

ANTHROPOLOGY  
**who is Man?**

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**WHAT IS EVIL?**  
Why is there **Evil** in the world?

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**PRIMARY DOCTRINE**  
"Of all kinds of knowledge that we can ever obtain, the knowledge of God, and the knowledge of ourselves, are the most important."  
Jonathan Edwards: A Careful and Strict Inquiry into the Prevailing Notions of the Freedom of the Will

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Edwards, Jonathan (1808). A careful and strict inquiry into the modern prevailing notions of that freedom of will. Albany, NY: Backus & Whiting, Author's Preface.

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ANTHROPOLOGY  
who am I? who are you?  
**who is Man?**

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**THE COSMIC BATTLE WITHIN**  
So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.  
**Galatians 5:16-17**

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# THE BATTLE OVER ANTHROPOLOGY

who is **Man**?

Truth Reality **VS** Lie Illusion

## THE PERNICIOUS LIE

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# THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

His essence

His moral state

His need

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# THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

## the states of man

-- or --

## "modes"



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# THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

**mode 1: innocent**

So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;

**Genesis 1:27**



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# THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN


**mode 2: fallen**

...sin entered the world through one man, and  
death through sin, and in this way death came  
to all men, because all sinned--

**Romans 5:12**

The LORD saw how great man's wickedness  
on the earth had become, and that every  
inclination of the thoughts of his heart was  
only evil all the time.

**Genesis 6:5**



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## DESCRIPTIONS & NAMES OF THE OLD MAN

Evil	Rebellious
Dead	Without hope
Blind	Haters of God
Deaf	Desperately Wicked
Lost	Children of the devil

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YOU CANNOT SLANDER  
HUMAN NATURE; IT IS  
WORSE THAN WORDS  
CAN PAINT IT.

C. H. Spurgeon



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Spurgeon, Charles H. (2005). Cited in Michael Moncur's (cynical) quotations. [Quotationspage.com/quote/26249.html](http://Quotationspage.com/quote/26249.html).

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## THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

mode 2a: hell

If anyone's name was not found written  
in the book of life, he was thrown  
into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:15

...man is destined to die once, and  
after that to face judgment,

Hebrews 9:27



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## THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

mode 3: redeemed

...with your blood you purchased men for  
God from every tribe and language  
and people and nation.

Revelation 5:9



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## DESCRIPTIONS & NAMES OF THE NEW MAN

The redeemed	Children of God
Saints	Sons of God
Priests	Beloved
Called out ones	Wear white robes
The people of God	Born from above
A holy nation	

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## BUT, WE CARRY SOMETHING

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

Galatians 5:16-17



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## THE COSMIC BATTLE WITHIN

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do... I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

Romans 7:15, 18-20



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## THE COSMIC BATTLE WITHIN

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Romans 7:24-25



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## THE COSMIC BATTLE WITHIN

this **does not absolve us**  
from **responsibility!!**

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Romans 6:12

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Romans 8:5-14



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## THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

mode 3a: glorified

The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

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## THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MAN

His essence

made in the image of God  
dualistic: both flesh and spirit

His moral state

fallen nature

His need

redemption

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## THE BATTLE OVER ANTHROPOLOGY

who is **Man**?

Truth  
Reality

VS

Lie  
Illusion

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Dualistic, Fallen,  
Redemption

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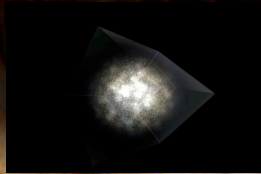
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"THE COSMOS IS ALL THAT IS, OR EVER  
WAS, OR EVER WILL BE."

Carl Sagan



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## THE WORLD & CORLISS LAMONT'S PRIMARY DOCTRINE

"The nonreality of the supernatural  
means, on the human level, that men  
do not possess supernatural  
and immortal souls..."

The Philosophy of Humanism, pg 116



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## NATURALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS

if man is but a material beast, having  
nothing beyond the **evolutionary**  
**cosmic particles**, then what must  
we conclude about man?

does he have a **purpose** beyond himself?

can he have any **meaning** in life?

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**NATURALISTIC  
PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS**

does he have a **free** will?

is he basically **good**?

is there anything **beyond**  
the grave?

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**NATURALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS**

**Dr. William Provine**

No gods or purposive forces  
No ultimate foundation for ethics

No free will  
No life after death  
No ultimate meaning in life

Professor of Evolutionary Biology, Cornell University  
Debate with Phillip Johnson, Stanford University  
"Summary of Implications of Modern Evolutionary Biology", April 30, 1994

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Johnson, Phillip & Provine, William (1994). Debate at Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA: Standford University, April 30.

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**NATURALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS**

**Paul Kurtz**

"Using the powerful critical tools of science and logical analysis, modern man now recognizes that the universe has no special human meaning or purpose and that man is not a special product of creation."

The Humanist Alternative, pg 5

**SOURCE OF TRUTH?**

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**IMPLICATIONS FROM AN  
ICON OF EVOLUTION**

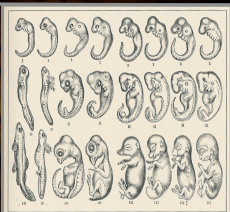


FIGURE 5-1 Haeckel's Embryos.

**Haeckel's Embryos**

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**IMPLICATIONS FROM AN  
ICON OF EVOLUTION**



**"A rat is a pig  
is a dog is a boy."**

Ingrid Newkirk  
president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

**Haeckel's Embryos**

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**IMPLICATIONS FROM AN ICON OF EVOLUTION**



The Finnish Green Party activist Pentti Linkola...goes so far as to say that he has more sympathy for threatened insect species than for children dying of hunger in Africa.

FIGURE 6.1 Haeckel's Embryos


**Haeckel's Embryos**

Linkola, Pentti (2000). Cited in "The New Tolerance - It's Chilling Implications. (No Author). [www.Kornnet.org/karns/sermons/011600am.htm](http://www.Kornnet.org/karns/sermons/011600am.htm)

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**IMPLICATIONS FROM AN ICON OF EVOLUTION**



"While the death of young men in war is unfortunate, it is no more serious than the touching of mountains and wilderness areas by humankind."

David Brown, former head, Sierra Club

FIGURE 6.1 Haeckel's Embryos

**Haeckel's Embryos**

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**NATURALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS**

**Paul Kurtz**

"If man is a product of evolution, one species among others, in a universe without purpose, then man's option is to live for himself..."

The Humanist Alternative, pg 179



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Darrow, Clarence (1988). Cited in *The Best of Humanism*. Buffalo, NY: Prometheus Books, p. 154.

**NATURALISTIC PHILOSOPHY IMPLICATIONS**

**Clarence Darrow**

"The purpose of man is like the purpose of the pollywog-- to wiggle along as far as he can without dying; or, to hang to life until death takes him."

Cited in *The Best of Humanism*, pg 154


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Sellars, Roy W. (193). Humanist Manifesto I. *The New Humanist*, May-June, 58-61.

**ANTHROPOLOGICAL "MONISM"**

"Holding an organic view of life, humanists find that the traditional dualism of mind and body must be rejected."

Humanist Manifesto I, Pg 8



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## THE WORLD'S VIEW OF MAN

His essence

His moral state ←

His need ←

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## ABRAHAM MASLOW



"Hierarchy of Needs"

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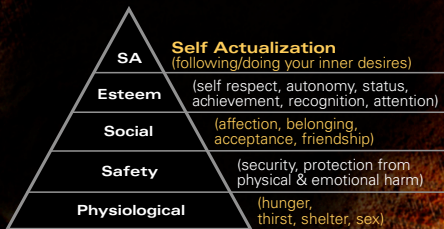
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## ABRAHAM MASLOW

### "Hierarchy of Needs"



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"AS FAR AS I KNOW WE JUST DON'T HAVE ANY INTRINSIC INSTINCTS FOR EVIL."

**Abraham Maslow**

*Humanistic Psychology*, pg 188, 190, aqi UTT, pg 359



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"I DO NOT FIND THAT... EVIL IS INHERENT IN HUMAN NATURE."

**Carl Rogers**

*Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, Summer '82, pg 8



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Rogers, Carl, "Notes on Rollo May," *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, Summer 1982, Volume 22, Number 3; p. 8. Published by The Association for Humanistic Psychology, Tiburon, CA.

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## ABRAHAM MASLOW



If you think in terms of the basic needs; instincts, at least at the outset, are all 'good'...careful study of them [instincts] will provide the values we need by which better societies can evolve."

Humanistic Psychology, pg 188, 190, aqi UTT, pg 359

Maslow, Abraham in *Humanist Psychology* (1978), ed Welch, Tate, Richards. p. 188, 190.

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Maslow, Abraham, *Towards a Psychology of Being* (1968); New York, NY; Van Nostrand Reinhold; p. 149.

## ABRAHAM MASLOW



"Since this inner nature is good or neutral rather than bad, it is best to bring it out and to encourage it rather than to suppress it. If it is permitted to guide our life, we grow healthy, fruitful, and happy."

Toward a Psychology of Being, pg 4, aqi UTT, pg 362

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## THE TRUTH

"For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live."

**Romans 8:13**

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## THE TRUTH

"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived..."

**Colossians 3:5-10**

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## THE TRUTH

But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

**Colossians 3:5-10**

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## THE OL' GARDEN LIE

"No! Get in touch with the inner man...let him flourish...if you let him guide your life, you will be healthy, fruitful and happy."

this is **self-actualization**...and the **consequences** are **huge**...



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What is the enemy of **self-actualization**?

**Suppression**  
of one's inner desires



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WHO IS MAN?  
the **Truth** claims

Man is created in the image of God

Goo-man, a product of mindless, purposeless forces



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WHO IS MAN?  
the **Truth** claims

Man, though created perfect, rebelled against God and is now fallen, his heart desperately wicked

Man is basically good



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WHO IS MAN?  
the **Truth** claims

Man needs divine grace, regeneration, and redemption

Man must save himself through self-oriented pursuits



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### HMMM???

"[Man's] inner nature is **good**..."

"...we just **don't** have any intrinsic **instincts** for **evil**..."

"...**instincts**, at least at the outset, **are** all '**good**'..."



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### HMMM???

doesn't this raise a very **obvious** and **important** question????

if Man is **instinctively** and **basically good**, then **why** is there **evil** in the **world**?



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### JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU

(1712-1778)

"If man is good by nature, as I believe to have shown him to be, it follows that he stays like that **as long as nothing foreign to him corrupts him.**"

"Man was born free, but everywhere he is in **chains!**"

How Shall We Then Live, Schaeffer, pg 155

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Rousseau, Jean-Jacques (1762); *The Social Contract*.

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### CARL ROGERS

"For myself, though I am very well aware of **the incredible amount of destructive, cruel, malevolent behavior** in today's world--from the threats of war to the senseless violence in the streets--**I do not find that this evil is inherent in human nature.**"

Journal of Humanistic Psychology, Summer '82, pg 8

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THE LOGICAL QUESTION...

If evil doesn't come from human nature, then where does it come from?

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IF MAN IS GOOD?  
WHY IS THERE EVIL?

"Sick people are made by a **sick culture**; healthy people are made possible by a healthy culture."

Abraham Maslow

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Rogers, Carl, "Notes on Rollo May," *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, Summer 1982, Volume 22, Number 3; p. 8.

IF MAN IS GOOD?  
WHY IS THERE EVIL?

"...experience leads me to believe that it is **cultural influences** which are the major factor in our evil behaviors."

Carl Rogers

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INTERESTING QUESTION

the "feeling bad about evil" problem

**why** does evil **bother** you?

why do you **feel bad** about **evil**?

isn't **evil**, as you described it, simply the natural **outworking** of the **evolutionary process**?

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OUR CULTURE'S ANTHROPOLOGY  
BASIC ASSUMPTIONS

**man**, by nature, **is good**

mental health and **happiness** come through **self-actualization** and getting in touch with one's real '**good**' self

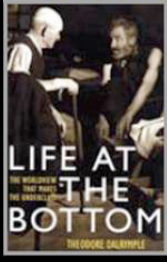
**social institutions** are **responsible** for man's **evil** actions

David Noebel, *Understanding the Times*

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Noebel, David. *Understanding the Times*. Manitou Springs, CO: p. 360.

THEODORE DALRYMPLE



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ANTHROPOLOGY

who is **Man?**

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