

ANSWERS GROUNDED



IN FAITH AND HOPE

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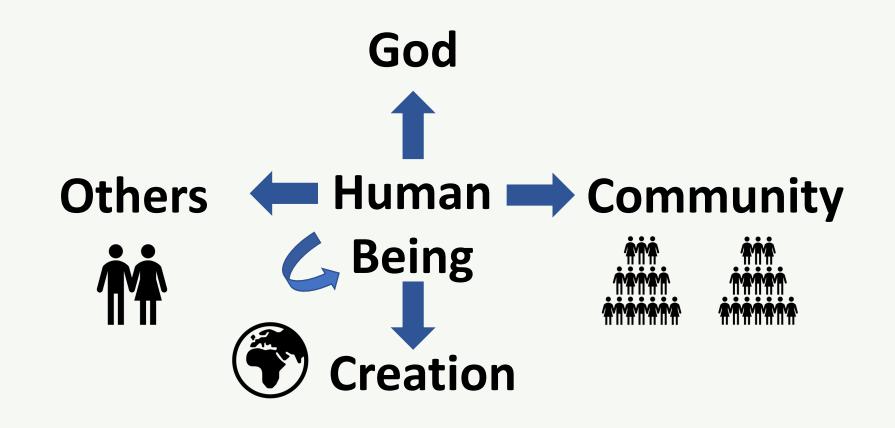
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The Westminster Shorter Catechism

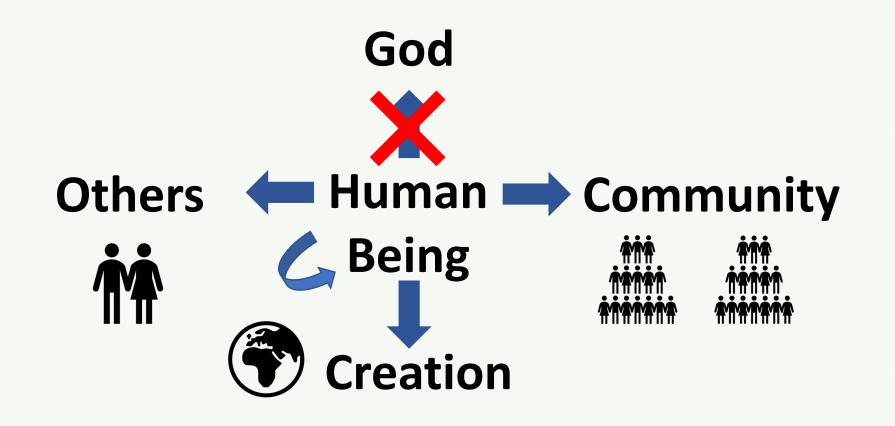
Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

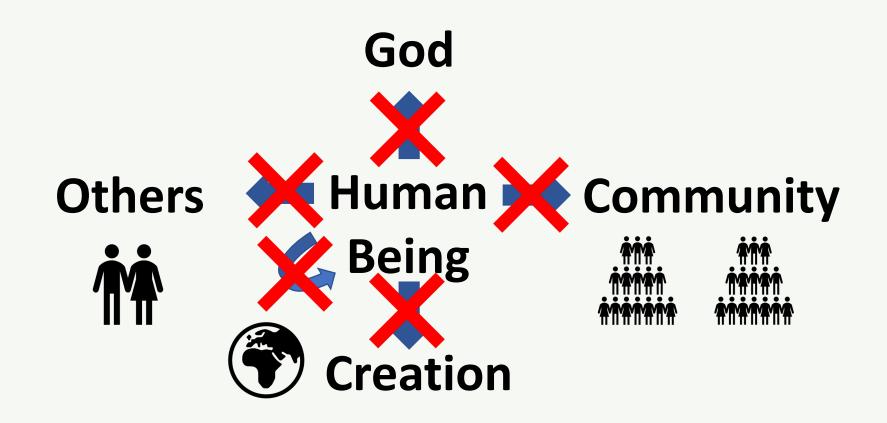
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