

**Session #3 Fall & Flood vs. Natural Histories, Psychology of Self-Identity, Environmentalism, Racism**

1. Review & Introduction

Romans 12:1–2; 1 John 4:4–5; Col. 2:3, 8–10

See the slide pictures from Lesson 1 on the “molds” of the ages

BIBLEFRAMEWORK The “Mold’s” Suppression of Worship of God	
Personal Creator	Nature is all there is
Eternality	Deep Time
Omnipresence	Impersonal Universe
Omnipotence	All powerful Nature
Sovereignty	Fatalism & Hyper-regulatory state
Love	Sentimental deity & total dependency upon other people’s love

Reaction to God’s revelation that triggers shame and guilt is the creation of fictionalized natural history and man’s relationship to nature (an inversion of the true creation design). The result is direct suppression of God’s attributes (see conclusion to the 2<sup>nd</sup> session) and thus, even if saved, a compromised mind rendered incapable of a genuine personal relationship with the Lord—no praise, no

acknowledgement of sin, no thanksgiving, and no confidence to make serious supplication.

2. The Fall & the Flood

Genesis 3:1 fundamental epistemological choice—what is our ultimate truth authority?

3:7–8 psychology of fallen-ness—shame & guilt

3:14–17 first disruption of nature, botanically and zoologically, and of man

anatomically—by God due to man’s sin, not due to man’s neglect of the environment

3:20–21, 24 exclusion of man from God’s “sacred space” enforced by capital punishment and first slaughter of an innocent animal to show the horrible cost of redemption from sin

4:5–7 psychology of anger, depression, thoughts, and feelings—the “flesh” and demonic enablement

6:5–8 second disruption of nature caused by man because of God’s further curse upon his sin with a “graceless” judgment upon rejecters of His Word of grace. No grace outside of God’s plan of salvation

6:18–21 the greatest ecological rescue ever done was done by man under God’s supernatural direction

3. The Fictional Natural History Deepens

Added to the negative reaction to creation with projections of slow, low-power processes relying upon “deep time”, pre-relativistic notions of space and time effects on star light, and biological adaptations to different environments, we now have:

- a. Acceptance of natural evil (animal & human death, storms, earthquakes) as “normal”
- b. Denial that a Righteous and Just God rules nature

4. The Fictional Relationship of Man to His Natural Environment Further Perverted


Romans 8:20–22 as goes man, so goes nature

- a. That natural evil exists as a result of God’s judgment is too threatening to acknowledge, but man’s conscience is still enough “sin-conscious” to fear a geophysical apocalypse—climate change, asteroid, etc.
- b. Addition of a counterfeit “fall” blaming man for misruling nature and over-consuming natural resources because of his excessive birth rate.

<p><b>BIBLEFRAMEWORK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Environmentalists’ Hatred for Man as Special Creation</b></p> <p>Ingrid Newkirk, <u>President of PETA</u>: “<b><i>A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy</i></b>”</p> <p>Peter Singer, <u>Ethics Professor at Princeton</u>: “<b><i>The Judeo-Christian religious tradition is our foe.</i></b>”</p> <p>Prince Phillip of England, <u>President Emeritus of the World Wide Fund for Nature</u>: “<b><i>In the event I’m reincarnated, I would like to return as a deadly virus, in order to contribute something to solve overpopulation.</i></b>”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>25</small></p>	<p><b>BIBLEFRAMEWORK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Environmentalists’ Hatred for the Whole of Judeo-Christianity</b></p> <p><b>“To the modern environmentalist, the Judeo-Christian worldview is an anti-natural religion. It’s emphasis upon transcendentalism over holism, freedom of private property over collective ownership, shepherding and farm life over wilderness romanticism, domesticated animals over wild animals, and sacrificial lambs over animal rights, is all directly counter to modern environmentalism’s romantic ideals.”</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>Mark Musser, <i>Nazi Oaks</i>, p 94.</small></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>26</small></p>
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5. The Fictional Psychology of Personal Identity

- a. Creation & Fall provide full disclosure of everyone’s “identity” (doctrine of anthropology)
  - (1) As specially created as the image of God we are spirit & matter, not matter only (our heart & brain have a language-speaking, logic-using mind & conscience with a sense of eternity)
  - (2) As specially created as the image of God we are divided sexually—a difference that involves both spirit and matter, unlike animals. God has a “feminine side”—Isaiah 49:15; 66:13; Matt. 23:37.
  - (3) Within the design of (1) and (2) every person is unique from conception—Psalm 139:16
  - (4) Because of our fallen nature we all have mental attitude sins, distorted emotions, and cannot plumb the depths of our hearts—Jeremiah 17:9 (God revealed the unconscious mind long before Freud!)
  - (5) The New Testament epistles provide revelation of our new identity “in Christ” (Chafer’s *Systematic Theology* lists 33 riches of His grace!)
- b. THEREFORE my personal identity is discovered as I learn about the image of God that makes me qualitatively different from animals, about His binary sexual design of man, my unique strengths and weaknesses from conception, and how my flesh—sin nature—works. And from my regeneration at believing in Christ alone I discover the spiritual assets I have in Him. My identity is what God reveals in His objective Word over and above my own interpretations of my personal feelings and experiences—not the Romantic notion that I must not rely upon any external objective aids to discovering my identity.

<p><b>BIBLEFRAMEWORK</b></p> <h3>Today's University Students</h3> <p><b>“Our culture has replaced self-discovery with self-construction. Everybody is expected to create and manage his or her own identity. Personal achievement thus becomes the main means of justifying one’s existence. The pressure that this mindset creates is devastating. . . .Most students. . . .are desperate to find a purpose beyond their own meager hopes and wishes.”</b></p> <p>RZIM Team Member, University of Massachusetts, 2016</p> <p>28</p>	<p><b>BIBLEFRAMEWORK</b></p> <h3>Sigmund Freud 1856-1939</h3>  <p>The concept of sexual orientation was first used by Freud, and its effect, if not intent, was to radically resituate sexuality from its biblical/creational context to something completely new: the foundational drive that <i>determines and defines human identity</i>. . . . By defining humanity according to sexual desires and segregating it according to its gendered object, Freud was—intentionally or not—suppressing the biblical category of being made in God’s image, male and female, and replacing it with the psychoanalytic category of sexual identity.</p> <p>Rosaria Champagne Butterfield, <i>Openness Unhindered</i>, p 94f</p> <p>29</p>
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## 6. Conclusion

To remain faithful to our Lord in an increasingly hostile culture, we must be transformed by the renewing of our minds. What is the mold that our age tries to press upon us?

- a. Substitution of fictional natural history to erase creation, the true origin of evil in man and nature at the fall.
- b. Substitution of fictional man-nature relationship to transform the true complex synergism between man and nature into the false and trivial synergism that can be managed merely by environmental regulations.
- c. Substitution of a fictional psychology of personal identity to undermine the authority of God’s Word over revealing our identity by urging us to create our identity out of our feelings.