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Infinite & Intimate

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Is man basically good, or bad, or neutral?

Does mankind carry personal responsibility for his or her actions?





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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)

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





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."

- 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.....

- 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.

- 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.
- 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,.....

- 24 Therefore a man shall leave hid 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.

- 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.
- 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.

- 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?"

- 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."

- 21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.
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(to make permanent his condition of true moral guilt)

- 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.

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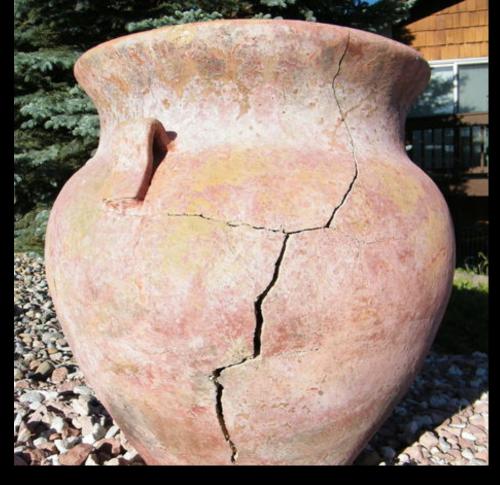
Mankind finds itself standing in 'true moral guilt'

before an infinite and intimate God.





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

