

## God and His Ways

Think about It! (pg. 40) – What really *makes* us human?

The Bible distinguishes humans from nonhumans. Humans “bear” the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (that complex of intelligence, will, and emotions enabling it to interact with God and man), whereas nonhumans do not. Therefore, taking human life is morally wrong, but killing animals is acceptable (Gen. 9:3-7).

Biblically, whether a being *looks* human has nothing to do with whether it should be considered human. Someone is human if he bears God’s image. The unborn also bear the image of God.

- **Psalm 139:13-16** – While an unborn baby, the days of David’s life were written in God’s book, affirming God’s prior knowledge and plan of everything in David’s life. The “lowest parts of the earth” is an allusion to the womb, as mysterious as the netherworld.
- **Luke 1:41-44** – In some mysterious way the Holy Spirit produced this remarkable response in the unborn baby. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit while in his mother’s womb (Luke 1:15).
- **Exodus 21:22-25** – If a man injures a pregnant woman so that she gives birth prematurely (the baby comes out alive, not dead), then he should be punished but not killed. However, if the baby died, then the law of retaliation applied (the man is to be executed)

### Implications from Biblical Evidence

The biblical account of the origin of the universe leaves \_\_\_\_\_ for Darwinian evolution.

#### Rejection of Evolution

Darwin’s theory has basically two tenets.

- 1) All species are linked together through a long period of development that eventually can be traced back to one original cell.
- 2) This development – which accounts for all biological diversity among the species – takes place randomly.

Biblical Creation	Darwinian Evolution
Creation took place in six days.	Took place over millions of years.
God made individual organisms to reproduce after their kind.	All species are derived from a single one-cell organism.
Existence of all life is attributed to the direct working of God.	Existence of all things is accounted for by a random natural process.

### Divine Ownership

God created the universe as a free act of His own will’ therefore the world belongs to Him.

What does God expect from His creatures? \_\_\_\_\_

<i>The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.</i> <i>Psalm 24:1-2 KJV</i>	<i>The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it. For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the rivers.</i> <i>Psalm 24:1-2 NASB</i>
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- **Theories of the world’s origin that do not present God as the Creator lead to condemnation or ruin.** People will not sense that they must live in a way that pleases their Maker. They will eventually wonder if it is even possible to know what is right and what is wrong.
- **Since God owns us, we must obey Him.** All people have great difficulty accepting the fact that they are not in charge of their own lives. Submitting to God is the only way to be truly human and truly \_\_\_\_\_, for the person we submit to is not only *great* but also *good*.

### God’s Care for Man

Only after He had richly furnished the earth with countless good things, did God form man from the dust of the ground.

The heavens are said to be made for man: “Let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years” (Gen. 1:14).

God made man in His own image (stated four times in Gen. 1:26-27).

God concluded the week of creation with a day of rest (Gen. 2:3). The sanctified day was made for man (Mark 2:27). It should be a time to remember God’s goodness and love (Deut. 5:15).

### Divine Revelation

- Creation tells those willing to listen that God is a God of beauty. We should take time to enjoy and reflect on the beauties of God’s world.
- Creation reminds us that God’s mind is \_\_\_\_\_. There is plenty of room in the mind of God for every one of our prayers, thoughts, and concerns. Although our minds are not big enough to be constantly occupied with Him. His mind can be constantly occupied with us – and it is (Psalm 139:17-18).

## *God and His Ways*

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