

The Doctrine of Marriage *vis a vis* Obstacles to a Godly Marriage

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I. God's Institution of Marriage (Gen. 1 & 2)

A. Creation or Evolution; what difference does it make (Gen. 1)?

Genesis 1:20-31 (KJV)

[Day 5] And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ²¹And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. ²³And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. ²⁵And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. ²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. ²⁹And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. ³¹And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

What do we do with Genesis 1?

1. Literal truth.
2. Evolution is true (Science better informer) so this is a myth.
3. Theistic Evolution (Both evolution and the Bible are correct).

Option 3 is impossible.

- A. In evolution on kind does not always produce the same kind.
- B. In evolution days 1 & 3 must follow day 4.
- C. Gen. 1's definition of 'day' is 'evening and morning.'
- D. The species do not develop through death but by creation.
- E. So accepting evolution one must take Genesis 1 as a myth, untrue.
- F. Lutheran interpretation: Scripture is literal unless it cannot be.
- G. If this is a myth, non literal, then all of Scriptures are equally so.

Were Adam and Eve well developed apes that God made into human beings? If not what?

Man's origin as developed from animals; we must be true to our roots. The need to develop further for the sake of our problems. The need to change what doesn't work and see progress as good. Sanative justification.

Man's origin as the pinnacle of creation, made in God's image (from which we've fallen). The need to be saved by the One we've fallen from. Faithfulness in repentance is not progress, but return to the origin and the plan of the originator. Forensic justification.

B. Made in God's Image; what does this mean (Gen. 1)?
C. God's Commission of Adam and Eve, Husband and Wife, Father and Mother

Genesis 1:26-31 (KJV)

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Does God have an image? Does he need one?

How does God make man in his own image? (Cf. 2. 7).

How does this duality (m/f) fit with prior creation?

The fact...

The esthetic...

The prior species...

How does this duality fit with the nature of God?

Cf. Genesis 1.1-2; John 1.1-4

What are they commissioned to do? How does this correspond to their being in God's image?

What has child bearing to do with the nature of God? Of man in God's Image?