

Institutions Established in Eden

Gen. 1: 26-28

Self-Government

Made for self-government
 Faculty of reason key to self-gov.
 Made in Image of God
 Sets his purpose and destiny
 Sets man's value

Proper self-esteem helps marriage

God's sovereignty
 Sets his moral code
 Morality protects marriage
 Man was created Free
 He is not a cog in evolution
 He is not determined by environ.
 He is accountable for his actions
 Reason rules passions and actions
 This a key to self-gov.
 Protects spouse, kids

Sabbath reminds us that:
 Christ in our lives is key to self-gov.

Work builds character
 Provides discipline for self-gov.
 Provides self-esteem

Intellectual knowledge:
 Reveals God thru. nature
 Helps individual growth
 Helps character development.

Gen. 1: 29

Institution of Health and Diet

Life is a gift from God
 To sustain life and maintain health:
 Gen 1:29
 God gave man a diet of fruits, grains and nuts
 Gen. 1: 30
 The animals were given the herbs (vegetables)

Gen. 3: 18
 After sin entered man was given vegetables
 God became the first nutritional physician

Man's food was his medicine and his medicine food

1 Corinthians. 6: 19, 20
 Rationale for stewardship over our bodies
 We are God's by creation and redemption
 Our bodies are the temple of Holy Spirit
 We must glorify God with our bodies and minds
 Our bodies given us to use in God's service

All health laws are part of the moral law
 Close relation between physical and moral nature
 Virtue is elevated or degraded by physical habits
 Romans 12: 1,2
 Our duty is to offer ourselves living sacrifices
 that we may discern God's will for us
 God communicates to us through our minds
 Our bodies are vehicles for our brains

Good health

Maintains and enriches marriage
 Facilitates meaningful labor
 Enables us to exercise intellectual dominion
 Temperance is the foundation of self-control
 Enriches Sabbath experience

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Dominion - Ownership

The Creator owns his creation: Origin of Private Property
 Man given the right to exercise ownership and control
 Man exercises dominion over nature by:
 Investigating nature
 Discovering its laws & using them for his benefit

Psalms 19: 1-4
 Man can get knowledge from nature
 Science is possible

Isaiah 28: 9,10
 It is the systematic observation of the facts of nature
 Gather all relevant facts on any subject
 Facts Rule: Benchmark by which theories are validated

Romans 1: 19, 20
 A knowledge of God from nature is possible

Investigating nature: a need for a Sabbath rest arises
 Enriches Sabbath experience: Exalts the Creator

Intellectual labor enriches marriage relationship:
 The Creator becomes the Center of one's life
 Desire to share discovers with companion arises
 Increases self-worth
 Spouses grow intellectually together
 Intellectual labor provides happiness
 Inventions lighten household work

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Institution of Stewardship

All man is and possesses are given him by God
 We are God's by creation and redemption
 As God's steward on earth he has a duty:

To care for himself,
 To care for his fellow man
 To care for God's creatures
 To care for his environment
 Service is the first law of man's being
 It defines the purpose of his creation

Every gift man has is a talent
 No talent must be considered as too small
 Each talent has a place in God's plan of salvation
 To be used to glorify God
 To be used in service to others
 To provide him with happiness
 Talents increase and multiply with use

In the eternal plan of heaven every man has his work
 We must work in cooperation with God
 For the salvation of souls

Marriage creates the primary mission field for service
 Good stewardship:
 Helps us use our time and talents wisely
 Helps guard the edges of Sabbath and its observance
 Benefits manual labor
 Benefits intellectual labor
 Helps us acknowledge the rights of others
 Enhances self-control

Gen. 2:15

Labor - Occupation

God Instructed: cultivate and keep the garden

Man was not to be idle in a world of plenty

His labor sets value to the gifts of God
 Labor was honorable and dignified
 Labor builds character, patience, intelligence
 Develops divine virtue of service to others

Intelligent, purposeful labor provides happiness
 Labor/working at something develops skills
 From labor the need of Sabbath rest arises
 Labor enriches marriage thru individual growth
 Deligent work provides for family needs

Gen. 2: 24-25

Marriage

Man was made a social being
 Man had to experience loneliness
 To discover his need for spouse
 Helps to love & value spouse

Use of a rib: Heb. Tzala. Thalath; Thalasius
 Signified equality
 Made her another creation
 Established her individuality
 Her rights come from God
 She was yet in unity with Adam
 Insight into Triune God

Man leaves parents
 Mother-in-law a spoiler
 Couple grows by experience

Facilitates Family/Sabath worship
 Christ centered life
 Is a Christ centered marriage

Work supports the family
 Work enriches marriage:
 Promotes individual growth
 Provides individual happiness
 Develops creativity

Dispels boredom
 Intellectual work gives similar benefits
 Discoveries lightens the burdens

Self-government: foundation of marriage

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Constitutional Gov.

Adam set up patriarchal Gov.
 He ruled under God's Constitution
 All earthly laws must conform to God's

The law contained a bill of rights
 Right to Life
 Right to Liberty
 Right of dominion over property
 Right to pursue happiness
 Rights of conscience, worship

Protected the woman in marriage
 Made in the image of God
 She has individuality
 She is no man's chattle

Role of law:
 Protect the individual
 To coordinate relationships
 Not to make man good
 Not for social engineering

Man was "Created" not "born" free

The Word "Created" makes the difference
 Created relates him back to God
 Created attaches inalienable rights
 American Revolution
 God established man's rights

French Revolution
 Government established man's rights
 Government can take away rights

Gen. 2:13

Sabbath

The Sabbath reminds of us that:
 We were created
 We did not evolve
 We are not autonomous
 God sustains us daily

Sabbath reminds us that the universe is:
 Not God
 Not eternal, but created
 Not self-sustaining

Sabbath also reminds of Redemption
 And the re-creation to come
 Sabbath rest refreshes & restores
 From physical labor
 From intellectual labor

Sabbath promotes a Christ-centered life:
 Protects marriage
 Sabbath provides time with spouse & kids
 Enhances marriage

The Sabbath is a measure of the risk
 God took in making a perfect universe