



## 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