

## Lecture 1 – The Doctrine of Humanity: The Origin of Humanity

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:26-27

### Key Terms

Naturalistic evolution, fiat creationism, deistic evolution, theistic evolution, progressive creationism

### Objectives

\*Identify and summarize five views of humanity, including some key representatives and literature.

*Note: Traditionally, the doctrine of humanity has been termed “the doctrine of man,” and has always been concerned with understanding human identity and relationships as both male and female created in the image of God. The study guide and transcripts for this course use “humanity” instead of “man” or “mankind” to make plain that this area of teaching concerns all humankind, not just the male gender.*

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##### A. The origin of humanity

Recommended reading: Erickson, Millard. *Christian Theology*

##### 1. Views of humanity’s origin

a. Naturalistic evolution

b. Fiat creationism

Whitcomb & Morris, *The Genesis Flood*

c. Deistic evolution

d. Theistic evolution

Newman’s essay on Christian responses to science in *Evangelical Affirmations*

e. Progressive creationism