

Gen. 1: 2; Gen 2: 24

### The Triune Sovereign-Creator

A true concept of Origins must begin with:  
 A Personal Creator; Eternal; Author of Life  
 His Will is Law and the Condition of life  
 Triune Nature of the Godhead inferred from: Let us  
 The character of God's Triune Government is:  
 Shared authority; Excludes dictatorship  
 There is a unique Unity in diversity: One God  
 We are not dealing with separate poly-gods  
 The members are equal but not identical  
 Independent yet in a state of freedom  
 Built on a foundation of love and service  
 Triune nature made the redemption of man possible  
 Inherent in this Triune relationship is:  
 Harmony  
 Accountability  
 Responsibility  
 A concept of "rights" derived from diversity  
 Service base on Love, Justice, liberty & virtue  
 A Prototype for human government:  
 Man, created in God's image is free  
 Therefore authority in government is shared  
 Governments recognize God's sovereignty  
 Human law must conform to God's higher Law  
 Role of government is to serve, protect, inspire  
 The role of law is:  
 To recognize God-given rights  
 Not to create rights, only God can  
 To regulate relationships  
 Not to make man good, only God can

Gen. 1: 26-28

### Self-Government

Man was made for self-government  
 Faculty of reason the key to self-gov.  
 Made in the Image of God  
 Sets man's purpose and destiny  
 Sets man's value  
 Proper self-esteem helps marriage  
 God's sovereignty  
 Sets man's 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-government  
 Protects marriage, 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.  
 Self-control promotes good stewardship

Gen. 1: 29

### Health and Diet

God made human life from the elements of earth  
 Nutrients needed sustain life and maintain health:  
 Gen. 1: 29  
 God gave man a diet of fruits, grains and nuts  
 Gen. 3: 18  
 The animals were given the herbs (vegetables)  
 Gen. 3: 18  
 After sin entered man was given herbs (veggies)  
 God became the first nutritional physician  
 Man's food was his medicine and his medicine food  
 1 Corinthians. 6: 19, 20  
 Provides rationale for stewardship of our bodies  
 We are God's by creation and redemption  
 Our bodies are temples for Holy Spirit  
 We must glorify God with our bodies and minds  
 Counsels on Health, p. 41  
 Our bodies are given to us in God's service  
 All health laws are part of the moral law  
 EOW, R&H, 12/11/81  
 A close sympathy between physical/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 is essential  
 Maintains and enriches marriage  
 Facilitates meaningful labor  
 Enables us to exercise intellectual dominion  
 Enriches the Sabbath experience  
 Facilitates a long and vigorous ministry  
 Temperance is the foundation of self-control

Gen. 1: 26

### Knowledge, Truth & Understanding

The Biblical theory of knowledge:  
 Made in God's image man has the ability to:  
 To think, to reason, to imagine, to discern knowledge  
 A. From the book of nature  
 B. From the book of inspired revelation: Scripture  
 Psalms 19:1-4  
 God has put knowledge in nature man can access  
 Romans 1: 20, 21  
 God's existence & actions are discerned in nature  
 Isaiah 28: 9, 10, 26  
 God instructs man how to acquire knowledge:  
 Here a little, there a little, line upon line  
 Gather all the facts pertaining to a subject  
 Then we must reason from these facts  
 Facts are king; Benchmark for all theories  
 And no fact is too insignificant  
 Ignoring facts perverts science, justice and medicine  
 Facts of Scripture are the test of validity for doctrine  
 Facts of nature are the test of validity for theory  
 If any fact disagrees with our doctrine or theory  
 The doctrine or theory must be altered  
 We do not discard contrary facts  
 A knowledge of God is the beginning of wisdom:  
 In theology, science, medicine, law and politics  
 False theories of knowledge: Pythagoras, Plato, Aristotle  
 Matter is evil therefore no knowledge from nature  
 Nature provides only fuzzy data, not real knowledge  
 Plato falsely taught the man gets knowledge from:  
 A. The mind; which shapes fuzzy data into knowledge  
 B. Remembering his former existence with World Soul  
 C. This exalted theory, opinion and tradition over facts  
 E. It killed ancient science and medicine:  
 F. It put out man's eyes: It led him into superstition  
 A Dark Age began and was perpetuated by the Church  
 The 16th. Century Reformation ended the Dark Ages:  
 It reintroduced the Biblical theory of knowledge:  
 A. Facts of Scripture trump tradition  
 B. Facts of nature trump scientific theory  
 Sir Francis Bacon:  
 Facts of nature trump scientific & medical theories  
 John Locke and Thomas Jefferson:  
 Self-evident facts of creation trump legalgov. theories.

## Institutions in Eden after the Fall of Man

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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  
 Romans 1: 19, 20  
 A knowledge of God from nature is possible  
 Isaiah 28: 9, 10  
 Science: The systematic observation of the facts of nature  
 Gather all relevant facts on any subject  
 Facts Rule: Benchmark by which theories are validated  
 Exodus 20: 8-11:  
 The 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 discoveries with companion arises  
 Increases self-worth  
 Both spouses grow intellectually together  
 Intellectual labor provides happiness  
 Inventions lighten household work

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### 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 man 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 his being  
 It defines the purpose of his creation  
 Every gift man has is a talent  
 No talent must be considered too small  
 Each talent has a place in God's plan:  
 To be used in service to others  
 To provide man 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 our soul and other souls  
 Marriage creates the primary mission field for service  
 It must reflect God's character and virtues  
 It is the fabric of society  
 If marriage fails, society unravels  
 Good stewardship:  
 Helps us use our time and talents wisely for God  
 Helps guard the edges of Sabbath of 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, purposful labor provides happiness  
 Labor/working at something develops skills  
 Labor reinforced need for Sabbath rest  
 Enriches marriage thru individual growth  
 Work provides for family needs

Gen. 2: 15-25

### 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: Tzabaa. Thathath. Thathasius  
 Signified equality  
 Made her another creation  
 Established her individuality  
 Her rights come from God  
 Eve was yet in unity with Adam  
 Their unity provided sight into Triune God  
 Requirement that Man leaves parents  
 Mother-in-law can be a spoiler  
 Couple grows by experience  
 Marriage facilitates Family/Sabbath worship  
 A Christ centered life  
 creates a Christ centered marriage  
 Work supports the family  
 Work enriches marriage:  
 Promotes individual growth  
 Provides individual happiness  
 Develops creativity  
 Disperses boredom  
 Intellectual work gives similar benefits  
 Discoveries lightens the burdens  
 Self-government: foundation of marriage

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### Constitutional Gov.

Adam set up first patriarchal Gov.  
 He ruled under God's Constitution  
 All earthly laws must conform to God's  
 Divine 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:  
 Woman has individuality  
 Woman is no man's chattie  
 The 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  
 The Creation Concept Distinguished the  
 The American Revolution  
 God established man's rights  
 Memorialized in the Bill of Rights  
 From the French Revolution  
 Government created man's rights  
 Memorialized in their Rights of Man  
 But Govt. can take away manmade rights

Gen. 2: 1-3

### 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  
 Provides time with spouse & kids  
 Enhances marriage  
 The Sabbath is a measure of the risk  
 God took in making a perfect universe  
 Stewardship  
 Helps us use our talents to God's glory  
 Reminds us that wealth is for saving souls  
 Exercising dominion  
 Sharpens the intellect for ministry  
 Provides inventions for work of ministry  
 The recovery of truth is the work of the remnant  
 We are in a New Dark Age of political correctness  
 We are afraid to draw conclusions from facts  
 We depend on the opinion of elites in authority  
 Prepares the way for dependence on priesthood  
 Facts of Scripture must guide our thinking  
 The final test for mankind is a twofold crisis:  
 In the source of knowledge: fact or opinion  
 In where we place our loyalty: God or man  
 Health Reform is the key to effective ministry  
 Prolongs life and vigor of God's servants  
 Points to the obligation of the moral law  
 Is part of the Third Angel's message  
 Will open many doors for the gospel!  
 Medical ministry testifies to the Creator-Healer  
 Self-control assures us our faith is not in vain

Gen. 3: 15

### Plan of Salvation & Re-Creation

Re-creation presupposes an original creation  
 Any other concept of origins annuls the gospel  
 Salvation by grace presupposes a Total Fall  
 Only the Creator can restore his image in man  
 But he does so with man's cooperation and help  
 Man must overcome just as Christ did:  
 By divine strength gaining victory over sin  
 Everyone is given the ministry of reconciliation  
 Gaining salvation & winning souls is our task  
 Every institution established in Eden helps us:  
 The Sabbath  
 Is the test of our loyalty to the Creator  
 Is a witness of the Creator's existence  
 Upholding Liberty of conscience our final task  
 Marriage & family is the first school of Christ  
 Labor is God's plan:  
 For keeping us out of temptation  
 For refining and saving man  
 For providing for & preserving the family  
 For providing for the work of the ministry  
 Stewardship  
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