

Biblical Model ← **Creation** ← **Different Paths to Truth, Knowledge** → **The Fall of Man** → **Pagan Religious Models: Immortal Pre-existence/Evolution**
 Decision at the Tree

1. God spoke to man

1. His word is truth
2. His accumulative word becomes Scripture
3. God's Word is the final authority on earth: Sola Scriptura

2. Instructions Re. Nature:

1. Exercise dominion. Gen.1: 26-28
 - A. Investigate nature.
 - B. Discover its laws
 - C. Harness nature's laws for man's benefit
 - D. God has put knowledge in nature man can access. Ps. 19:1-4. Rom. 1: 20
 - E. Science is possible through observing nature
2. Tend the garden. Gen. 2: 15
 - A. Man can get knowledge from nature
 - B. improve and beautify nature
 - C. Be good stewards of nature
 - D. Man finds happiness and fulfilment in creative thinking and doing
 - E. Manual work is dignified and is rewarding
 - F. If a man would not work he should not eat. 2 Thess. 3: 10

3. Methodology of acquiring knowledge and truth: Empiricism:

1. Isaiah 28: 9,10: Here a little, there a little: Precept upon precept
2. Facts rule:
 - A. Facts of nature: Benchmark for validating theories
 - B. Facts of Scripture: Benchmark for validating doctrines
 - C. Facts & words of Constitution: Benchmark for making or interpreting law

4. The 7th day is Sabbath: Reminds us:

1. God is Creator and owner of his creation: Origin of Private Property. Gen. 1: 26 - 28
 - A. Man is neither part of the Godhead nor autonomous, independent of his maker
 - B. Male/female is made in God's image: Intellectually, spiritually & physically. Gen. 2: 24
 - C. Made in God's image man is not part of the machinery of nature
 - E. We are not chemical & mechanical machines that God wound up & abandoned
 - D. He sustains us moment by moment: We live not by bread alone
 - F. Man is a vital being. God put life into a body. No dualism of mind & body. Gen. 2: 7
 - G. His life is sustained by obedience to God's laws
 - H. Therefore nature heals: Condition: compliance with divine laws
2. God is Sovereign
 - A. His law rules in heaven and earth
 - B. Man stands in relationship to God
 - C. Hence God not man issues our rights: life; liberty; physical & intellectual property
 - D. Government cannot take away our rights. It can only arbitrate competing interests
 - E. Human government and laws must be subordinate to God's laws
 - F. Human government must therefore be limited
 - G. The state cannot be god

5. Biblical Model of Sin

1. Sin was first a mental and spiritual choice then an act. Gen. 3: 6
2. The act is merely the symptom of sin:
3. Evil results from a spiritual dysfunction of the mind separated from God
4. Every thing was good when created. Matter is not evil
5. The source of evil is internal: Spiritual dysfunction
6. Man experienced a total fall: He is incapable of doing good apart from Christ
 - A. Sin is not cured by suppressing the symptoms of sin.
 - B. Redemption by Grace removes the cause. Restores image of God

6. Biblical Model of Disease

1. Disease is a metabolic dysfunction of the being and its immune system
2. The germ, bacteria, virus, the symptom is not the disease
 - A. The work of Antoine Bechamp :
 1. Microscopic entities become pathogenic in acid and toxic environment
 - B. Work of Royal Raymond Rife:
 1. Plemorphic entities are benign. Become pathogens we associate with cancer in acidic conditions

The Whisper of the Serpent → Lies introduced by Lucifer. Gen. 3: 1-6

1. Has God said → Cast doubt on the reliability of the Word of God
2. You shall not eat of every tree → A bold lie is often more effective in confusing men
3. You shall not surely die → Implied immortality
4. God knows that → Implied that God was unfairly withholding something good from man
5. In eating of the tree (in disobedience)
 - A. Your eyes shall be opened → Implied man can obtain enlightenment independently of God
 - B. You shall be like God → Implied an evolutionary process
6. You shall know good and evil. Implications:
 - A. Man can obtain knowledge independent of God's revelation in Scripture and nature
 - B. Man can establish his own standards of right and wrong. Man makes up his morals and law

Greeks Transformed Serpent's Whisper into a False Religious Theory of Knowledge

1. Pythagoras: Admitted communicating with demons

1. Man has an immortal soul that pre-existed with World Soul
2. Knowledge is remembrance: The soul remembers what it knew while with World Soul
 - A. Whose memory provides best recollection?
 - B. In practice the opinion of a king or high priest is enforced as infallible.
 - C. Opinions of all others are censured on pain of death
 - D. Inevitably leads to tyranny
3. Matter is evil: Good and Evil were redefined
 - A. Evil is externalized
 - B. Evil, sin and crime is not a choice man makes
 - C. Evil is what happens to man
 - D. Man's nature is good. Man can do good
 - E. Man is a victim of his evil environment. Man is caught up in the machinery of nature
4. The physicians soon externalized disease
 - A. The germ, bacterium or virus is evil
 - B. Disease not a metabolic dysfunction due to violating God's laws
 - C. Remedy:
 1. Suppress the symptoms of disease
 2. Emphasis is on drugs to shoot down the germ → Chemical/mechanical model
 3. No emphasis on treating the causes of disease: violation of laws of God in nature
 4. No emphasis on nutrition to restore immune dysfunction → Nature does not heal
5. Man can reunite with the pantheistic World Soul through enlightenment
 - A. A course of liberal arts frees the soul from evil matter
 - B. Man can become like and part of God:
 1. Implies an evolutionary process
 2. False path to salvation by works

2. Plato

1. Evil matter cannot provide reliable knowledge
 - A. true knowledge exists in an invisible world accessible only to the mind
 - B. Observing the facts of nature do not provide accurate knowledge
 - C. De-emphasizing sense observation killed empirical science
2. Science redefined:
 - A. Driven by ideology: Opinions, ideas from an invisible world, not facts valid theories
3. Law redefined:
 - A. Private property, not man, is evil and the causes of inequality. Socialism/communism.
 - B. Law driven by ideology. Not the facts or words of Constitution determine validity of law

3. Aristotle:

1. Path to knowledge is through logic not observation. Man evolved: First enunciation of a theory of evolution.

4. Papacy:

1. Partial fall: Will not fall. Meritorious works possible. Vast bureaucracy created to suppress symptoms of sin

5. Thomas Aquinas

1. Intellect not fallen. Man gets knowledge independent of observation Humanism of Renaissance & Enlightenment