

The creation of man: in the image of God: spirituality, immortality, intellect, volitional, creativity, communicable.

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1.26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Though not an explicit statement regarding the Trinity, it does allow for more indications that we see in the NT. The idea of plurality is there.

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1st purpose for man: procreation

### ***The Creation Mandate (or, the dominion mandate)***

#### ***1] Fruitfulness & Filling***

- > Fruitfulness - creating life, reflecting the image of God in marriage & family
- A high area that God has designed. The area of reproduction can be used to create a Foundation

for reproduction. Also, the issue of pedophiles that can arise, for children to be aware.

Work is being done on limiting population, but man ought to be taking responsibility for feeding, clothing and home for family, not just procreating.

2nd purpose for man:

#### ***2] Subduing & Ruling***

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#### **Terms**

- > *kabash* - Subdue, bring into bondage  
Here = harness, ie, all the resources available  
A positive sense of harnessing all God has provided in order to feed the family, etc.
- > *radah* - Have dominion, rule, manage the earth. Requires an understanding to use the technology

#### ***Subduing***

- > Science, technology, manufacturing
- > Cultivating crops, housing, education, communications, materials, travel, computers, electronics, electricity medical, space travel,...

#### ***Creation Mandate***

- > Fruitfulness - creating life, reflecting the image of God marriage & family
- > Ruling - exercising sovereignty  
Using understanding of science, technology, manufacturing and vocations to rule over the planet  
This is related to the first mandate—all of this for raising a family.

#### **Subduing**

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> Cultivating crops, housing, education, communications, materials, travel, computers, electronics, electricity, medical, space travel... includes research. The Creativity of Christians...

All of this is part of ruling. Even unbelievers are dealing with all the things related to the exercise of ruling.

### The Implications of Mandate

- 1] Reveals Glory of God...train children...explaining to them what God has provided and learning how to use the things.
- 2] Provides Foundation for science, knowledge, & technology. You can't make things without the knowledge and research.  
People have noted that these things are true.

Quotation from Novation:

“What could you possibly say then that would be worthy of Him? He is more sublime than all sublimity, higher than all heights, deeper than all depth, clearer than all light, brighter than all brilliance, more splendid than all splendor, stronger than all strength, mightier than all might, more beautiful than all beauty, truer than all truth, more enduring than all endurance, greater than all majesty, more powerful than all power, richer than all riches, wiser than all wisdom, kinder than all kindness, better than all goodness, juster than all justice, more mercy than all mercy. Every kind of virtue must of necessity be less than He who is the God and source of everything.” Novation

God is the source of all wisdom, etc, and He has given it to use to carry out His work.

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### Biblical ministry

> Not just preaching teaching, and church work. includes providing for families. Historically this has been taught, that ministry is not just in a formal sense.

> But also raising families & vocations

> A matter of worldview. This is a Biblical worldview: you need to realize that your work, eg, raising a family, is your ministry.

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### Reformation Doctrines

> Authority of Scriptures

> Justification by faith

> Doctrine of vocation, a doctrine neglected today. Here we are noting it as a necessary one. Vocation is God's work. It is a ministry as any other, part of the purpose of mankind.

Quote from M. Luther:

“Vocation is nothing less than the theology of the Christian life. It provides the blueprint for how Christians are to live in the world and to influence their cultures. It is the key to strong marriages and effective parenting.”  
Martin Luther

“For Luther, vocation, like justification, is ultimately God's work. God gives us our daily bread through the vocations of the farmer, the miller & the baker. God creates new human beings through the vocations of father & mother. God protects us through lawful magistrates. ...”  
Gene Veith

We have all the foundations for nearly all the sciences. We need to find our talents and seek to use them. We can view every area as a foundation. We have mentioned some of these:

### Foundations

<u>Physical Sciences</u>	<u>Geophysics</u>
> Physics	> Geology
> Chemistry	> Tectonics
> Oceanography	> Paleontology
> Hydrology	
> Climatology	

- > Materials
- > Metallurgy

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### Foundations

#### Life Sciences

- > Botany
- > Zoology days 5,6
- > Anthropology
- > Medicine ch 2
- > Biochemistry

#### Other

- > Mathematics
- > Language & linguistics
- > Culture
- > History
- > Queen of Sciences (theology, from High Middle Ages)

- > Genetics: after their kind (*miyn*)
- > Agriculture: harnessing the earth

### Secular science: contrasted with Biblical view

Unchanging Laws of Nature	god & religion
= Truth	= opinion

### Biblical view

God is creator and sovereign Lord over the natural realm, and He has given us the ability to learn and understand what we need to live. —> Creation is temporarily constant & creation is dependent on God who is sovereign over it. And, He has given man a small part in ruling over it as well.

### Interpreting Creation: what science should do

1. Methodological naturalism: the religion of science today
  - Naturalism is the controlling idea of science today
  - a. Imposes naturalistic theory, excluding anything that doesn't fit
  - b. Attempts to harmonize text. Rejects revelation
2. Biblical Worldview
  - a. Begin with Scripture, Genesis 1
  - b. Avoid unbelieving worldview
  - c. Interpret physical data; we can do it with our knowledge of the revelation

### Source of all

1. Creator of all things, everything in the natural realm
2. Categories all derived from Him. We have developed some of these
3. He is standard for all things.
4. Evaluate all things by His Word

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### Anthropology - Foundation of the study of man

1. Created by God - not evolved, but in the image of God
2. Distinct from Nature - not continuous with animals, etc.
3. In the image of God - not just material like the other creatures
4. With high purpose - not a purposeless. Communicate also to children that they have a high purpose as well.

The creation was for the provision for mankind.

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God provided food, every aspect of our diet, everything thing we need.

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Again, the conclusion showing immediacy of fulfillment: ‘it was so’.

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We can conclude that nothing is perfect—only God—and therefore He says that His creation was *very good*.

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The concluding statement, as at the end of the other days: ‘evening’... ‘morning’...the *sixth* day. Not ‘a’ 6th day, but ‘*the*’ day, distinguishing it from the other days.

### **Day 6**

1. Fixity of Kinds: distinct from one another, no evolution
2. Mammals & reptiles on same day: no evolution
3. Distinction of mankind: he is different from animals
4. Origin of anthropology: before day 6 there is no anthropology
5. Very good creation:
6. 1st Law of Thermodynamics: instituted here, a fundamental law of science. Nothing can be created or destroyed, but transformed. We know today that matter can be transformed into energy.

Those are the main areas that we can see from Day 6.

All Glory belongs to only our Creator. Worship Him!!!

g. The 7th Day - rest 2:1-3