

THEOLOGY II- Lecture # 3

UNCREATED

Metaphysics

"Stuff"

The system of principles underlying a particular study which is composed of ontology and cosmology

Ontology- study related related to the nature of being or existence

Cosmology- study of the universe as an orderly system of origins, structure, and space-time relationship.

Being

Eternal

Genesis 1:1

Ps. 90:2

CREATOR

Morals- relating to principles of right and wrong

"Choices"

Right- obedience to lawful authority in accord with truth or fact

Wrong- opposite to right

Good- conforming to moral order, beautiful, helpful lifegiving

Bad- decayed, mischievous, disobedient, injurious, unpleasant, anything worthy of disapproval

Character- Theology I - character of God

*Always built by choices not being

Sequential

Genesis 1:1-31

from to
<----->
everlasting everlasting

Created = (bara in Hebrew)
to bring into being new
things which have not
been made before

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Man created at a de-
finite point in time

Genesis 1:1 plural of God
(Elohim) singly creating

Genesis 1:26

1 Samuel 17:8 choose =
create; man creates by
his choices

Beginning Makers

Isaiah 40:28

Isaiah 44:6

Isaiah 43:10

Isaiah 48:12

Revelation 4:8

Colossians 1:15-17

John 1:1-3

Psalms 104:24-30

Psalms 148:1-5

Isa. 40:26, 41:20, 42:5, 43:1

Isa. 45:12-18

Matt. 2:10

Colossians 16-17

John 1:3, 10

Revelation 4:11

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Romans 11:36

Hebrews 1:1-2

Nehemiah 9:6

SECOND ABSOLUTE OF WONDER- God is a Creator

DEF. - to make a thing which has not been made before

Heb. 11:3

Created = (bara in Hebrew) to bring into being new things
which have not been made before- only applied to God!

= create, select, manifest, to make fat, to choose

syn= originator, producer, inventor, author, designer

Genesis 1:1 contrast "God" and "beginning"

Job 38:4-7

*Angels had never thought of a material universe

*God spoke His thoughts into existence

Genesis 1:

:9-10

:11-12

:20

:24

*Every snowflake is different

*God doesn't like copy cats or hero worship

*He enjoys diversity

All created out of nothing!

*Many gods can make something out of something,
but only God can create something out of nothing!

Gen. 1:26 Human beings given a special place

Gen. 2:7

Ps. 104:24-30 He tenderly cares, Jesus- not one sparrow falls
unnoticed

Ps. 148:1-5

Isa. 40:25-26

*Telescope

*Mt. Palomar

*Space shuttle telescope

=> intelligence!

"By the work one knows the workman"

Isa. 41:20

Isa. 45:12,18 *Flies in the face of evolution

*Christians enjoy nature because God made it

Col. 1:16-17 *He holds all things together

Example: Matter isn't solid but particles in motion

Atom = baseball field

Electrons = flies

Protons = grapefruit

=> Jesus could walk through the walls

Snoopy & Red Baron- gun in sync with propellar

*Bap of HS initiates us into the spiritual world

3 Levels of Reality

1. Uncreated God

2. Created spirits, angels

3. Material world

Temporary

Example: "Give me something real"

John 1:3,10

Rev. 4:11

*God has a purpose for everything

*As we look at creation we say, "He is worthy"

Our praise needs to have content

Example- LeRoy's bees

Dance to put direct bees to honey

Ecc. 12:1

Romans 1:18-25 A study of the universe yields:

1. A demonstration of the power of God
2. A demonstration of the invisible attributes of the Godhead

*Time*chance*matter*energy = universe

Odds of creation by chance is greater than a printing press exploding and a dictionary results

*2 Hymns of the church

Acts 17:24-31

*No background in scripture

Ps. 115:1-8

*The insanity of worshiping idols

*it should worship you!

*We too, should worship God

Col. 2:8 Paul's warning

Song: This Is My Father's World

BEING OR "STUFF" OR METAPHYSICS

You

God

1. Height
2. Weight
3. Hair color
4. Color of eyes
5. Fingerprint
6. IQ
7. Age
8. Measure of strength
9. Memory capacity
10. Imagination level

CHARACTER OR CHOICES OR MORALS

1. Loving or selfish?
2. Patient or intolerant?
3. Disciplined or undisciplined?
4. Truthful or deceptive?
5. Honest or dishonest?
6. Pure or manipulating?
7. Faithful or untrustworthy?

Notes from Uli Korstch—free will, free choice

Genesis 2. Man is so significant that God comes and visits him every morning in the garden. Giving human beings free choice gave rise to the possibility of pain because free choice always holds the possibility of

betrayal and not loving. It's insanity. Why would a human being trade a close friendship with the creator for a natural pile of selfishness? It doesn't make sense at all. We call it trivial pursuit.

Determinism and free choice are mutually exclusive.

Theistic determination: God knows and determines every move ahead of time including the blinking of your eyes.

Ultimate determinism means that God has already determined who will be in heaven and who will be in hell. Deuteronomy 7:6-8. Contrast with Deuteronomy 28:3-13 emphasizes the consequences of obedience and 28:14-28 describes the consequences of disobedience. These verses would not exist because God has already determined who his people are. No, this defines a calling or purpose. They were called to dispense God's knowledge to the earth. Exodus 19:6, Romans 3:2, Romans 9:4. Romans 8:29-30. Look at Romans 11:2. God has not rejected his people that he foreknew.

New ways to think of determinism

1-Basic attributes or gifts.

Matthew 25:14-30. We are responsible for what we know and have. Knowledge equals responsibility. No excuse, we are responsible for certain things.

We are responsible for overcoming all natural bents toward sin.

2-Cause or influence.

A cause is by definition produces a result. An influence which tends to produce a result. A cause is definite, and influence has a probability factor attached to it.

Moral government of God. Free will and Providence. God works on the basis of influence, not cause because cause would violate free will.

1. Whole verses particular determinism. God predestined is the group, you determine which group you will be a part of. God predestines the unity and you the diversity.

Day by day or existential reality of man. Comes from existence, which means a daily state of being. I am pro existence but in the context of God's universe.

God is simultaneously loving and angry, just as a soldier fighting a war and returns home to love his family. The eastern concept of hospitality. They are kind to you in the tent but outside they may stick a knife in your back.

James 4:1 why there is War. The fall can be defined in one word: alienation and war.

Man was not created because God was bored and lonely! Genesis 1:26 God himself is a sweet community. That in the ages to come he might demonstrate the riches of his kindness – Ephesians 2.

