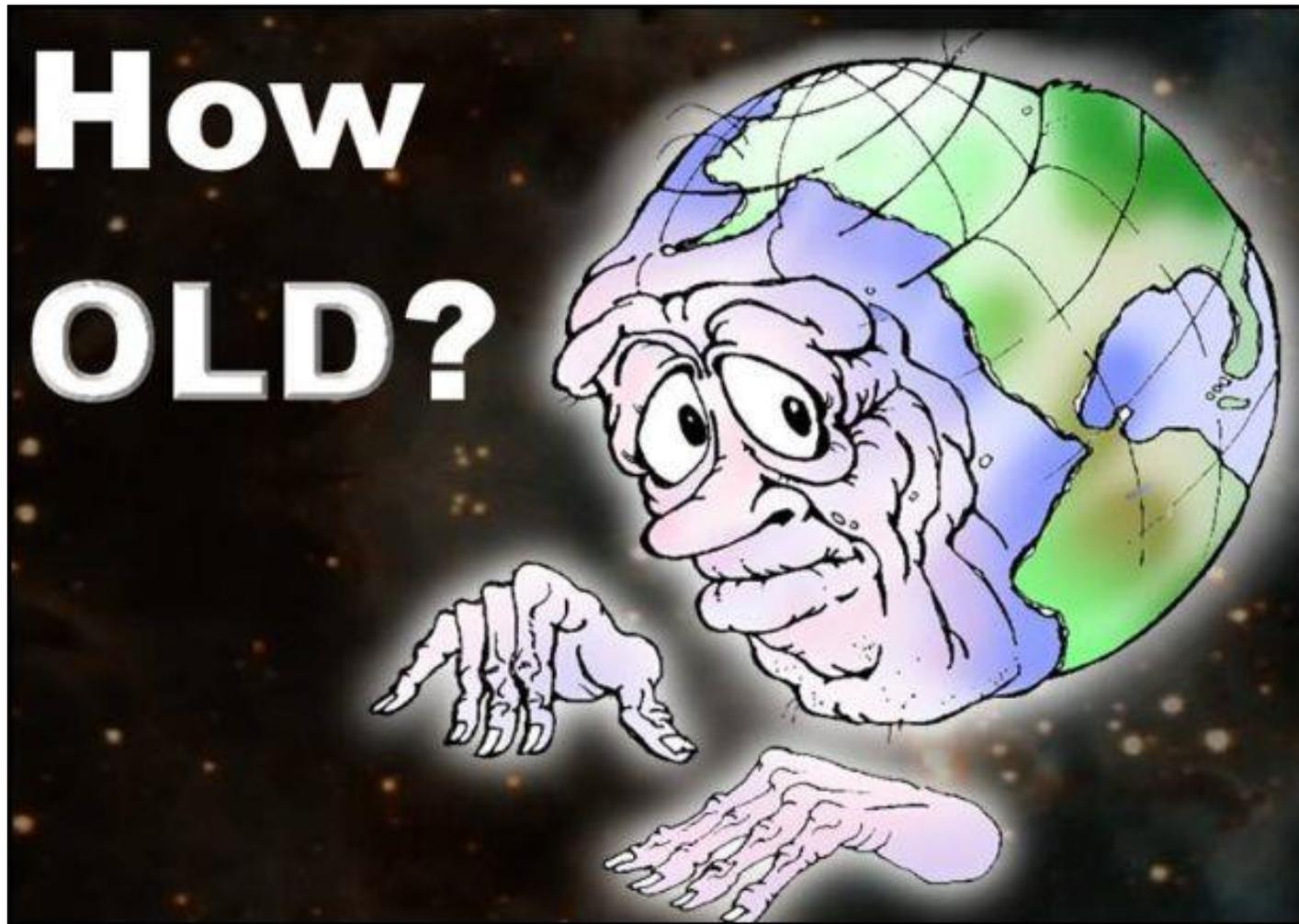
6015

Our day

2015AD

4004 BC +2015 AD = 6015 years

Is the earth really 4.6 Billion years old?



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Another theory called **theistic evolution** -that God used evolution as a method - depends for its support upon a denial of the literal meaning of the creation narratives in the Bible.



Some regard the narrative of Genesis 1 as a **re-creation** following an early creation which was judged and destroyed in connection with the fall of Satan and the fallen angels. This would account for the evidence that the inorganic world was in existence long before the creation described in the six days of Genesis 1-2. This is called the **Age/Gap theory**



Another spin on theistic evolution is to **regard the six days as periods of time**, longer or shorter than twenty-four hours, because the word "day" is sometimes used for long periods such as in the expression "the day of the Lord."

Others insist, however, that **because numerals are used with the word "day"** that it must apply to a day of twenty-four hours. In this case it is assumed that God **created the world with apparent age** as He did, for instance, in the creation of man himself and in the case of animals.

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Speaking generally, man's creation included that which was material ("the dust") and immaterial ("the breath of life"). This twofold distinction is referred to as "outward man" and "inward man" "the earthen vessel" and "this treasure" While the soul and spirit of man are represented as continuing forever, the body returns to the dust from which it was formed, and the spirit goes to God who gave it. Accordingly, people can kill the body but not kill the soul



When considering the immaterial part of man, Scripture some times uses the various terms interchangeably. Sometimes the spirit and soul of man are distinguished.

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Although the highest functions of the immaterial part of man are sometimes attributed to the spirit and sometimes to the soul the spirit is usually mentioned in Scriptures as that part of man which is capable of contemplating God, and the soul is that part of man which is related to self and the various functions of the intellect, sensibilities, and will of man.

Other terms, however, are also used of man's immaterial nature such as the heart, the mind, the reins and the conscience.

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As to the origin of the immaterial part of man the best view, known as the traducian theory, is that the soul and the spirit was propagated by natural generation, and for this reason man receives a sinful soul and spirit because his parents are sinful.



The human body of man is the abode of man's soul and spirit until he dies. Although it decays upon death, it is subject to resurrection. This is true both for the saved and for the unsaved although the resurrections are different.

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Sometimes the body is referred to as "flesh" and is used of the physical body of Christ. Other times it refers to the sin nature which includes the soul and spirit, as in Paul's statement that he had "crucified the flesh".

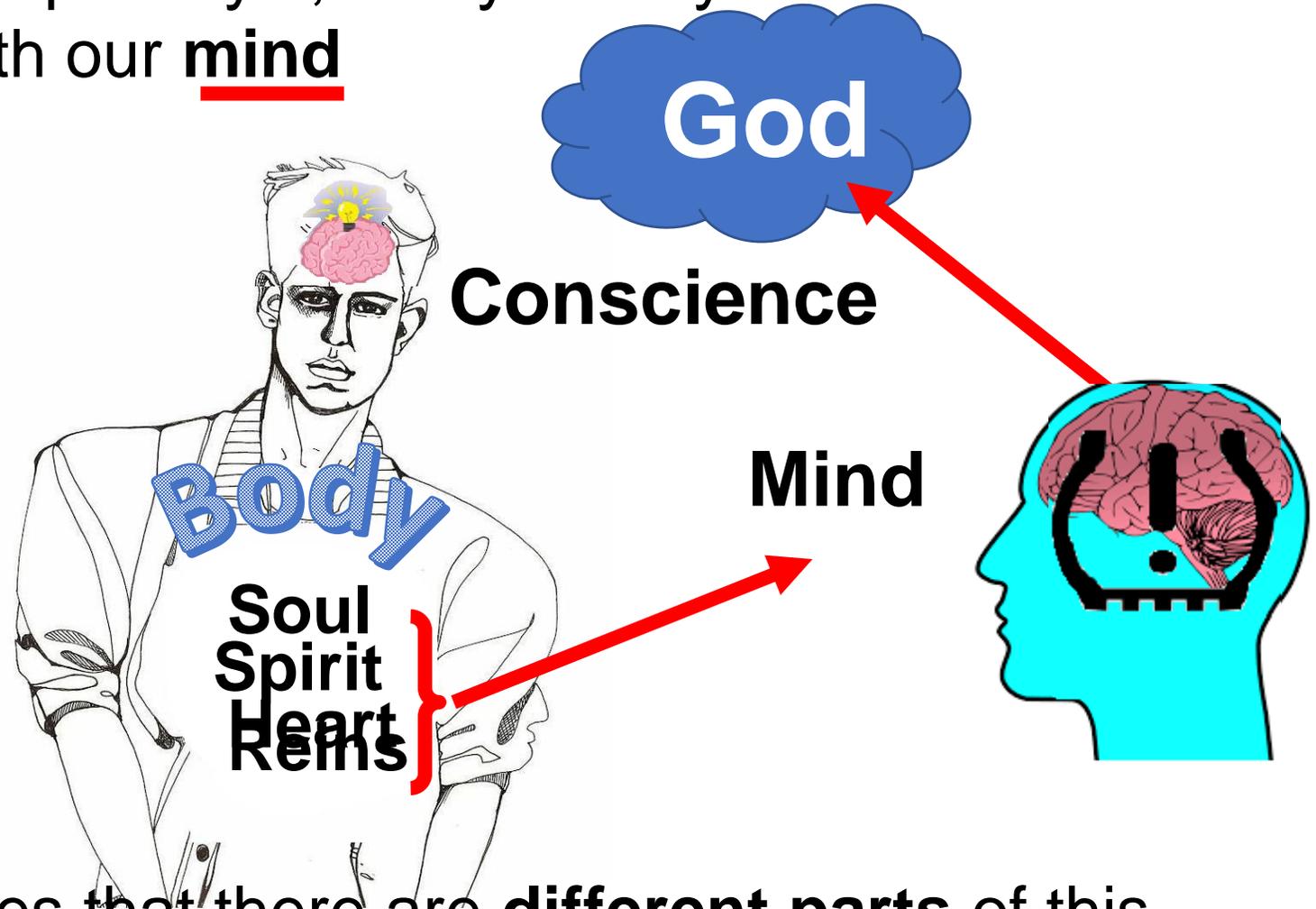
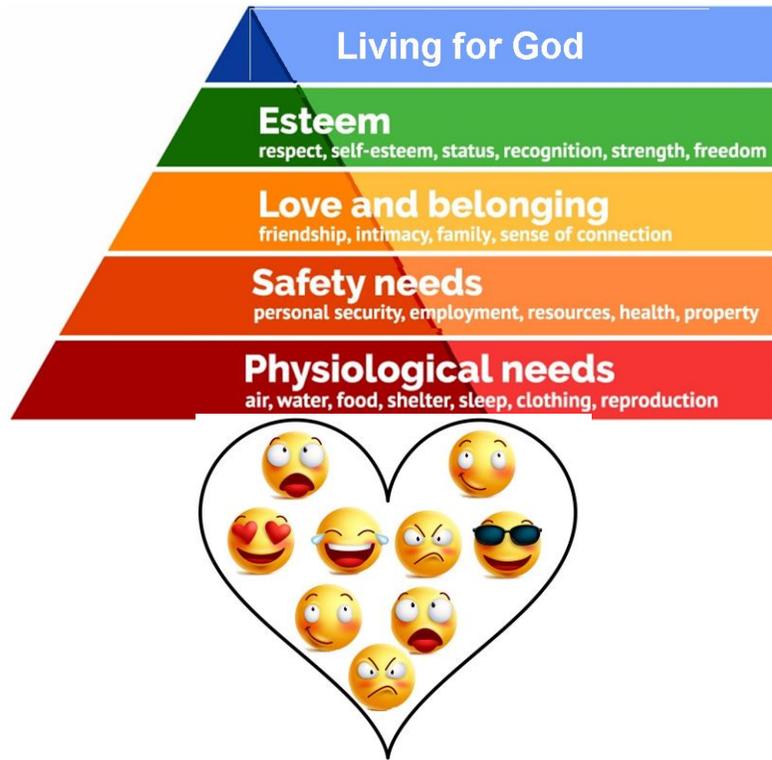
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The bodies of saved persons are declared to be "temples", although at the same time their bodies are called "earthen vessels"), "vile" bodies), bodies to be mortified), and bodies which have to be kept under and brought into subjection . The bodies of the saved will be transformed, sanctified, saved, and redeemed and finally glorified. Jesus Christ possessed a perfect human body before His death, and after His resurrection had a body of flesh and bone that is the pattern of the believer's resurrection body. The term "body" is also used as a figure of the church as the body of Christ and of which Christ is the head.

The immaterial part of man

You can't see it, you can't quantify it, and you only know that it exists when it communicates with our mind

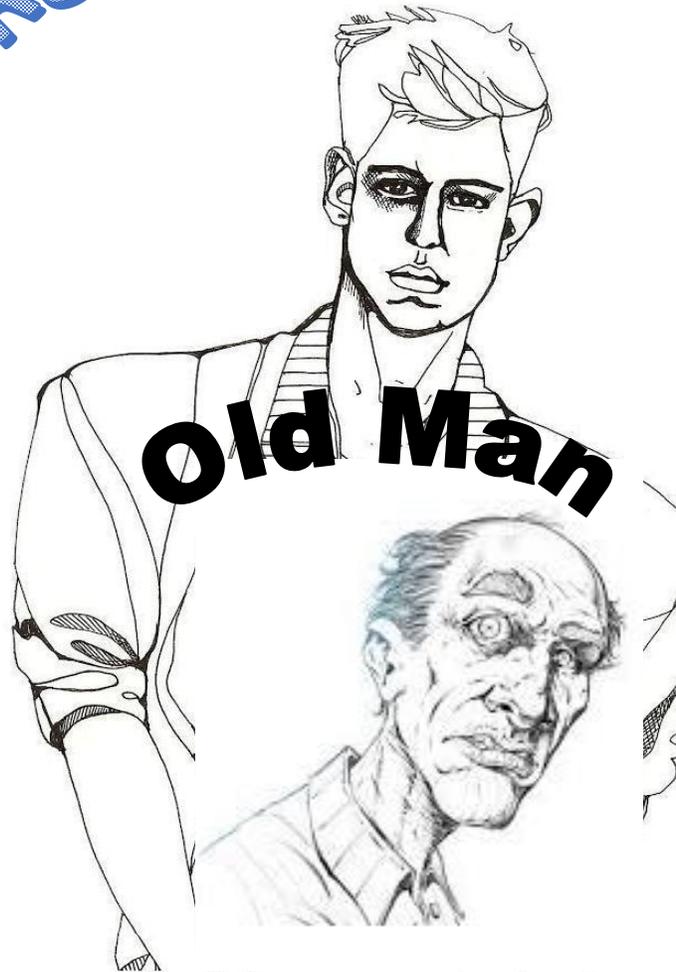


The Bible declares that there are different parts of this immaterial man with different overlapping functions.

Another feature of The immaterial part of man...

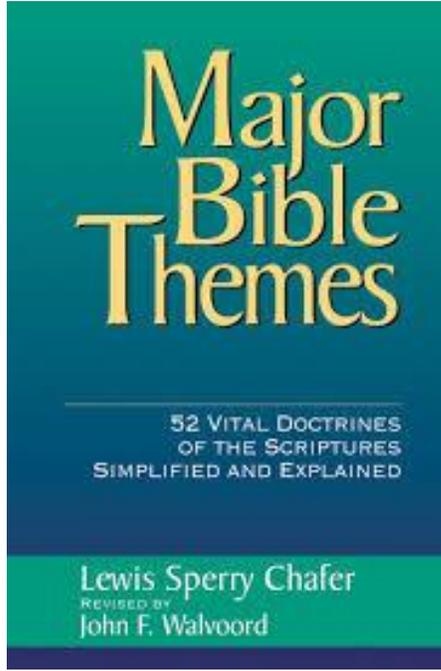
Received at the Fall

Received at Salvation



**The Old Man is now so
entwined with the Body...
He is called the Flesh**

The next principle is to build a physical file cabinet



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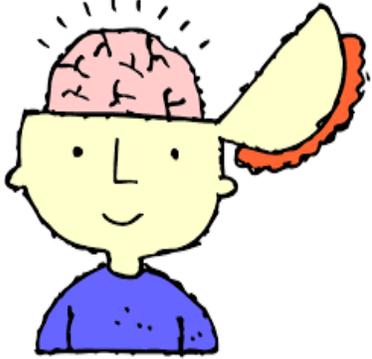
What does the Bible teach about Man's Creation?

Chapter 25 : Man
His Creation

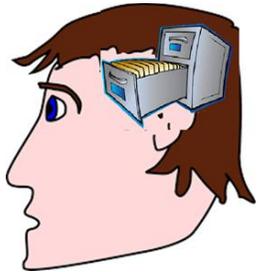
Using Major Bible Themes
write a study explaining
Man and his creation

Memorize it

Chapter Twenty Five : Man: His Creation



A. Man as a Created Being



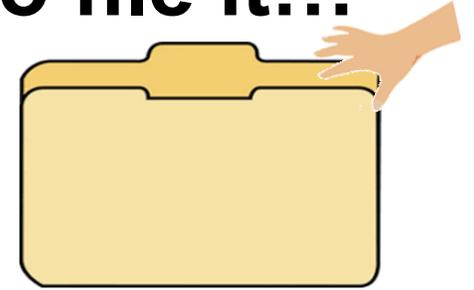
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To file it...



Write it Down



Underline Main Words...



Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



Chapter Twenty Five : Man: His Creation

Of man it is said that he was made in the image and likeness of God

Gen 1:26 *And God said, Let us make man **in our image**, after our likeness...*

God created man

Gen 2:7 *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.*

Distinction of the "outward man" and "inward man"

2Co 4:16 *For which cause we faint not; but though our **outward man** perish, yet the **inward man** is renewed day by day.*

At death the spirit goes to God who gave it

Ecc 12:7 *Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the **spirit shall return unto God** who gave it.*

Man can't kill the soul

Mat 10:28 *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.*

Applies the term “spirit to animals

Ecc 3:21 *Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the **spirit of the beast** that goeth downward to the earth?*

Some times terms are use interchangeably

Psa 42:6 *O my God, my **soul is cast down** within me:*

Gen 41:8 *And it came to pass in the morning that his **spirit was troubled**;*

Mat 20:28 *Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to **give his life (soul)** a ransom for many.*

Mat 27:50 *Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, **yielded up the spirit.***

Joh 12:27 *"Now is my **soul troubled**.*

Joh 13:21 *After saying these things, Jesus was **troubled in his spirit**,*

Sometimes the spirit and soul of man are distinguished

1Th 5:23 *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The highest functions of the immaterial part of man are sometimes attributed to the spirit and sometimes to the soul

Mar 8:36-37 *For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and **forfeit his soul**? For what can a man give in return for his soul?*

Mar 12:30 *And you **shall love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with **all your soul** and with all your mind and with all your strength.'*

The heart

Exo 7:23 *Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not **take even this to heart**.*

Psa 37:4 *Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the **desires of your heart**.*

Rom 9:2 *that I have great sorrow and unceasing **anguish in my heart**.*

The mind of the unsaved man

Rom 1:28 *And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a **debased mind** to do what ought not to be done.*

2Co 4:4 *In their case the god of this world **has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,***

Eph 4:17 *Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the **futility of their minds.***

Tit 1:15 *To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both **their minds and their consciences are defiled.***

The renewed mind which a Christian possesses

Mat 22:37 *And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with **all your mind**.*

Rom 12:2 *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Sometimes the body is referred to as "flesh"

Col 2:1 *For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not **seen my face in the flesh**;*

1Ti 3:16 *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*

The flesh is also a part of the immaterial part of man

Gal 5:24 *And they that are Christ's **have crucified the flesh** with the affections and lusts.*

The bodies of saved persons are declared to be "temples"

Joh 2:21 *But he spoke of the **temple of his body**.*

1Co 6:19 *What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

Bodies are called "earthen vessels"

2Co 4:7 *But we have this treasure **in earthen vessels**, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

They are sometimes called "vile" bodies

Php 3:21 *Who shall change our **vile body**, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*

Bodies are to be mortified

Rom 8:13 *For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do **mortify the deeds of the body**, ye shall live.*

Bodies are to be brought into subjection

1Co 9:27 *But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

The bodies of the saved will be transformed, sanctified, saved, and redeemed and finally glorified

1Thess 5:23 *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.*

Rom 8:11 *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall **also quicken your mortal bodies** by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

1Co 6:13-14 *Foods for the body, and the body for food: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and **will also raise up us by his own power.***

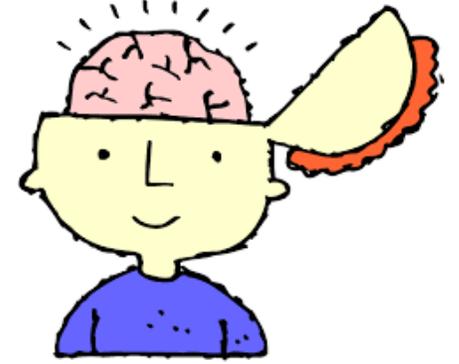
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Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

Chapter Twenty Five : Man: His Creation

1. Does man have any certain knowledge concerning his origin apart from the Bible?

Because nature does not reveal the creation of man and tradition would not be a reliable source of information, man has no certain knowledge of his origins

2. How does the theory of evolution explain the origin of man?

This theory is that **somehow** there came into existence a living cell and from this living cell man evolved **by a process of natural selection**. Evolution attempts to explain all the complicated forms of life in the world **by natural processes like mutations**.

3. What is theistic evolution?

That God used evolution to accomplish His creation

4. How does man differ from animals, and how does this enter into the problem of his origin?

Of man it is said that he was made in the image and likeness of God and that God breathed into him the breath of life . These distinctions classify man above all other forms of life which are upon the earth and indicate that man is a moral creature with intellect, capacity for feeling, and a will.

5. How much evidence is there in Scripture for the creation of man?

It is reasonable to expect that **God would reveal the essential facts about man's creation in the Bible.** These facts are given in the early chapters of Genesis and elsewhere in the Bible. The Bible tells us who created man and how he was created

6. What are the various explanations of the scriptural description of man as being created in six days?

Another spin on theistic evolution is to **regard the six days as periods of time**, longer or shorter than twenty-four hours, because the word "day" is sometimes used for long periods such as in the expression "the day of the Lord."

Others insist, however, that **because numerals are used with the word "day"** that it must apply to a day of twenty-four hours. In this case it is assumed that God **created the world with apparent age** as He did, for instance, in the creation of man himself and in the case of animals.

7. Why do you believe that the scriptural explanation of the origin of man by creation is superior to the evolutionary theory?

Evolution is a false theory because of probabilities, DNA archeology, Information theory, laws of thermodynamics, archeology, uniformitarianism, design theory, and age determination methods. The Bible's account of creation much better fits the facts.

8. What is meant by the statement that man is made in the image and likeness of God?

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9. What is the meaning of "spirit" and "soul" as used of man?

The soul is man's independent possession of life. The spirit is that which communicates with God

10. What other terms are used of man's immaterial nature besides soul and spirit?

The conscience, mind, old man, new man, and the reins

11. Discuss other views of the origin of man's nature such as being preexistent, or being created as each individual is born.

Immaterial origin of man's nature is held by some pagan religions to be preexistent, that is, to have existed eternally and only becoming incarnated at the beginning of human existence; this is not supported by Scripture. Another view offered by some evangelical theologians is that the soul is created by God at the beginning of individual human existence; this theory has difficulty in accounting for the sinfulness of man.

12. What is the traducian theory of the origin of the soul and spirit of man, and why is it probably superior to any other view?

Probably the best view, known as the traducian theory, is that the soul and the spirit was propagated by natural generation, and for this reason man receives a sinful soul and spirit because his parents are sinful.

13. What is the meaning of "flesh" in the Bible, and in what ways is the term used?

The flesh can refer to our physical bodies and to the immaterial part of us called the old man

In what sense is the body of a saved person a temple?

It is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit

What is the prospect of the body of a saved person being transformed and glorified?

These mortal bodies will be resurrected like His glorious body