



Middleburg Memos

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The creation of human beings represents God's _____
_____ in creation.

The biblical view of humanity sets the Christian worldview in direct opposition to current ideologies, such as secular _____ and _____.

Our frame of reference must never begin with _____. We must begin with _____. Consider the order of the BF&M.

The theory of evolution argues that human beings, along with all other living creatures, are simply the products of a blind, naturalistic process of evolutionary development—essentially _____ + _____ + _____.

According to this unbiblical (or even anti-biblical) theory, humans are distinct from other animals only in terms of _____ or other _____. By definition, evolution has no room for the concept that humans are made in the image of God, for evolutionary theory has no room for God.

The Bible affirms that humans are not _____ or mere _____ living among other _____.

As the Bible makes clear, human beings—both male and female—are created in _____ (*Imago Dei*).

This does not mean that we simply look like God. It means we possess a _____ capacity that makes us _____ creatures who can _____ and _____ God.

Our creation in God's image explains why we were made for _____, _____, and _____.

God made us as spiritual beings, so we have an _____
_____ for fellowship with Him. We possess a _____,
described in the Bible as our spiritual capacity and inner knowledge. The
_____ is _____, thus surviving death.

As moral beings, Adam and Eve had the power of _____
_____, so they could choose whether to obey or disobey God. We
also refer to this as _____.

The consequences of their sin were truly _____. With sin came sickness and death, and the earth itself became hostile to humanity.

From Adam the entire human race inherits a nature that is _____ and inclined toward _____. We are not born in a state of moral innocence; no human being after Adam is innocent. Though we still possess the capacity of moral agency/choice, we must constantly choose between _____ and _____.

As soon as we are morally able, we sin, break God's law, and come under God's _____ for our own sin. Without a clear _____ of our human _____ as sinners, we cannot understand ourselves or realize our need for a _____.

Only God's plan of _____ allows us to have fellowship with God. Only by knowing Jesus Christ can we _____ what true humanity was meant to be. By God's _____, demonstrated and made ours in Christ, we are restored to _____ with God and are enabled to fulfill the _____ for which we were made.

Christ's work of salvation includes men and women from every tribe, language, people group, and nation (**Revelation 5:9**). This beautiful reality should eliminate all _____ and _____ from God's people.

Human beings are united in our status as _____ who rightly come under God's condemnation. But all those who come to God by grace through faith in _____ are united in God's new, _____ humanity. Therefore, Christians must see every human being as made in God's image and as worthy of full _____ and _____.

Cross-References:

Genesis 2:7; Genesis 1:27; Romans 12:14–16; Genesis 2:16–17; Genesis 3; Revelation 5:9