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“Anthropology” is the doctrine of man — and specifically, man’s relation to God and the world in which God has placed him.

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THE ORIGIN OF MAN

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THE IMAGE OF GOD IN MAN

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“God created man in His own image, in the image of
God He created him; male and female He created
them.”

Genesis 1:27

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THE CONSTITUTION OF MAN

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Of what is man made?

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“For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

2 Corinthians 5:1

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The Material Elements of Man

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“Yahweh God formed man of dust from the ground and
breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and so the man
became a living being.”

Genesis 2:7

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“... for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Genesis 3:19

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“You take away their spirit, they breathe their last and return to their dust.”

Psalm 104:29

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“The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.”

Matthew 6:22

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“For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin.”

Romans 6:5-6

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“... but I see a different law in my members, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death?”

Romans 7:23-24

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“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory.”

Philippians 3:20-21

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“Or do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?”

I Corinthians 6:19

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“For you were bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”

I Corinthians 6:20

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“So then, brothers, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the practices of the body, you will live.”

Romans 8:12-13

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“Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead to sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.”

Colossians 3:5

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“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so
that you obey its lusts . . .”

Romans 6:12

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“Therefore I exhort you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—living, holy, and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”

Romans 12:1

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The Immaterial Elements of Man

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Soul

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“And He will bring to an end the glory of his forest and of his fruitful orchard, both soul and body . . .”

Isaiah 10:18

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“Then Yahweh God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and so the man became a living being.”

Genesis 2:7

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“Now it happened as her soul was departing (for she died), that she named him Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin.”

Genesis 35:18

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“Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’ And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”

John 19:30

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“Was not my soul grieved for the needy?”

Job 30:25

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“Why are you in despair, O my soul?”

Psalm 43:5

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“And David said on that day, ‘Whoever would strike down the Jebusites, let him reach the lame and the blind, who are hated by David’s soul . . .’”

2 Samuel 5:8

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“O you whom my soul loves.”

Song of Solomon 1:7

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“My soul will cry in secret for such pride; and my eyes will bitterly weep and flow down with tears.”

Jeremiah 13:17

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“... that day there were added about three thousand
souls.”

Acts 2:41

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“ . . . do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Matthew 10:28

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“And though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.”

1 Peter 1:8-9

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“... in gentleness receive the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

James 1:21

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Spirit

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“For who among men knows the depths of a man
except the spirit of the man which is in him?”

I Corinthians 2:11

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“Those who err in spirit will know discernment.”

Isaiah 29:24

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“I remember my music in the night; I am musing with my heart, and my spirit is searching.”

Psalm 77:6

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit.”

Matthew 5:3

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“When Jesus had said these things, He became troubled in spirit.”

John 13:21

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“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before
stumbling.”

Proverbs 16:18

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“Yahweh is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Psalm 34:18

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Heart

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“Thus you shall know in your heart that Yahweh your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.”

Deuteronomy 8:5

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“Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin
against You.”

Psalm 119:11

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“You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your might.”

Deuteronomy 6:5

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“The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can know it?”

Jeremiah 17:9

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“Delight yourself in Yahweh; and He will give you the desires of your heart.”

Psalm 37:4

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“I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.”

Romans 9:2

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“ . . . you will search for Him with all your heart.”

Deuteronomy 4:29

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“Then Pharaoh saw that there was relief, and he hardened his heart with firmness and did not listen to them, as Yahweh had spoken.”

Exodus 8:15

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“Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.”

Hebrews 4:7

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“... sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you.”

1 Peter 3:15

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“But the goal of our command is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and an unhypocritical faith.”

1 Timothy 1:5

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Conscience

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“The conscience is a witness within man that tells him he ought to do what he believes to be right and not to do what he believes to be wrong.”

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“... they demonstrate the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them.”

Romans 2:15

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“... the hypocrisy of liars, who have been seared in their own conscience.”

I Timothy 4:2

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“ . . . my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit,
that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my
heart.”

Romans 9:1-2

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“For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.”

2 Corinthians 1:12

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“... it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of that wrath, but also because of conscience.”

Romans 13:5

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“For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward
God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering
unrighteously.”

1 Peter 2:19

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“For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol’s temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be built up to eat things sacrificed to idols?”

I Corinthians 8:10-12

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“For through your knowledge he who is weak is ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died. And in that way, by sinning against the brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.”

I Corinthians 8:10-12

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Mind

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“Therefore this I say, and testify in the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their mind, alienated from the life of God . . .”

Ephesians 4:17-18

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“To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.”

Titus 1:15

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“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

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“And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them over to an unfit mind, to do those things which are not proper.”

Romans 1:28

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“... we tear down speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:5

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“Therefore, having girded your minds for action, being sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 1:13

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“ . . . do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may approve what the will of God is, that which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12:2

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“Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”

Luke 24:45

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“One person judges one day above another, another judges every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind.”

Romans 14:5

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“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.”

Matthew 22:37

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Flesh

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“See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

Luke 24:39

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“He, in the days of His flesh, offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence.”

Hebrews 5:7

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“For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my
flesh.”

Romans 7:18

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“ . . . for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?”

I Corinthians 3:3

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“For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you do not do the things that you want.”

Galatians 5:17

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Dichotomy

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“Then Yahweh God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and so the man became a living being.”

Genesis 2:7

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“... his spirit was troubled.”

Genesis 41:8

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“... my soul is in despair within me.”

Psalm 42:6

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“ . . . spirits of the righteous . . . ”

Hebrews 12:23

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“ . . . souls of those who had been slain . . . ”

Revelation 6:9

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“For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this.”

I Corinthians 5:3

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“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.”

3 John 2

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“I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from fleshly
lusts which wage war against the soul.”

I Peter 2:11

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“For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.”

James 2:26

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“The woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit.”

I Corinthians 7:34

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Trichotomy

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“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12

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“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely,
and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved
complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ.”

I Thessalonians 5:23

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“... seems to separate soul from spirit, thus supporting the trichotomy view. However, the verse does not say that the Word severs soul from spirit but that it pierces through to divide soul and spirit, thus exposing the innermost aspects of man. The point is simply that the Word of God leaves nothing hidden.”

Charles Ryrie

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“Trichotomists understand spirit, soul, and body in this verse as defining the parts of man; dichotomists say they represent the whole man. If these terms are inclusive of all the aspects of man, then what place do heart, mind, will, and conscience have? Why did not Paul also include them in the list? The emphasis of the verse is on the completeness of sanctification.”

Charles Ryrie

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“For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual immoralities, thefts, false witness, slanders. These are the things which defile the man . . .”

Matthew 15:19-20

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“ . . . if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, leading to righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, leading to salvation.”

Romans 10:9-10

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“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.”

Matthew 22:37

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“The biblical view of man shows him to us in an impressive diversity, but it never loses sight of the unity of the whole man.”

G.C. Berkouwer

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The Preexistence View

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The Creationism View

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Genesis 2:7

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“Thus declares Yahweh who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.”

Zechariah 12:1

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“... God of the spirits of all flesh ...”

Numbers 16:22

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“... Father of spirits ...”

Hebrews 12:9

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The Traducian View

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“When Adam had lived 130 years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.”

Genesis 5:3

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“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”

Psalm 51:5

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“That which has been born of the flesh is flesh, and that which has been born of the Spirit is spirit.”

John 3:6

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“What is man, that he should be pure, or he who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?”

Job 15:14

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“The wicked are estranged from the womb.”

Psalm 58:3

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“Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. And on the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it He rested from all His work which God had created in making it.”

Genesis 2:1-3

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“Individuals, generally, are not propagated in parts, but as wholes.”

W.G.T. Shedd

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“Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, our Lord Jesus, equip you in every good thing to do His will, by doing in us what is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Hebrews 12:20-21

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