

Berkhof says Anthropology must follow Theology Proper because humanity is the object of God's revelation. Theological Anthropology concerns itself only with humanity in relation to God. Human experience is read only in light of God's Word.

I. Creation (as "Link" Between God and Humanity)

A. Doctrine of Creation – Creation is the link between God and humanity. This is our first point of contact. We discuss God's counsel and decrees beginning with Creation.

creatio ex nihilo – creation out of nothing.

Final end of creation – Two-fold: happiness of humanity and/or glory of God

Origen – Creation took place in a single moment, not literal days (only help order creation).

Taught eternal creation – God has been creating from all eternity.

Pantheism – The universe is an emanation from God, therefore all is "God".

Vestigia trinitatis – creation bears the stamp of the Trinity

opera ad extra: work of the Trinity to the outside

F = creation, S = redemption, HSp = sanctification

opera ad intra: work of the Trinity within itself

F = generation, S = filiation, HSp = procession

B. Heaven & Earth (Angels) – See "Doctrine of God" summaries as well. Both Angels & Humans are created, spiritual, rational & moral. Only humans are image-bearers, have body & soul. Not consanguineous (same origin or blood).

Fall of the Angels – II Peter 2:4, Jude 6. Some angels were given enough capacity not to sin while others were not.

Mediator of Reconciliation – Christ is the reconciler of all things, but humans alone constitute the church of Christ, not even good angels.

Ordinary Service of Angels – (1) Praising God day and night. (2) Watching over the church.

Extraordinary Service of Angels – (1) Messengers of God, (2) Judgment

Origen on sin – The union of the body and the soul is a punishment for sin. The material world and its diversity is the result of sin. Therefore Angels are superior to humans.

Pseudo Dionysius – Celestial Hierarchy - taught that the top three tiers of angels (cherubim, seraphim, thrones) only serve God in heaven. God's entire providence is carried out by angels.

II. Humanity as Created

A. Creation in Genesis: One or Two Accounts? Bavinck – in 1st account man is the end; in the 2nd man is the beginning of history. Created to live forever, but with a fixed origin.

Osiander – (16th c. Luth) Christ would still need to be incarnate even if Adam had not sinned because man was created in the image of Christ as a man.

Monogeneticism – Were all descended from the same genetic father & mother.

Polygeneticism – Each race has its own genetic father. (see Preadamites)

Coadamites – Different centers of creation of man (Berk 188).

Preadamites – People who descended from an ancestor before Adam.

B. Human Nature & Animal Nature: From the image of God standpoint, evolution can't be maintained (Gen 1:26).

Darwinism – "Survival of the fittest." Doesn't account for origins or human psyche.

C. Age of the Earth: Scripture does not purpose to inform us.

D. Unity of human race: not a matter of indifference, but of utmost importance.

III. The Image of God

A. Human Nature

Image of God: Broad Sense – Humanity is still in the image of God after the fall.

Image of God: Narrow Sense – Humanity lost the primary content of the image of God and only regains it in Christ (non-Christians in the narrow sense are not fully human).

Impaired people are truly image-bearers even if not fully image-bearers.

“Image” as noun = status (like citizenship) that is inviolable

“Image” as verb = imitate God (speech, creativity, love) – incomplete in humanity.

Pelagian View of Man – The image of God exists only in a natural God-given possibility of perfection that cannot be lost and is therefore still a part of every human being.

Views of How Body and Soul relate

- a. **Monistic** – body and soul are the same primitive substance. Both are matter.
- b. **Dualistic** – duality of matter and spirit.
- c. **Trichotomy** – Human nature is made up of three parts (body, soul & spirit).

Traducianism – The souls of men are propagated along with the bodies by generation and then transmitted to children by their parents (and therefore sin).

Various Anthropologies

1. **Lutheran** – Adam was subject to the law only after sin (law is a response to sin).

Creation image was the human ideal. The image of God was lost in the fall and restored only in believers Christ. Image of God is identified only with Adam’s moral qualities.

2. **Roman Catholic** – supernaturalism says that humanity was created to be divinized (*status gloriae*), but was lost in the fall. Man needs grace, which saves. This grace is obtained through the sacraments and works.

3. **Reformed** – image is what distinguishes humanity from the other living creatures.

Distinguish between broad & narrow sense. The whole person is in the image of God and therefore the whole person needs redemption.

. **B. Covenant of Works** – From the beginning God entered into a covenantal relationship with man. (1) Adam was the representative of the whole human race. (2) He was put on temporary probation to see if he’d willingly subject his life to God’s will. (3) He was given the promise of eternal life by way of obedience. Reformed view is that God still demands obedience.

Hosea 6:7 – “Like Adam, they have broken the covenant – they were unfaithful to Me.”

k’adam – “like Adam”: (Rom 5:12-21) Just as we share in the redemption of Christ so by the one man (Adam) are we counted sinful.

C. Sin - Sin began with the voluntary yielding to temptation of Adam in Paradise (disobeying God’s command), thus, Adam became a bondservant to sin. Sin carried a permanent pollution, which affected Adam’s descendants. Therefore, all humanity is liable to the punishment of death (Rom 5:12-19). **BOTTOM LINE** = Sin is not considered merely as a pollution, but first as guilt that carries punishment with it.

- Romans 5:18-19 = So then as though one sin the judgment came unto all men to condemnation; even so through one act of righteousness the free gift came unto all men to justification of life.

SIN RESIDES IN THE HEART, THE CENTRAL ORGAN OF THE SOUL = 233

- Note: not in the intellect or the will

- Sin is the lack of conformity to the moral law of God, either in act, disposition, or state.

Realistic theory of transmission – Adam possessed all humanity, both generically and numerically. We are made of the same corrupt physical substance.

Representative Theory of transmission

1. The Natural Relationship Theory - Adam was the father of all mankind
2. Covenant Relationship Theory (Federal Theology) – Adam represented all humanity.

Actual Sin – The sins we commit on a day-to-day basis

Original Sin – the sinful nature we are conceived with (including both guilt and pollution).

Natural Punishment of Sin – natural consequences (unavoidable)

Positive Punishment of Sin – imposed by divine law (can be avoided with repentance).

Total Depravity – Inherited pollution – corruption that extends to every part of man.

Total Inability – He is unable to do any spiritual good.

Victimization - to explain everything outside of the evil in man's heart is to excuse the sinful act. By calling others monsters we can dismiss the sin in ourselves. In our society today the language of sin has been replaced with the language of therapy... it offers no hope, it offers self salvation. The first "victims" were Adam and Eve... "she made me do it" or "the serpent you created made me do it." Always see others as the guilty party. The NT is filled with teaching about our need to forgive others. Maintaining hatred and unrelenting unforgiveness only continues the cycle of violence. Romans 3:23 – all have sinned.

"Pre-atonement" – Plantinga... the idea that those who are victims are excused for their behavior. They have "earn the right" to sin and are not held responsible

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

- Today most sins are not seen as deadly but trite
- Each of the deadly sins has a core value that is proper.
- Each is an excess to some degree

Our duty to MATERIAL/BODILY life:

1. **GLUTTONY** (temperance) – root = the idea that sustaining my life is in my own hands. It is an ego-centric preoccupation (even anorexia)
2. **LUST** (chastity & continence) – root = rebellion a/g God's limits. Loss of self-control.
3. **AVARICE/COVETOUSNESS** (mercy) – root = waiting for happiness until we have more. Theft if the final outcome

Our duty to LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR

4. **ENVY** (love God, neighbor, enemy) – root = want someone else to be miserable. "If I can't have it you can't have it either". Not wanting the thing but not wanting anyone else to have it either.
5. **ANGER** (patience) – root =

Our duty to LOVE GOD above all

6. **ACCIDIE/SLOTH** (fortitude) – root = laziness, deficiency of ambition, despair, giving up on life. End = suicide, cynicism
7. **PRIDE** (humility) – root = cause of all sin (Augustine). Obsession to impress others with self-consciousness or self-centeredness.