

THEOLOGY II- Lecture #8

III. Absolute of Wonder- Triunity -

Metaphysics

Epistemology

Morals

-truth and communication

How can you know truth

How can I know what is
truth?

Ability to share with each
other

How does an eastern
man get truth?

How does a Western man
get truth?

Man meditates

A) Blank out mind
no thinking
no logic because
no finite to infinite

A) Use logic: No ref. point
Problem: he does not know
where to start

Closed universe- time x
chance x matter + energy

B) Cosmic Zap

No revelation- no god at all
Technology is man's holy sp.

Abandon reason

B) Time- impersonal
Chance- impersonal
Matter- impersonal

Change to eastern
mysticism

∴ universe is a machine and
man is a part of that ma-

Drugs- distort reality
into a mystical experience

chine = impersonal
You can no nothing for
certain

Conclusion- there is no
meaning

60's-revolted at this
intellectual vacuum:
Struck back at their
tormentors

∴ If thinking leads me to
this conclusion than I'll
quit thinking

*Albert read so much about
smoking that he gave up
reading

FEELERS

THINKERS

Philosophic conclusion of modern man is: we're all that's left

=>Lennon is dead editorial

2001- Space odyssey

Monkeys learn from
stone

End- spaceman is
born to be a god

There is a rise of some kind of super beings coming and
getting civilization going

Bottom line man is afraid that it is a lonely universe and there
is no one out there .

Space probes declare no life is possible out there

Escape from reason- Schaeffer

The God Who is There- Schaeffer

Modern man is split between the

Thinkers

and

Feelers

Machine

abandon all rationality & reason

∴ insanity is the most human

thing

4 ways to leap out of reason:

sex

drugs

eastern mysticism

music

Bible does not divorce thinking and experiencing

Antichrist will be a super prophet and a thinking genius

=> the government is the savior of mankind

This is an epistemological problem.

Lennon is dead:

"John Lennon is dead. A sign of the times? Or the poetic end of an artistic lifetime? Certainly there is meaning in Lennon's life, his songs, his words, will be with humanity forever. But these thoughts do not lessen the pain and sense of loss which I feel at this moment. Do I grieve for humanity? No. Is my pain for the revolution? Perhaps, yet I doubt it, I do not know why I am sad, I only know that I am. NO, the world is not over, the revolution continues, only without

John Lennon. In fact, the revolution has another martyr. Will there be no reason for this death? Just a madman wanting a headline? Right, ya, sure, uh huh. . . just a random universe in which anything can happen; no control, no justice, nothing to depend on whatsoever. Damn! Damn! Damn! John Lennon is dead. There is nothing I can do, no one I can pray to which will make it any better, cause pure and simply, he is dead. His pen will never write again. He's gone, he's dead, there is nothing I can do. Nothing to do but live and try to give 'peace a chance.'"

- Danny Choriki

Psych. and Philosophy.

Eastern Man

Western Man

Does not believe in God
or anything outside himself

Does not believe in revelation.

B) Strength: recognizes need
for revelation to bridge finite/
infinite gap

Strength: logic

C) Problem: has no logic; how
can he know if his revelation
is real?

Problem: No premises to
start from or reference point

*No test for truth
You obey the guru unquestion-
ingly

Logic without revelation
You can know nothing for
certain

*You can't use your mind
Bible says test, prove

Revelation without logic

Bible epistemology

Revelation that can be tested by logic and fact

Bible is a history book- can be verified

*God challenges us to think

CHART- Jn 4:24

1 Jn 4:1 Test the revelation

:2-3

Example: A lady told me we are to be married

Beware of marriage directives

Trinity: tells us that there has always been love, truth, and communication in the universe

Problem of Unity and Diversity

We observe many things that are the same in the universe as well as do as many things that are different. Why?

Example- Is the Bozeman creek the same today as when you crossed it yesterday?

Yes and No

Example- Do you all know what a dog is?

Describe it-

(Dogginess) Unity

(Unique) Diversity

D. Eastern Mysticism

Unity-pantheism- every-
thing is god, all is in god

Diversity- none

Good is evil

light is darkness

male and female

life is death

Everything is god

Western Logic

Diversity: chance x matter x time

Comes from chance selection

Genetic change

Unity- why are things the same?

No reason

Humanism-- do your own thing

E. Bible says GOD'S

lifestyle is both unity and diversity

Basis for unity

1) Not in His being (uncreated)
because we are created

2) Not in Him as a Creator
some things in the universe are not creators

3) Structure of tri-unity

Examples: Natural evidence

Matter = solid x liquid x gas ---> water

Space = length x width x height

Time = past x present x future

Physical universe = matter x space x time

Man = body x soul x spirit

Body = flesh x bones x blood

Soul = will x intellect x emotions
Spirit = conscience x intuition x devotion

Genetic code

DNA x RNA x Amino = Protein
triplet triplet acid synthesis

Chart: Who God is:

Gen. 1:26 emphasizes Three in one

Extreme- 3 gods with no fundamental unity, divided,
separated

Deut. 6:4 Elohim is plural

Emphasizes One in three

Extreme- Father is Son is HS => Jesus talks to
himself

Wrong: $1 + 1 + 1 = /$ independent, 3 gods

Correct: $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$ $1 \times 1 \times 0 = /$ $1 \Rightarrow$ you can't take away
one without destroying the whole; interdependent.

UNCREATED

TRIUNE

CREATOR

Being

Relationship

Personality

Same in substance
nature, essence

Differing functions

Perfect in
character; equality
no inferiority
One in agreement
purpose, love

Father x Son x Holy Spirit

Originator x Mediator x Executor

Chain of authority
in the godhead

From whom x Through whom x By whom (Rom. 11:36)

Example: Speech

- 1) Begins as a thought
- 2) speech formed by mouth
- 3) breath behind it

Preserves both unity
and diversity
They work in harmony

Gen. 1:1 Father

:2 Spirit

John 1:10 Son

Jn 16:13-14 Spirit directs us to Jesus

He does not desire praise for himself

Matt. 19:6-7 Jesus obeys His Father

Jn. 5:22-23

Jn. 12:26 Father honors us

Rev. 4:11 Father honored

Rev. 5:12 Son honored

Harmony and Unity

God is not lonely and never has been

eternal happiness and fellowship

∴ man not created because of God's loneliness

Acts 17:24-25

*Man created to share excitement of godhead

Happiness is enhanced by sharing

Love is behind the universe

A secular man has no assurance that love is real

Time x chance x matter = universe

Love can only be a chemical reaction

That love is eternally expressed in the 3 persons of the godhead.

Jn. 17:1-10, 20-26

Communication

Responsibility

*What is the proof and validation of gospel message?

People loving and being one- world must see it

*Hypocrite- play actors

Not making love a lifestyle

Example: people sensing the love and care in Maranatha

I Cor. 13:1-3

"Cure without care is dehumanizing"

Chart- triangle of fellowship

Read these scriptures:

2 Chron. 16:9

Jn. 4:23-24

Jn. 17:3

Acts 17:28

1 Cor. 10:31

Jn. 14:23

Jn. 17:21

1 Jn. 1:3

Acts 2:46-47

Rom. 15:32

2 Tim. 1:4

Humanism

It is the denial of any power or moral values superior to that of humanity. The rejection of religion in favor of belief the advancement of humanity by its own effort. It will be the deification of man and the rejection of God and of God's appointed ruler, the Lord Jesus Christ. With my own background in Greek philosophy, this has become particularly vivid to me. The first Greek philosophers of whom we have any written records around about 460 BC was called Heiraglytus.***(spelling) Only three of his statements have been preserved and I will record them, they're brief. The first is, everything flows. The second, you can never step twice into the same river. The third, man is the measure of all things. What we have there is total relativism. There is nothing absolute. No absolute morality, no absolute laws, no absolute truths. Everything can be changed, adjusted, adapted. It is flexible and man is the person who will make the changes. One thing that is relative in this philosophy is truth. We find to day in the world at large that truth really no longer is respected or considered to be significant. There's a verse in Isaiah 59:14 Truth has fallen in the streets. It is no longer significant. A man can make a commitment on Tuesday and go back on his commitment on Thursday because truth is relative. Another factor has emerged, which changes what is true. I think this is probably the root problem of our civilization today. There are no longer any absolutes. Man is free to make his own standards and to change them just as often as he pleases. Actually Israel's prime minister**** A man may make marriage vows to a woman but ten years later he may say I've changed my mind. His vows are no longer binding or valid. A persons word is not of any significance. It can be changed, adjusted, adapted, or even denied in a short space of time. This is really the moral and social problem of our age.

So called new age movement that man can become a god. This is totally contrary to all logic because God is the creator. The uncreated creator who created everything. All we human beings like everything else in the universe are created and there is no way by which the created can ever become uncreated. It follows the this is a delusion . It's something a lie which is being fed to people to entice them to disobedience to God.

The original lie Satan used - Genesis 3 - you shall be as gods.

The definition of humanism

This is the definition of humanism found in the English Dictionary. It is the denial of any power or moral value superior to that of humanity. The rejection of religion and the favor of a belief in the advancement of humanity by it's own efforts. The two key words there are denial and rejection. Humanity is not neutral it is actively against God and anything that represents God which is religion in any form.

But humanism is a deception. It's concocted by human arrogance. It's the arrogance saying we don't need God, we'll be our own God. We'll make our own decisions, our own laws. We live our own standards, we live our own purposes. Dole had his own origin centuries ago in ancient Greece. In the words of a certain philosopher, he said very briefly, man is the measure of all things. In other words man makes the decision. He sets the standards. He decides what is good, what is bad, what is to be favored and what is to be rejected, Man becomes his own god. It really is a sense the response of man to the temptation of Satan to Adam and Eve in the garden. You shall be like God . That is the lie that Satan has been seeking to impose upon the human race from that time until now.

Psalms 2 - Let us cast off their restraints.

Matthew 11:27 - The message of the Father's love will change nations!