

WHAT WE BELIEVE, PART 4

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Anthropology Part 3: The Mandate to Man and Origin of Man's Soul

The Mandate to Man

- The “_____ mandate” is a series of five commands given to Adam and Eve:
 - It is found in Gen. 1:28.
 - It is based on God's creative _____ (Gen. 1:26).
 - It is still in _____ today.
 - Because of the Fall, it won't be completely fulfilled until all things are put under the feet of _____.
 - Heb. 2:8: *“Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet _____ things put under him.”*
- The “dominion mandate” has two parts:
 - The mandate to _____ on the earth (3 commands):
 - “Be fruitful” = conceive and bear _____.
 - “Multiply” = become _____; bring forth many children.
 - “Replenish the earth” = fill up or _____ the whole globe.
 - Hebrew = “to fill up or make full” not “re-fill” (no _____ Theory).
 - Application: We should view children as _____, not burdens.
 - Ps. 127:3-5: *“Lo, children are an _____ of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. _____ is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.”*
 - The mandate to _____ the earth (2 commands):
 - “Subdue” = to bring into subjection
 - To _____ the earth's resources and master the potential of God's creation.
 - “Have dominion” = to _____, exercise authority (over the sea, air, and land creatures)
 - Not to exploit selfishly but rule like _____ would rule.
 - To manage the world for the greatest benefit to living creatures and especially _____.

The Origin of Man's Soul

• Terms:

- Soul = the _____ part of a person (soul and spirit)
- _____ creation = created by God directly, instantaneously, and out of nothing (Gen. 1:1, 3).
 - Ex _____ creation
- Mediate creation = created by God out of _____ materials either directly or using secondary causes (Gen. 1:11-12)

• Discussion:

- Generally speaking, immediate creation ceased on day _____ of creation week, although there are exceptions:
 - The _____ of Christ
 - Jer. 31:22: _____
 - Luke 1:35: _____
 - The creation of the new _____ at salvation
 - 2 Cor. 5:17: _____
 - Some miracles of Christ (feeding of 5,000)

• Three theories:

- The theory of pre-_____
 - Souls exist in a previous state and enter the body at or shortly after conception.
 - This theory was held by some pagan and Christian philosophers and has been used to explain original sin, but it has no _____ in Scripture.
- The theory of _____:
 - Souls are an _____ creation of God and enter the body at or shortly after conception.
 - In this view, only a person's _____ is derived from his/her parents.
 - Scripture:
 - Zech. 12:1: *"The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and _____ the spirit of man within him."*
 - Num. 16:22: _____
 - Isa. 57:16: _____
 - Heb. 12:9: _____
 - Problems:
 - Practical: Many people resemble their parents in spirit, personality,

intellect, etc., as well as in body.

- Biblical: References used to support creationism could all refer to _____ creation. Only Adam received his spirit directly from God (Gen. 5:3).
- Theological: *“Creationism places God in the position of creating a perfect soul (He could not create a sinful one), then having it _____ in the case of each newborn infant.”* (Ryrie).
- The theory of _____:
 - *“The human race was immediately created in Adam, with respect to the soul as well as the body, and...both are propagated from him by natural generation.”* (Theissen)
 - This theory best explains:
 - The completion of God’s immediate creation on day 6.
 - The transmission of a _____ nature.
 - Psalm 58:3: *“The wicked are estranged from the _____: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.”*
 - Our participation in Adam’s _____ (Rom. 5:12-21).
 - Our non-physical _____ to our ancestors.