

# Message Notes

## I'm OK in Jesus

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A New Series: *I'm OK in Jesus*

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# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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#### Genesis 9:5-6

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# **MISSIONS HIGHLIGHT**

BRIAN DEMBOWCZYK

# GOSPEL CENTERED

KIDS MINISTRY

How the gospel will transform  
your church, your community,  
and the world.

BROOKE MCGLOTHLIN

FOREWORD BY KAREN EHMAN

## Gospel Centered Mom

THE FREEDOM TRUTH ABOUT  
WHAT YOUR KIDS REALLY NEED

J.D. GREAR

Foreword by TIMOTHY KE

Graeme Goldsworthy

## Gospel-Centered Hermeneutics

TREVIN WAX

## GOSPEL- CENTERED *Teaching*



*Showing Christ in All the Scripture*

FOREWORD BY MATT CHANDLER

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## Discipleship

Jonathan K. Dodson

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## GOSPEL-CENTERED *life at work*

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# The Gospel-Centered Everything, Tim Challies

March 7, 2013 ([www.challies.com](http://www.challies.com))



Gospel-centeredness is all the rage today. We are told to live gospel-centered lives, to pray toward a gospel-centered faith, to have gospel-centered humility, to be gospel-centered parents, to form gospel-centered churches, to have gospel-centered marriages, to say goodbye at gospel-centered funerals. The gospel, we are told, must be central to all we are and all we do. This is good. God really does mean for the gospel to be central to the lives of his people and to be right at the center of the church... There are really only two options for local churches; they will be gospel-centered, or issue driven."

### **Christian Living**

The Gospel-Centered Life by Bob Thune & Will Walker

Gospel-Centred Life by Steve Timmis & Tim Chester

Everyday Prayers: 365 Days to a Gospel-Centered Faith by Scotty Smith

Gospel Centered Productivity by Ryan Pelton

In Christ Alone: Living the Gospel Centered Life by Sinclair Ferguson

The Gospel-Driven Life by Michael Horton

Gospel-Powered Humility by William Farley

### **Church & Ministry**

Gospel-Centered Ministry by Tim Keller

Center Church: Doing Gospel-Centered Ministry In Your City by Tim Keller

Christ-Centered Worship: Letting the Gospel Shape Our Practice by Bryan Chapell

Conduct Gospel-Centered Funerals by Brian Croft

Gospel-Centered Church by Steve Timmis

The Gospel as Center by The Gospel Coalition

Gospel-Centred Leadership by Steve Timmis

Kingdom Come: A Gospel-Centered Guide to Discipleship by Shawn Kennedy & Bill Mangham

Gospel-Centered Teaching by Trevin Wax

Gospel-Centered Discipleship by J. Dodson

As You Go: Creating a Missional Culture of Gospel-Centered Students by Alvin Reid  
Gospel-Centered Hermeneutics by Graeme Goldsworthy

### **Family**

The Gospel Centered Woman by Wendy Alsup

Gospel-Centered Marriage by Tim Chester

Gospel-Centered Parenting by Rick Thomas

Orphanology: Awakening to Gospel-Centered Adoption and Orphan Care by Tony Merida & Rick Morton

Gospel-Powered Parenting: How the Gospel Shapes and Transforms Parenting by William Farley

### **Book without gospel-centered in the title, but still mean to be obviously gospel-centric.**

Creature of the Word: The Jesus-Centered Church by Matt Chandler, Eric Geiger & Josh Patterson

Living the Cross Centered Life by C.J. Mahaney

The Gospel for Real Life by Jerry Bridges

The Transforming Power of the Gospel by Jerry Bridges

The Gospel's Power and Message: Recovering the Gospel by Paul Washer

Gospel in Life by Tim Keller

Gospel by J.D. Greear

The Gospel Story Bible by Marty Machowski

Gospel Treason by Brad Bigney

Gospel Wakefulness by Jared Wilson

Gospel Deepes by Jared Wilson

Cruciform: Living the Cross-Shaped Life by Jimmy Davis

Everyday Church: Gospel Communities on Mission by Tim Chester

Faithmapping: A Gospel Atlas for Your Spiritual Journey by Daniel Montgomery & Mike Cospers

Christ Formed in You: the Power of the Gospel for Personal Change by Brian Hedges

Glimpses of Grace: Treasuring the Gospel in Your Home by Gloria Furman (coming)

Christ in the Chaos: How the Gospel Changes Motherhood by Kimm Crandall

The Gospel Is For Christians by Mitchell Chase

The Gospel for Real Life booklet series  
Believers Need the Gospel by Peter Jeffery

Gospel Love: Grace, Relationships, and Everything that Gets in the Way by World Harvest Mission

Gospel Coach: Shepherding Leaders to Glorify God by Scott Thomas and Tom Wood

Housewife Theologian: How the Gospel Interrupts the Ordinary by Aimee Byrd  
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This week's message:

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*Who am I?*



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*Where am I Going?*

# Who am I?

What does it mean to be human?

How am I different from other parts of the world  
(animals, objects, etc.)?

Are we “basically good” or “completely evil” as people?



# Where did I come from?

Is there any or “purpose” to our lives as humans?

Is there any meaning to my life in particular?

Why was I put here on planet earth?

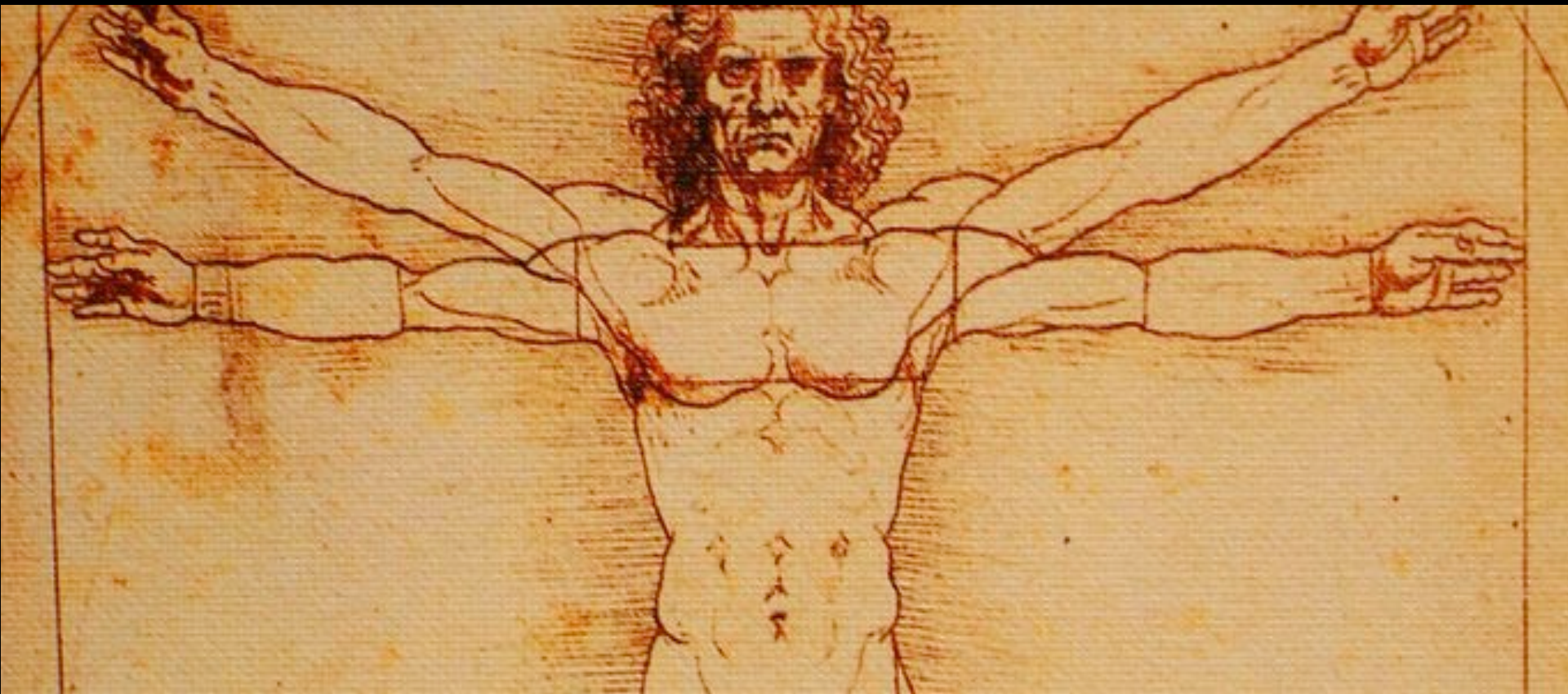
# Where am I going?

Is there any plan for the future for us?

Is there any design for my life?

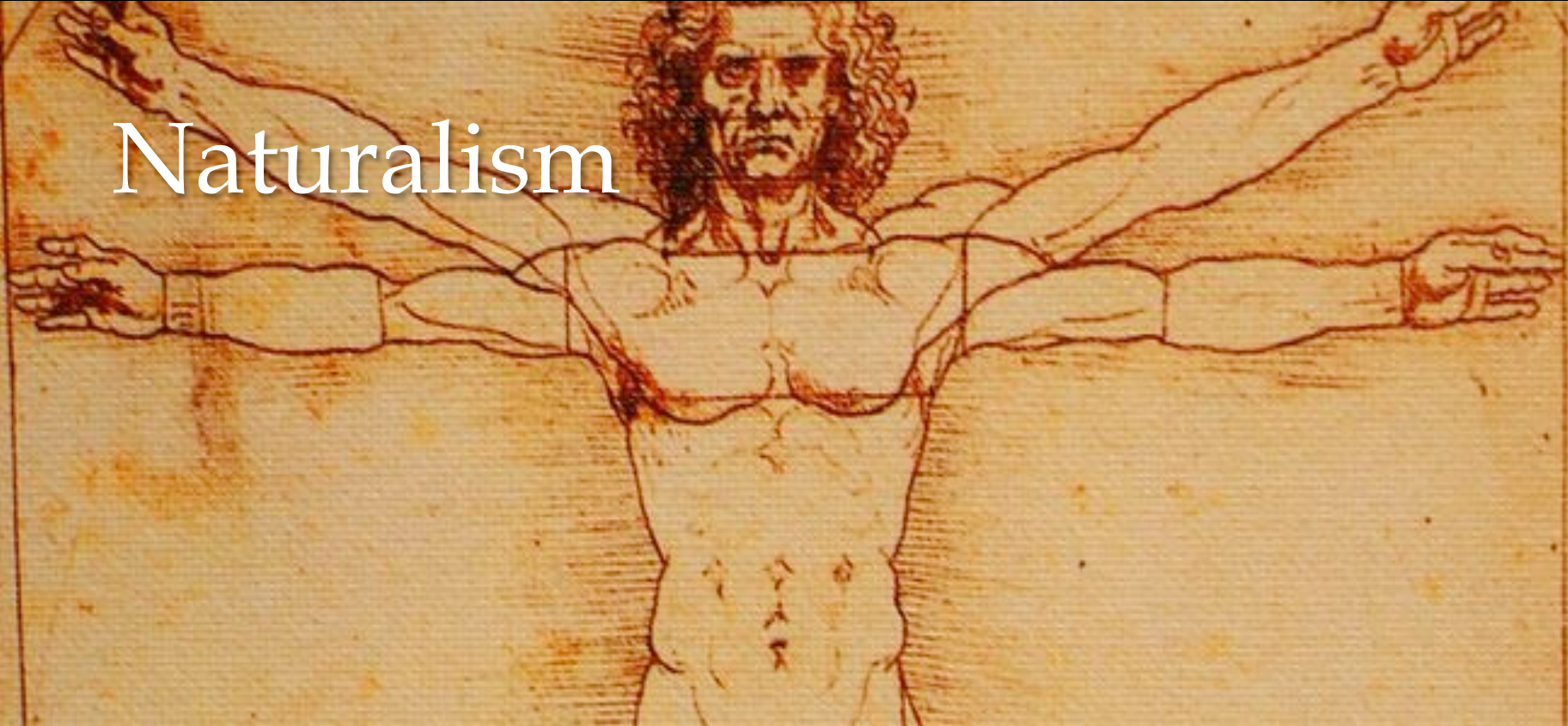
How can I found out what this plan is?

# Views on Humanity



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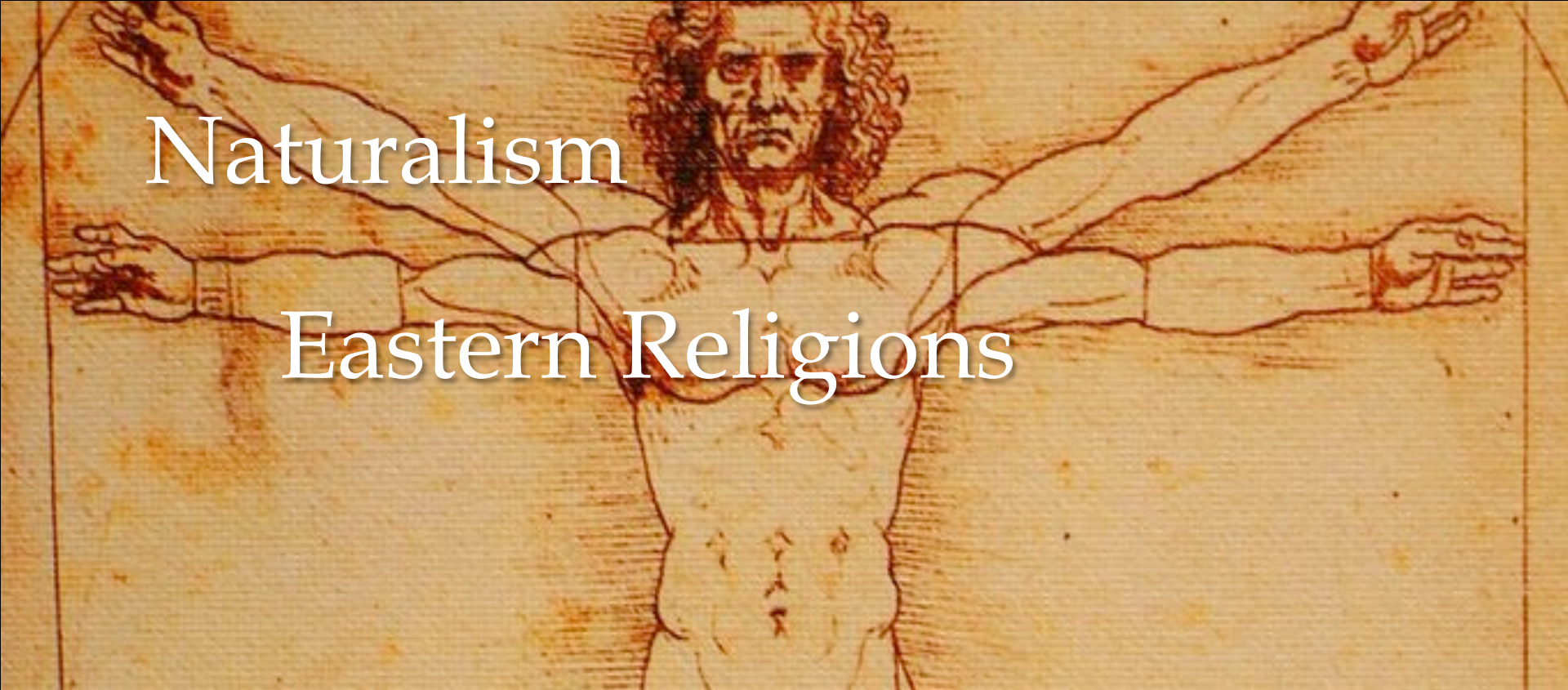




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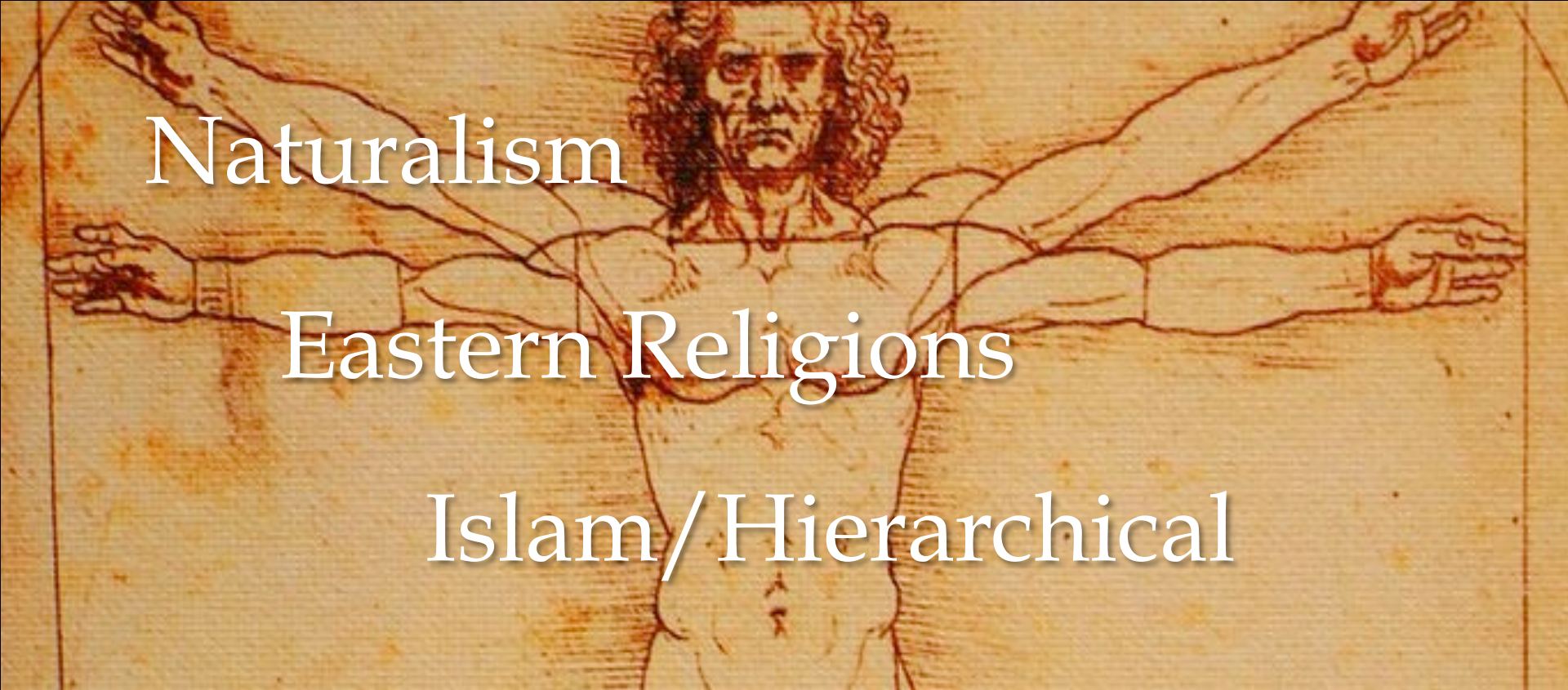


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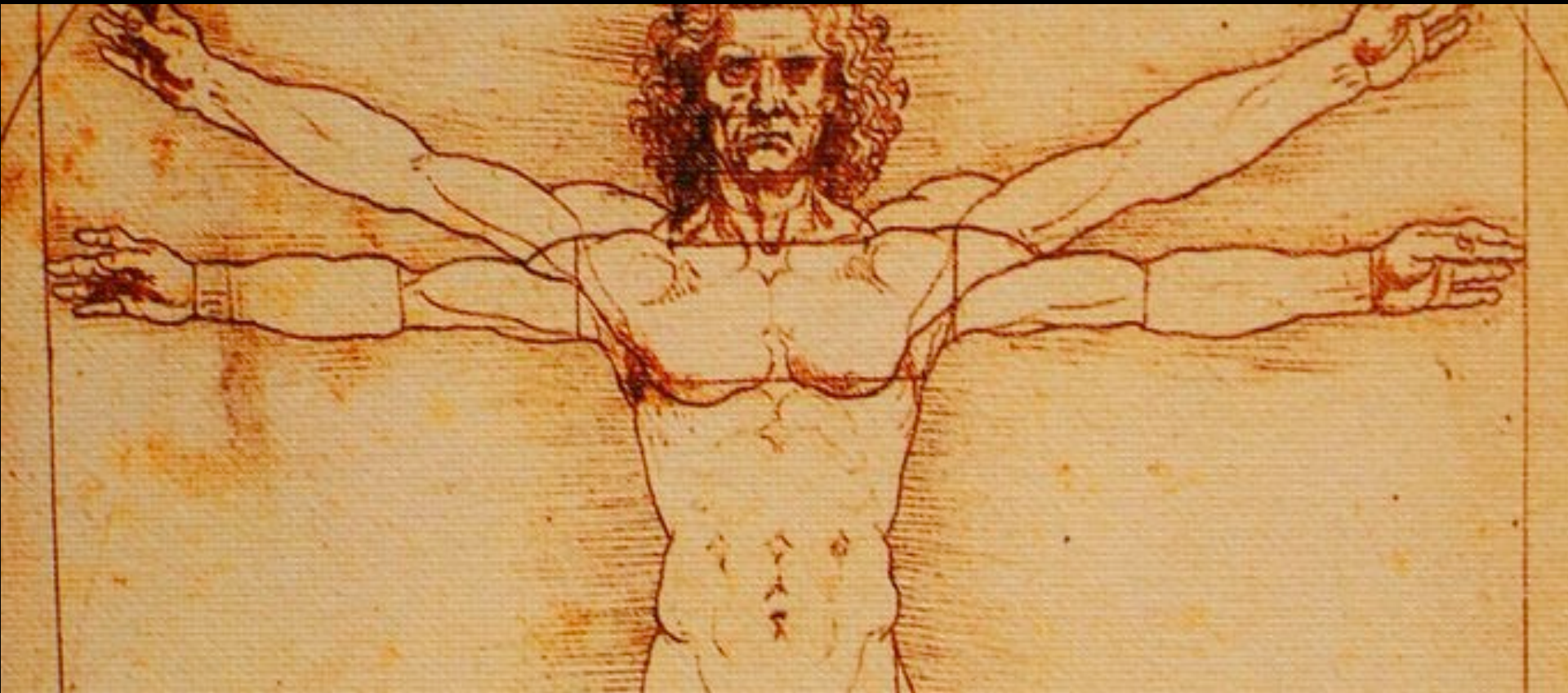
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[The fact that we are created for God's glory] guarantees that our lives are significant. When we first realize that God did not need to create us and does not need us for anything, we could conclude that our lives have no importance at all. But Scripture tells us that we were created to glorify God, indicating that we are important *to God himself*. This is the final definition of genuine importance or significance to our lives: If we are truly important to God for all eternity, then what greater measure of importance or significance could we want?

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Q. *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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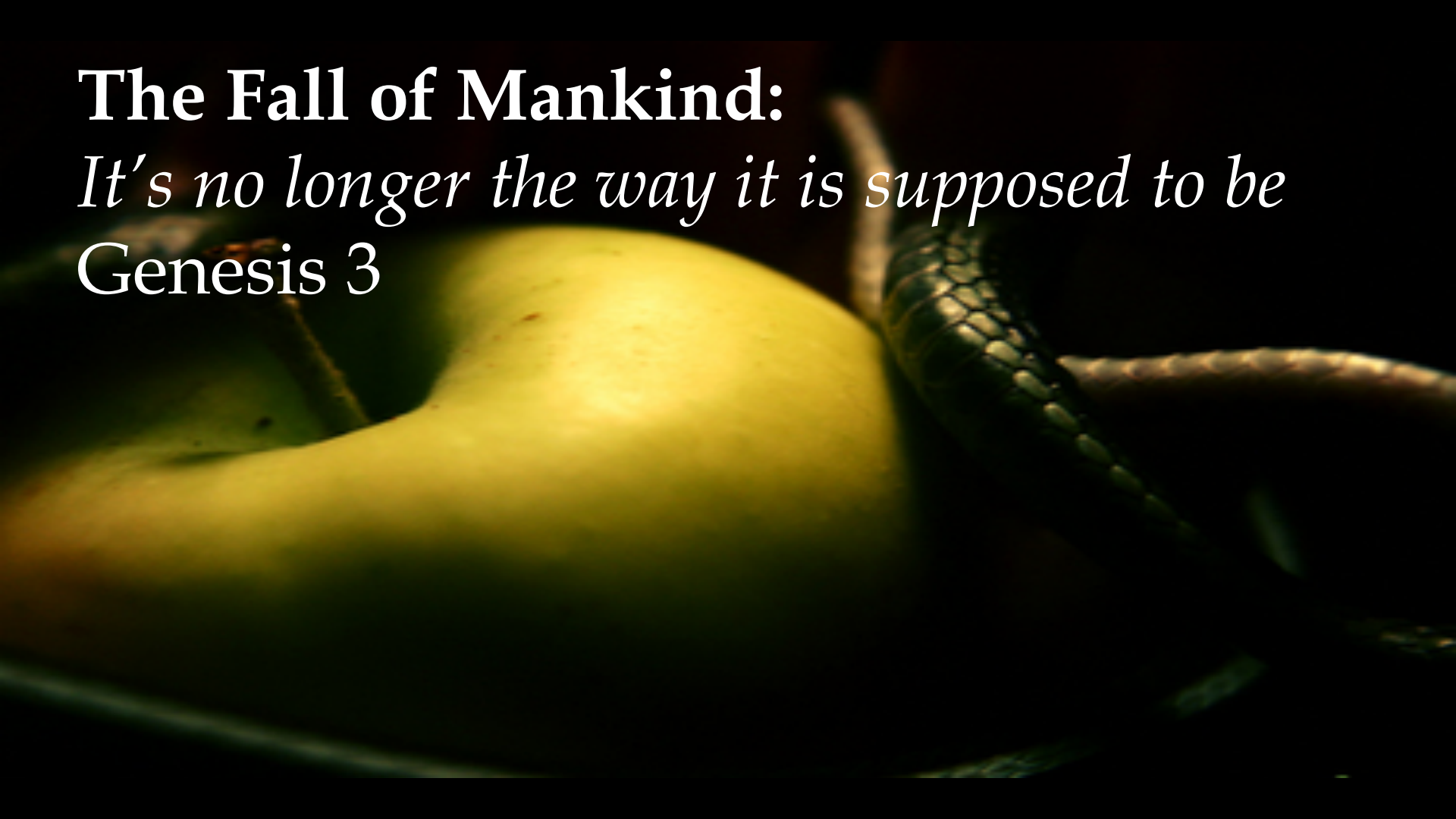
~ The Westminster Shorter Catechism, 1646



# The Fall of Mankind:

*It's no longer the way it is supposed to be*

Genesis 3



# The fall of mankind

## Genesis 3:1-24

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ” <sup>4</sup>“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>“For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

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<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

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<sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



# The fall of mankind

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<sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup>He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

# The fall of mankind

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<sup>11</sup>And he said, “Who told you that you were naked?  
Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded  
you not to eat from?”

<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman you put here with me — she  
gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

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<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

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<sup>14</sup>So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”



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<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

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<sup>17</sup>To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. <sup>18</sup>It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

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<sup>20</sup>Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. <sup>21</sup>The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”

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<sup>23</sup>So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

<sup>24</sup>After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

“Man, the world ain’t supposed to work like this. Maybe you don’t know that, but this ain’t the way it’s supposed to be. I’m supposed to be able to do my job without asking you if I can. And that dude is supposed to be able to wait with his car without you rippin’ him off.

Everything’s supposed to be different than what it is.”

~ Simon (Danny Glover) in *Grand Canyon*, 1991



# Temptation



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DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE WONDERING...



# How the Fall plays itself out

## Genesis 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.” <sup>2</sup>Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. <sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.

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So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup>If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

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And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. <sup>6</sup>“Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.



Yet we must remember that even fallen, sinful man has the *status* of being in God's image. Every single human being, no matter how much the image of God is marred by sin, or illness, or weakness, or age, or any other disability, still has the *status* of being in God's image and therefore must be treated with the dignity and respect that is due to God's image-bearer. This has profound implications for our conduct toward others. It means that people of every race deserve equal dignity and rights.

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# One day, believers will become fully human

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<sup>48</sup>As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

# So, what does this say about how we look at ourselves and others?

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*How will this play out in the week ahead?*