

The Truth project®

Lesson 3

Anthropology: Who is Man?

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What did they say? Fill in the blanks as you watch this presentation.

1. Of all kinds of knowledge that we can ever attain, the knowledge of God, and the knowledge of _____, are the most important. – *Jonathan Edwards*
2. The sinful nature desires what is contrary to the _____, and the _____ what is contrary to the sinful nature. – *Galatians 5:17*
3. You cannot slander _____ it is worse than words can paint it. – *C.H. Spurgeon*
4. A rat is a pig is a dog is a _____. – *Ingrid Newkirk*
5. If a man is a product of evolution, one species among others, in a universe without purpose, then man's option is to _____ . – *Paul Kurtz*
6. The purpose of man is like the purpose of the _____ - to wiggle along as far as he can without dying. – *Clarence Darrow*
7. We are left with the logical conclusion that we are nothing but a _____ man in a _____ universe looking for a _____ brain. – *Del Tackett*
8. As far as I know we just don't have any intrinsic instincts for _____. – *Abraham Maslow*
9. If man is good by nature..., it follows that he stays like that as long as nothing _____ to him corrupts him. – *Jean-Jacques Rousseau*
10. Experience leads me to believe that it is _____ which are the major factor in our evil behaviors. – *Carl Rogers*

Truth #1 Natural Man

Our culture says that man is purely material, the product of mindless forces.

1. People who claim that they are mere accidents of biology still seem driven to find purpose and meaning in life. Why? What keeps them from living according to their beliefs? Why is suicide common today?
2. What presuppositions lie behind the radical environmental movement (not just our common desire to protect nature)? Or behind the animal rights cause? The abortion movement? What other societal trends can you trace to a belief that man is just another product of nature?

Truth #2 Supernatural Man

The Bible teaches that man consists of both body and spirit and is created in the image of God.

1. What makes man unique in the universe? What does it mean to be made in the image of God?
2. Describe the states of man. Which state are you in? What about friends and family? How concerned are you for those who have not been “redeemed”?

Truth #3 “Find Yourself”?

The world says that man is naturally good, so evil must derive from the social institutions that stop him from doing what he wants.

1. What evidence can you find that people have bought the concept of man’s innocence? How does this lead to a culture of blame and a “victim mentality”?
2. If man is just a product of nature, how can anything be considered evil? What does the world say about this?
3. What solution does society offer to the individual’s struggle for fulfillment? How has this pernicious lie worked out? Why are people so hostile to those of us who believe in moral absolutes?

Truth #4 Deny Yourself

As Christians, we experience an inner conflict between our new nature and the old, fallen nature that causes us to think and do wrong.

1. Are we the people we want to be? Are we able to think and act according to our best intentions? Why or why not? What are some common struggles of Christians today?
3. What can we do to win the battle that rages within? What did the apostle Paul say about it (Romans 7:14-25; 8:13; Colossians 3:5)?

Scripture References

for Further Study

[Gal 5: 16-17](#)

[Rev 20:15](#)

[Rom 6:12](#)

[Col 3:5-10](#)

[Gen 1:27](#)

[Heb 9:27](#)

[Rom 8:5-14](#)

[Rom 7:24-25](#)

[Rom 5:12](#)

[Rev 5:9](#)

[1 Cor 15:42](#)

[Gen 6:5](#)

[Rom 7:14-20](#)

[Rom 8:13](#)