
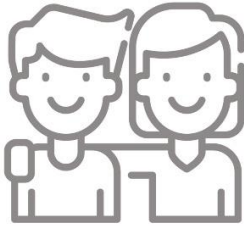


 God	 Creation	 Humanity	 Moral Order	 Purpose
<i>The nature, role and character of God</i>	<i>What is made and sustained by God</i>	<i>Who and what humans are</i>	<i>Moral behavior and responsibility</i>	<i>Intention or meaning</i>
<p>God is eternal, with no beginning or end. (Deut. 33:29; Jn 8:58; Rom. 1:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; Rev. 1:8)</p> <p>God is a divine Person, with mind, emotion, and free will. (Ps 115:3; Is. 1:18; Is. 65:19)</p> <p>God is a compound unity having three simultaneous manifestations: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Gen. 1:26; Matt. 3:16-17; Matt. 7:11; Jn 14:9)</p> <p>God is entirely good, having no evil elements whatsoever. (Matt. 19:7; Mark 10:18; Jn 1:5)</p> <p>God is omniscient (all-knowing). (Ps. 139:1-6; Luke 8:17; Jn 1:1)</p> <p>God is omnipresent (all-present). (Ps. 139:7-12)</p> <p>God is omnipotent (all-powerful). (Ps. 115:3; Ps. 139; Heb. 1:3)</p> <p>God is perfect in every respect. (Deut. 32:3-5)</p> <p>God never changes. (Mal. 3:6; Jms 1:17)</p> <p>God created all things. (Gen. 1; Jn 1:1-3)</p> <p>God continuously sustains all things throughout the present. (Col.1:16-17; Heb. 1:2-3)</p> <p>God transcends His creation, and is distinct from it. (Gen. 1)</p> <p>God is sovereign over all creation. (Acts 10:36; Job 12:23; Ps. 115:3)</p> <p>God loves all people of every nation. (Jn 3:16; 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Jn 4:16)</p> <p>God desires a relationship with every human being. (2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:4)</p> <p>God is active in the affairs of people. (Prov. 8:15-16; Rom. 13:1)</p> <p>God sees all human acts and discerns all human thoughts and motives. (Deut. 8:2; Ps. 7:9; Luke 8:17)</p> <p>God empathizes with those who suffer. (Heb. 2:17-18)</p> <p>God is aware and interested in every aspect of each person's life. (Matt. 10:29-31)</p> <p>God communicates with humanity. (Gen.1:9-10)</p> <p>God reveals Himself to humans through His inspired Word, the Bible. (2 Tim. 3:16)</p> <p>God revealed Himself through the incarnation of Jesus, the Christ, and continues to reveal Himself to humans through His creation. (Jn 15:15; Rom. 1:18-20)</p> <p>Jesus Christ is the only incarnation of God, born of a virgin, being truly human and truly divine. (Matt. 1:23; Jn 1:14)</p> <p>At the cross, Christ took upon Himself the sins of the human race, in order to bridge the relational gap between humanity and God, and to provide a way of redemption through personal faith in His finished work. (Jn 2:14-15; Jn 11:50)</p> <p>God desires that all people should come to repentance. (2 Pet. 3:9)</p> <p>God forgives, and is merciful and just. (Ps. 25:6; Ps. 33:5; 1 Jn 1:9)</p> <p>God is faultless in judgment, and truth personified. (Ps. 89:14; Rev. 15:3)</p> <p>God is the giver of every good and perfect gift to humanity. (Jms 1:17)</p> <p>God answers prayer. (Luke 11:9-11)</p> <p>God works through people to accomplish His will on earth. (Eph. 2:10; Matt. 5:16; Jn 15:16)</p> <p>Christ will come again. (Luke 1:10-11)</p>	<p>The entire universe was spoken into existence by the Designer's willing choice. (Gen. 1; Ex. 20:11; Deut. 4:32; 2 Chron. 2:12; Job 38; 2 Peter 3:5; Jn 1:1-3)</p> <p>All things are continually sustained by God. (Ps. 104; Neh. 9:6; Col.1:16-17; Heb. 1:2-3)</p> <p>The created realm includes both physical and spiritual realities. (Col. 1:16-17)</p> <p>The created realm includes both temporal and eternal realities. (2 Cor. 4:18; Col. 1:16-17)</p> <p>All creation speaks of God's existence. (Ps 19; Rom. 1:18-20)</p> <p>The creation speaks of God's character. (Gen. 9:13-17; Job 26:7-14; Ps 19:1; Rom. 1:20; Rev. 4:11)</p> <p>All truth existing in creation is God's truth. (Ps. 33:4)</p> <p>The earth has been plagued by corruption and decay since humanity's first sin at the Fall. (Gen. 3:6; Rom. 5:12; Rom. 8:20-22)</p> <p>The world has not been forsaken by God, in spite of the Fall. (Gen. 3:21; Jn 3:17; Rom. 8:19-21)</p> <p>Pain and suffering are realities of a Fallen world. (Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:10)</p> <p>The earth and everything in it remains God's own possession, and therefore, it has great significance for God and for humans. (Ps. 24:1; Ps. 103:19; Acts 17:24-28)</p> <p>The earth and all it contains is a realm that God intends for humans to properly steward and govern. (Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8:4-8)</p> <p>Spiritual forces exist that have rebelled against God, and who oppose Him and His work in the earth. (Eph. 6:11-12)</p> <p>Angels and demons are real. (Matt. 13:38-39)</p> <p>Hell is real. (Matt. 25:41)</p> <p>Heaven is real. (Matt. 6:10)</p>	<p>Humans were created by God's choice and design. (Gen. 1:26-28; Gen. 9:6)</p> <p>Man and woman were specially created in the likeness and image of God so that they could fulfill God's First Commission to rule over the earth and to fill it. (Gen. 1:26-30; Gen. 2:18-20; Ps. 8:6-8)</p> <p>Humans are different from animals, and have intrinsic value and inherent worth because they are made in the likeness and image of God. (Gen. 9:3-6)</p> <p>Humans are able to communicate with God—and God with humans. (Gen. 1:9-10; Phil. 4:6)</p> <p>Humans are spiritual as well as physical beings, needing both physical and spiritual nurturing. (Gen. 2:7; Matt. 26:41; Rom. 8:5)</p> <p>Humans have been given the ability to make choices. (Gal. 5:16-25)</p> <p>People are alienated from God through transgression (sins). (Gen. 3:22-24; Is. 53:6; Is. 59:2; Rom. 5:14; Rom.7:18-19)</p> <p>All humans have fallen short of the glory of God. (Is. 53:6; Rom. 3:23)</p> <p>Since the Fall, all humans have been born with a basic internal nature that seeks to go its own way and ignore God's will, especially when it contradicts their own desires. (Is. 53:6; Rom. 5:14; Rom. 7:18-19)</p> <p>Human pain, suffering and sorrow are the result of the Fall and the consequences of that historic event. (Gen. 3:16-19; 1 Cor. 15:21-22; Rom. 5:12)</p> <p>All humans experience physical death, followed by eternal fellowship with God or eternal separation from Him. (Rom. 6:23; Matt. 25:32-34,41; Heb. 9:27)</p> <p>Humans can only be restored to a right relationship with God through the work of Christ on the cross. (Jn 3:14-15; Rom. 5:1,2,19; Rom. 6,7,8)</p> <p>All people who turn from sin, and place their trust in Christ to redeem them, will experience salvation. (Jn. 1:12; Eph. 2:8)</p> <p>All believers in Christ are an integral part of the Body of Christ—His church. (1 Cor. 12:12-13)</p> <p>People have been given gifts by God for the purpose of building the body of Christ, and blessing all people. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)</p> <p>All believers in Christ are called to participate in fulfilling the Great Commission of Matthew 28. (Matt. 28:19-20)</p> <p>All humans will appear before the final judgment. (Heb. 9:27)</p>	<p>Moral order is determined by God, not invented by humans. (Ex. 20:1-17; Deut. 10:12; Is. 55:8; Ps. 119:151-152; Matt. 5-7; Rom. 1:20)</p> <p>God's moral order is designed for the good of humans and all society. (Titus 3:8; Matt. 19:17; Rom. 7:12; Rom. 13:3; Titus 3:8)</p> <p>Moral order is clarified through biblical examples of good and evil. (Ps. 19:7; Ps. 119:104; 1 Cor. 10:1-6; 2 Tim. 3:16)</p> <p>Moral order is upheld through God's ordained institutions of family, church and state. (Gen. 2:21-24; Matt. 16:18; Matt. 19:4-6; Rom. 13:1-7)</p> <p>The moral order of God is non-optional and non-negotiable. (Ex. 20:1-3; Deut. 10:12; Ps. 119:151-152; Rom. 1,6,7)</p> <p>Although humans have the God-given ability to break moral laws, they do not have the right to break them. (Matt. 4:10; Gen. 2:16-17)</p> <p>Humans are responsible and accountable for their actions. (Heb. 9:27)</p> <p>Violation of God's moral order results in pain—for the violator and often for others. (Gen. 3:16-19; Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:21-22)</p> <p>Sin is disobedience of God's moral order. (Ex. 20:20)</p> <p>Since the Fall, human beings have experienced an internal problem with sin—a natural "bent" to go our own way rather than God's way, and to be a law unto ourselves. (Is. 53:6; Rom. 7:18-19)</p> <p>God's moral standards apply to all people of all cultures in equal measure. (Rom. 1:18-20, 28-32)</p> <p>Character development is the moral responsibility of all people. (Matt. 28:19-20; 2 Tim. 2:1-3, 23-26)</p> <p>The two foremost responsibilities that humans have are to love the Lord with all their heart, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Matthew 22:36-40)</p> <p>Genuine human freedom is the internal self-control that comes from moral self-government under God – through the enablement of the Holy Spirit – regardless of the circumstances. (Gal. 5:1,4,13,16,22,23)</p> <p>The only divinely inspired, authoritative rule of faith and conduct is the Bible. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)</p> <p>All moral and ethical trust is God's truth. (Deut. 32:4; Ps. 33:4; Ps. 119:142)</p>	<p>The First commission that God gave to humanity was to rule over the earth. (Gen. 1:26-28)</p> <p>The will of God is to be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 11:2)</p> <p>The function of believers in Christ is to be a blessing to the nations as the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." (Matt. 5:13-16)</p> <p>The purpose of all things centers in Christ's purpose for all things. (Col. 1:16-18; Rev. 4:11)</p> <p>The Great Commission to make disciples of all nations is still in place. (Matt. 28:18-20)</p> <p>The Word of God reveals God's plan and purpose for humanity. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)</p> <p>The purpose for the family has been established by God. (Gen. 2:18-24; Matt. 19:4-6; Eph. 5:22-6:4)</p> <p>The purpose of the Church has been established by God. (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:11-13; 1 Cor. 12:12-31)</p> <p>The role of civil government has been established by God. (Rom. 13:1-7)</p> <p>There is a purpose for each person. (Ecc. 3:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:9)</p> <p>Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers have particular roles to fill. (1 Cor. 12:18,28; Eph. 4:11-12)</p> <p>God seeks to do His will on earth as it is in heaven, and by His grace, He will work through redeemed people to bring His light to every sphere of life. (Luke 11:2; Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 5:14-16)</p>