

SECTION 6: CREATION

The Literal creation. I believe that the universe was directly created by God (Psalm 33:6, 9; 90:2; Ps 104:30; Job 26:13; Isa 40:28; 45:8; 1 Cor 8:6), in a voluntary act whereby for his own glory and according to His eternal counsel (Eph 1:11; Ps 19:1–6; Rev 4:9–11), He gave existence all things in distinction from Himself (Col 1:15–17; Heb 1:10–12) out of nothing in six successive, twenty-four hours days (Heb 11:3; Gen 2:1, 2; Ex 20:11; 31:17). Original creation was without spiritual or physical corruption as evidenced in God’s pronouncement of it as very good (Gen 1:31)

Young Earth Creationism. I believe the Biblical text, literally interpreted, does not allow for creation to have been more than about 10,000 years ago.

Rejected views on Creation. I reject all forms of the evolutionary hypothesis of origins, whether theistic or atheistic. For instance, I reject the framework hypothesis, the day-age theory, progressive creationism, the gap/restitution theory, and the precreation chaos theory.

SECTION 7: MAN

The Creation of Man. I believe that man was originally and immediately created by God in His image (Gen 1:26–27) on Day Six of the creation week (Gen 1:27–31; 2:7–25), in a state of sinlessness or innocence (1 Cor 11:7; Jas 3:9), and endowed with a rational nature, intelligence, volition, and moral responsibility to God (Genesis 2:15–25).

The Constitution of Man. I believe that Man consists of the union of material and immaterial elements (Gen 2:7; Ps. 16:10; Matt. 10:28; Acts 2:27; 1 Thess. 5:23), the combination of the two resulting in a living being (Gen 2:7; Job 33:4; Jas 2:26). The material or physical aspect refers to the body, originally formed by God from the dust of the ground (Gen 2:7), while the immaterial aspect of man refers to the spirit or soul, originally imparted by God (Gen 2:7). The spirit or soul includes several parts, such as the heart, mind, soul, and spirit (Gen. 2:7; Deut. 8:5; Job 27:6; Matt. 15:19-20; Rom. 1:28, 2:29, 12:2, 14:5; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 4:18; 1 Tim. 1:5; Titus 1:15; Heb. 4:12, 10:22). I believe the body and soul are separated at death (Gen. 35:18; Matt. 10:28; James 2:26) but united again at the resurrection for eternity (Jn. 3:18, 36; Rom. 1:18, 2:5, 5:9; Eph. 5:6; 1 Thess. 5:9; 2 Pt. 2:9). I believe that the whole human race descended from Adam and Eve so that the human race is unified and receive their material and immaterial elements from their parents (Gen 5:1, 3).

The Fall of Man. I believe that in Adam’s free choice to sin by disobeying the revealed will and Word of God (Gen. 2:16-17, 3:1-19; 1 Tim. 2:14), man lost his innocence (Gen 3:7), incurred the penalty of physical death and immediate loss of spiritual life (Gen. 3:19; Gen. 5:8, 11, 14, 17; Eccl. 3:20; Rom. 6:23; Heb. 9:27), became a subject of God’s wrath (Jn. 3:18, 36; Rom. 1:18, 2:5, 5:9; Eph. 5:6; 1 Thess. 5:9; 2 Pt. 2:9), and marred the image of God in him, yet not totally erasing it (Gen. 5:1, 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; James 3:9).

The Sexuality of Man. I believe that mankind was created by God as either male or female, distinct sexes or genders that are biologically defined and imparted to each individual at conception (Gen 1:27; 2:5–23; Job 3:3; Ps 139:13–14; 1 Cor 11:3–15). I believe that God has commanded that no sexual activity is to be engaged in outside of the marriage of a man and a woman. Any form of child molestation, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, incest, pedophilia, rape, sodomy, pornography, or similar activities is a sinful perversion of God's gift of sex, including any attempt to alter one’s sex or gender by surgery or appearance (Lev 18:22; Deut 22:5; Rom 1:26–27; 1 Cor 6:9–10).

The Sanctify of Life. I believe that because mankind is created in the image of God (Gen 1:26–27), human life is inherently valuable from the moment of conception (Ps 139:13; Job 10:18–19; Jer 1:5). I believe that embryo destruction and abortion constitute the unjustified, sinful taking of unborn human life. I reject any teaching that states that in cases of rape or incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, selective reduction, or personal comfort or convenience. I recognize that there are rare conditions that endanger the life of the mother. In such cases, every effort should be made to save life (Ex 21:22-25; Ps 127:3; 139:14-16; Isa 44:24; 49:1, 5; Jer 1:5; Luke 1:44). I believe that suicide, assisted suicide, and euthanasia constitute the unjustified, sinful taking of a human life (Exodus 20:13).