

ANTHROPOLOGY/THEOLOGY

Anthropology is the study of mankind, and theology is the study of God. These two cannot be separated. Man will never understand himself apart from God. Some see this study as unimportant, yet it is all important. Important, because the meaning of life is at stake.

A teacher of theology once said this concerning man, "If human beings are considered alone, apart from relationship to God, then they remain alone and insignificant. If we are not creatures made by and related to God, we are cosmic accidents. Our origin is insignificant and our destiny is equally insignificant. If we emerge from the slime by accident and finally disintegrate in a void or abyss of nothingness then we live our lives between two poles of absolute meaninglessness. We are peeled zeroes, stripped naked of dignity and worth."

When men think as this theologian wrote, men live in a state of self-delusion. Also, it has been noted that our significance "is tied to the questions who are we? and what are we? It is a question of identity. My identity is ultimately connected with my relationship to God. I cannot understand who or what I am without understanding who or what God is."

Therefore, for man to have a meaningful and fulfilling life he must concern himself with God. Apart from this principle, I can understand how that man sees his life as meaningless and unfulfilled.

But the fact remains the same, and the fact is, one day man will concern himself with God. And it will not be of his (man's) choosing.

Scripture: King James Version: Genesis 1:27; Psalm 51; Acts 14:8-18, 17:22-31.

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