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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 fact that God created two distinct persons as male and female, rather than just one man, is part of our being in the image of God . . .”

Wayne Grudem

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“ . . . male or female is what we are.”

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“In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.”

Genesis 5:1-2

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“gender, genealogy, generate, generous (nobly born),
genesis, genetic, gene, genial (nuptial, productive,
joyous), genital (external generative organs), genitive
(grammatical possessor or source) . . .”

The Oxford Dictionary
of English Etymology

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“... genius (innate capacity, person possession prevalent disposition of spirit), genocide, gens, gentleman, gentlewoman, genuine, and the suffix, -geny (e.g., progeny).”

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“ . . . the term “gender” was first used in medicine in the 1950s when clinicians introduced a new concept of sex, claiming that experiences rather than biology shape much of what we identify as masculine and feminine behavior — or as they called it, gender role.”

Sandra Eder

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“Praise and outward homage and adoration are the very expression by a dependent creature of the relation in which as a creature he stands to God – the very end for which he was created and exists.”

John Calvin

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“We worship God because God created us to worship Him. Worship is at the center of our existence, at the heart of our reason for being.”

Hughes Oliphant Old

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“Nevertheless, to praise you is the desire of man, a little piece of your creation. You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

Augustine of Hippo

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“Ascribe to Yahweh the glory of His name; worship
Yahweh in the splendor of holiness.”

Psalm 29:2

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“Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before
Yahweh our Maker.”

Psalm 95:6

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“For even though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the likeness of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.”

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“Their idols are silver and gold, the work of man’s hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; they have noses, but they do not smell; as for their hands, they do not feel; as for their feet, they do not walk; they do not make a sound with their throat.”

Psalm 115:4-7

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“Those who make them will become like them,
everyone who trusts in them.”

Psalm 115:8

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“We become what we worship.”

G.K. Beale

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“Worship fashioned the worshipper into an imprint of the object worshipped. Worship of the one true and living God brought life in all its purpose, dignity and security as a consequence. Worship of the false gods refashioned worshippers in the image of the inanimate creation.”

Richard Lints

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“Enlightenment is man’s leaving his self-caused immaturity. Immaturity is the incapacity to use one’s intelligence without the guidance of another. Such immaturity is self-caused if not caused by lack of intelligence . . .”

Immanuel Kant

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“ . . . but by lack of determination and courage to use one’s intelligence without being guided by another. Dare to know! Have the courage to use your own intelligence is therefore the motto of the enlightenment.”

Immanuel Kant

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“The public use of a man’s reason must be free at all times,
and this alone can bring enlightenment among men.”

Immanuel Kant

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“That all men had been created equal, and endowed with an inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, were not remotely self-evident truths|.”

Tom Holland

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“ . . . one of the principal ingredients of human happiness, and quite the chief ingredient of individual and social progress . . . [is] the free development of individuality as one of the leading essentials of well-being.”

John Stuart Mill

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“Truth is within ourselves; it takes no rise from outward things, whate’er you may believe. There is an inmost centre in us all, where truth abides in fulness.”

Robert Browning

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“With the emergence of the Free Self as the most prominent idol of the west, the identity-defining effect has taken a somewhat different form. Now the deity is the freedom of the individual to follow his or her own desires, to construct his or her own person”

Matthew P.W. Roberts

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“... This is what makes a person truly human. And therefore what I want to do, my desires and passions, becomes not merely an important part of my experience but definitive of my very person.”

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“... exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped
and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is
blessed forever.”

Romans 1:25

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“It is better to be accused of being harsh than it is to tell lies with hushed tones of compassion, love, care, and thoughtfulness.”

Erwin Lutzer

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“The way of the wicked is like thick darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.”

Proverbs 4:19

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“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

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“... is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”

Romans 1:16

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