





FIND
YOUR
FOCUS

A perspective view of a tunnel with a purple and green color scheme. The walls are covered in a fine, grainy texture. The lighting is dramatic, with purple on the left and green on the right. The word "BELONG" is centered in a bold, white, outlined font.

BELONG


A futuristic tunnel with purple and blue lighting and a small robot-like figure on the right.

BELONG

'Connection'

A close-up, top-down view of a camera lens. The lens is composed of several concentric glass elements, creating a series of circular patterns. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong blue glow on the left side and a warm orange glow on the right side. The word "EQUIP" is overlaid in the center of the lens in a stylized, white font with a blue outline and a drop shadow. The letters are bold and have a slightly irregular, hand-drawn appearance. The background is dark, making the lens and the text stand out prominently.

EQUIP

A close-up, artistic view of a camera lens. The lens is the central focus, with multiple glass elements visible. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong blue glow on the left and a warm orange glow on the right, creating a high-contrast, moody atmosphere. The text 'EQUIP' and 'Maturity' is overlaid on the lens.

EQUIP
'Maturity'



PRAY



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'Dependence'

The background features a series of concentric, slightly blurred circles that create a tunnel-like effect. The color palette transitions from a deep blue on the left to a vibrant red on the right, with purple and magenta tones in the center. The overall texture is grainy and digital.

REACH

A perspective view of a tunnel with concentric circular walls. The left side of the tunnel is illuminated with blue light, while the right side is illuminated with red light. A small, dark vehicle is visible in the distance on the right side of the tunnel.

REACH

‘Compassion’

Four pivotal dimensions to our framework for
REACH/Compassion:

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REACH/Compassion:

The nature of God

1

Four pivotal dimensions to our framework for
REACH/Compassion:

The nature of God

The nature of Mankind

2

Four pivotal dimensions to our framework for
REACH/Compassion:

3

The nature of God
The nature of Mankind
The nature of Jesus

Four pivotal dimensions to our framework for **REACH/Compassion:**

4

The nature of God

The nature of Mankind

The nature of Jesus

The “*rules of engagement*”

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Does God exist?

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Does God exist?

What is God like?

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Infinite & Intimate

Four pivotal dimensions to our framework for
REACH/Compassion:

The nature of Mankind

2

Four pivotal dimensions to our framework for
REACH/Compassion:

The nature of Mankind

2

Is man basically good, or bad,
or neutral?

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Is man basically good, or bad,
or neutral?

Does mankind carry personal
responsibility for his or her actions?

Good or Bad



Good or Bad

Frankenstein

Dr. Jekyll

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Frankenstein

- Pantheism

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"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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We have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as written: "None is righteous, no not one, no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. Their throat is an open grave, they use the tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery,

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and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

(Romans 3:9-19)

Good or Bad

...is simply inadequate
to Biblically describe or define
the condition and nature of mankind.

Unique & Broken

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Genesis 1:26-28, 31; 2:7, 22-25

26 Then God said,

“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.
And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the heavens and over the
livestock and over all the earth and over every
creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Unique & Broken

Genesis 1:26-28, 31; 2:7, 22-25

27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea.....”

Unique & Broken

Genesis 1:26-28, 31; 2:7, 22-25

31 And God saw everything that He had made and behold, it was very good.
And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Unique & Broken

Genesis 1:26-28, 31; 2:7, 22-25

7 ...then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

23 And the man said,.....

Unique & Broken

Genesis 1:26-28, 31; 2:7, 22-25

- 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
- 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

*Unique & **Broken***

Unique & Broken

Genesis 3:7-13; 21-24

- 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.
- 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Unique & Broken

Genesis 3:7-13; 21-24

- 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him,
“Where are you?”
- 10 And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden,
and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.
- 11 He said, “Who told you that you were naked?
Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you
not to eat?”

Unique & Broken

Genesis 3:7-13; 21-24

12 The man said,

“The woman whom you gave to be with me,
she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman,

“What is this that you have done?”

The woman said,

“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

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Genesis 3:7-13; 21-24

21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”

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(to make permanent his condition of true moral guilt)

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- 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.
- 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Unique & Broken

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Unique & Broken

If mankind is *unique* but not broken
he is simply God's equal.

2

Unique & Broken

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If mankind is *unique* but not broken
he is simply God's equal.

If mankind is *broken* but not unique
he is simply discardable.

Unique & Broken

Mankind is not equal to God.

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Mankind is not discardable.


Mankind finds itself standing in

'true moral guilt'

before an infinite and intimate God.



Skeptic?
Inquirer?
Already convinced?



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**What do
we do
with your
“true moral
guilt”?**

Unique & Broken

Mankind's nature implies that we find ourselves separated, alienated and isolated from the presence of the infinite and intimate God, in whose image we were uniquely made, in desperate need of a solution beyond our means .



A beautiful clay jar tragically broken

Next Week:

*The
nature
of
Jesus*

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