

ANTHROPOLOGY FOR PASTORAL CARE

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Gal 2:19-20 ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι. ²⁰ ζῶ δὲ οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὃ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῆ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

Gal 2:19-20 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. ²⁰ It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me

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4. TO REMEMBER**0. INTRODUCTION**

[CHAMBERS, O. *Biblical Psychology*] We are so **mysterious** in personality, there are so many forces at work in and about us which we cannot calculate or cope with, that if we refuse to take the guidance of Jesus Christ, we may, and probably shall be, deluded by supernatural forces far greater than ourselves. Jesus Christ's way exalts everything about us, it exalts our bodies, exalts our flesh and blood relationships, exalts our homes, exalts our social standing, exalts all the inner part of our life, our mind and morals and mysticism, until we have at-one-ment with God in them all.

0.1. THE DANGERS OF CUTTING UP MAN INTO PARTS

- separation of soul and body → death
- introversion, self-observation (→ Watchman Nee “True spiritual life depends not on probing our feelings and thoughts from dawn to dusk but on “looking off” to the Savior!” ... “Unless a believer is deeply taught by the Lord he will not be able to know himself. Introspection and self-consciousness are harmful to spiritual life.”)
- → control vs. submission (the problem of scientism) → perfectionism (TOLSTOY self-improvement)¹
- **2Cor 5:17** ...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come

0.2. MIND THE CONTEXT!

- Creation (*imago dei*) → the Fall (total depravity) → Redemption (in Christ) → the Coming World (→ spiritual body)

Hamartology ← Anthropology → Christology

- Augustinianism ↔ Pelagianism
- definitions! What is *sin*? (→ Ps 19) What is Christian *perfection*? (Phil 3)
- **Rom 8:6** To set the mind on the flesh is death (ὁ γὰρ φρόνημα τῆς σαρκὸς θάνατος)
- **1Cor 3:1-3** But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people (ὡς πνευματικοίς), but as people of the flesh (ὡς σαρκίνοις), as infants in Christ (ὡς νηπίοις ἐν Χριστῷ). ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh (ἔτι γὰρ σαρκικοί ἐστε). For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh (οὐχὶ σαρκικοί ἐστε) and behaving only in a human way (κατὰ ἄνθρωπον περιπατεῖτε)?
- **Mt 17:1-2** And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.
- **1Cor 15:45-49** Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural (ἀλλ' οὐ πρῶτον τὸ πνευματικὸν ἀλλὰ τὸ ψυχικόν), and then the spiritual (τὸ πνευματικόν). ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust (ἐκ γῆς χοϊκός); the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.
- Christ → **John 19:30** When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit (παρέδωκεν τὸ πνεῦμα) **Mt 27:50** And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit (ἀφῆκεν τὸ πνεῦμα) **Lk 23:46** Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" (παρατίθεμαι τὸ πνεῦμά μου) And having said this he breathed his last (ἐξέπνευσε).

0.3. THE CHRISTIAN MAN IDENTITY

- “man in Christ” → Gal 2:20 → *Forget yourself!!!* (from “self-awareness” to “Christ-awareness”)

The whole of our life inside and out is to be absolutely haunted by the presence of God (CHAMBERS, O. *My Utmost for His Highest*, (June 2).
- **2Cor 11:2-4** I feel a divine jealousy for you (ζηλώ γὰρ ὑμᾶς θεοῦ ζήλω), for I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. ³ But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ (φθαρῆ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἀπὸ τῆς ἀπλότητος [καὶ τῆς ἀγνότητος] τῆς εἰς τὸν Χριστόν).

¹ TOLSTOY “...I am ugly, awkward, slovenly, and socially inept. I am petulant, boring to others, immodest, intolerant, and bashful like a child. I am almost an ignoramus...”

⁴ For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus (ἄλλον Ἰησοῦν κηρύσσει) than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit (ἢ πνεῦμα ἕτερον) from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel (ἢ εὐαγγέλιον ἕτερον) from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough (καλῶς ἀνέχεσθε)

1. MAN AS A WHOLE

1.1. THE UNITY OF A HUMAN BEING

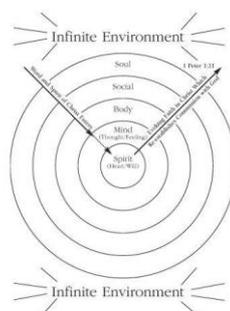
- **Gn 2:7** then the LORD God formed the man the dust from the ground (וַיִּצְרֶה יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאָדָם עָפָר מִן-הָאָדָמָה) and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, (וַיְוַהֵב הָאָדָם לְנֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה) and the man became a living creature (וַיְהִי הָאָדָם לְנֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה)

1.1.1. DICHOTOMY

- (THIESEN *Systematic Theology*) This theory is supported by a number of facts. (1) God breathed into man but one principle, the living soul (Gen. 2:7). In Job 27:3 "life" (עוֹד נְשָׁמָתִי בִי) and "spirit" (וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים בְּאִפִּי) seem to be used interchangeably (cf. 33:18).² (2) The terms "soul" and "spirit" seem to be used interchangeably in some references (Gen. 41:8 and Ps. 42:6; Matt. 20:28 and 27:50; John 12:27 and 13:21; Heb. 12:23 and Rev. 6:9). (3) "Spirit" as well as "soul" is ascribed to brute creation (Eccl. 3:21; Rev. 16:3). Though the soul or spirit in beasts is irrational and mortal, in man it is rational and immortal. (4) "Soul" is ascribed to the Lord (Isa. 42:1; Heb. 10:38). (5) The highest place in religion is ascribed to the soul (Mark 12:30; Luke 1:46; Heb. 6:19; James 1:21). (6) Body and soul (or spirit) are spoken of as constituting the whole of man (Matt. 10:28; 1 Cor. 5:3; 3 John 2), and to lose the soul is to lose all (Matt. 16:26; Mark 8:36f.). (7) Consciousness testifies that there are two elements in man's being. We can distinguish a material part and an immaterial part, but the consciousness of no one can discriminate between soul and spirit.

1.1.2. TRICHOTOMY

- (THIESEN) (2) Paul seems to think of body, soul, and spirit as three distinct parts of man's nature (1 Thess. 5:23). The same thing seems to be indicated in Heb. 4:12, where the Word is said to pierce "as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow." (3) A threefold organization of man's nature may be implied in the classification of men as "natural," "carnal," and "spiritual," in 1 Cor. 2:14-3:4. Though Scripture seems to point to trichotomy, is it not possible that they merely intend to include the whole man? Jesus said to the young man, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30), but no one would build a fourfold division of human nature on this statement. Heb. 4:12 does not speak of the separation of the soul from the spirit, but of the separation itself extending to that point. The Word pierces to the dividing of the soul itself and the spirit itself. The soul and the spirit are laid open. In reference to 1 Thess. 5:27, Hiebert states, "Students of Scripture are not agreed as to whether the distinction between spirit and soul... is substantial or functional. Trichotomists hold to the former, dichotomists to the latter."
- Dallas WILLARD *Renovation of the Heart*:



² יְהִישָׁף נַפְשׁוֹ מִנִּי-שִׁחַת וְחַיָּתוֹ מִעֵבֶר בְּשִׁלַּח

1.2. MAN AS FLESH / BODY

- mortal; feeble; low → (**Ps 8:3-4** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, (כִּי־אֲרָאָה שָׁמַיִךְ מַעֲשֵׂי אֲצַבְעֹתֶיךָ יָרַח וְכּוֹכָבִים אֲשֶׁר בּוֹנִנְתָּה) ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? (מִה־אֲנִי שׂוֹמֵר בְּיַחַדְכֶּנּוּ וּבֶן־אָדָם כִּי תִפְקְדֶנּוּ)
- hamartology → Ps 51
- sarx ↔ soma
 - **DEATH: Rom 8:6** To set the mind on the flesh is death (ὁ γὰρ φρόνημα τῆς σαρκὸς θάνατος), but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace

1.3. MAN AS SOUL

- a *living* agent; → individuality; (separation) self-life; (Heb 4:12 → connecting with outside world)
- **Mk 8:36** For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (τί γὰρ ὠφελεῖ ἄνθρωπον κερδεῖσαι τὸν κόσμον ὅλον καὶ ζημιωθῆναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ) → the value of human being
- **1Cor 2:14** The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God (ψυχικὸς δὲ ἄνθρωπος οὐ δέχεται τὰ τοῦ πνεύματος τοῦ θεοῦ.)
- **BUT:** the will → always involved in everything moral, spiritual, mental → submission; → sanctified **HABITS**
- the mind → the “gate” **2Cor 10:4-5** For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments ⁵ and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ

1.4. MAN AS SPIRIT

- a *God-conscious* being → personality; communion (Heb 4:12 →)
- **Pro 20:27** The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all his innermost parts (נֵר יְהוָה נִשְׁמַת אָדָם חֹפֵשׂ כָּל־תְּהוֹמֹתָיו)
- But it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand. (אֵכָן רוּחַ־יְהוָה בְּאִנּוֹשׁ וְנִשְׁמַת שְׁרָיִ תְּבִינִם)
- **1Cor 6:17** But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him (ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἓν πνεῦμά ἐστιν)
- **James 4:5** "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us" (πρὸς φθόνον ἐπιποθεῖ τὸ πνεῦμα ὃ κατώκισεν ἐν ἡμῖν)

1.5. SPIRIT-SOUL UNITY

continuous connection!! [CHAMBERS] ... the spirit of a fallen man is imprisoned in his soul and degraded by the body... (*Biblical psychology*)

- the mind (rational knowledge) ↔ conscience (knowledge of transcendence)
- the will (conscious volition) ↔ intuition (decisions in the dark “hunch”)
- emotions (relational feelings) ↔ communion (deep existential attitudes)

2. ANTHROPOLOGY IN ACTION

[PASCAL *Pensées*] In order to make man happy, it must prove to him that there is a God; that we ought to love Him; that our true happiness is to be in Him, and our sole evil to be separated from Him.

2.1. ROMANS 7 → PS 119

- The problem of **DIVISION**
- **Rom 7:15-24** I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh (Οὐδὲν γὰρ ὅτι οὐκ οἶκεῖ ἐν ἐμοί, τοῦτ' ἔστιν ἐν τῇ σαρκί μου). For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I

(οὐκέτι ἐγὼ κατεργάζομαι αὐτὸ) who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being (συνήδομαι γὰρ τῷ νόμῳ τοῦ θεοῦ κατὰ τὸν ἔσω ἄνθρωπον), ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

2.2. ACCESSING THE SPIRITUAL NATURE

- Manton: (1) knowledge, → (2) Persuasion, → (3) Love, → (4) Action
- Ps 51 → (1) birth in sin v.7; (2) truth in the inner self v.8; (3) clean heart ↔ spirit steadfast v.12, (4) spirit willing, v.14; (5) mouth, lips v.17 (6) sacrifices

2.3. MIND (ATTENTION)

- soul → metaphors: a “switchboard”; a “priest”; (1) the will → pay attention; (2) the mind → understand; (3) emotional response → in depth, conscience...
- **2Cor 10:4** ...divine power to destroy strongholds (πρὸς καθαίρεισιν ὀχυρωμάτων) **5** and every lofty opinion (πᾶν ὑψώμα) raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ → between the mind and conscience
- **Rom 8:6** To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace (τὸ γὰρ φρόνημα τῆς σαρκὸς θάνατος, τὸ δὲ φρόνημα τοῦ πνεύματος ζωὴ καὶ εἰρήνη)
- **2Pt 1:4** ...he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature (τὰ τίμια καὶ μέγιστα ἡμῖν ἐπαγγέλματα δεδώρηται, ἵνα διὰ τούτων γένησθε θείας κοινωνοὶ φύσεως)...
- **Heb 4:12** the thoughts and intentions of the heart. → heart (mind with desire) → conscience (Heb 4:12 Ζῶν γὰρ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ ἐνεργῆς καὶ τομώτερος ὑπὲρ πᾶσαν μάχαιραν δίστομον καὶ διϊκνούμενος ἄχρι μερισμοῦ ψυχῆς καὶ πνεύματος, ἄρμων τε καὶ μυελῶν, καὶ κριτικὸς ἐνθυμήσεων καὶ ἐννοιῶν καρδίας)

2.4. CONSCIENCE (CERTAINTY)

- no “buts”; no excusions; ...
- Col 2 → spiritual certainty (**Col 2:2** ...the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ [πᾶν πλοῦτος τῆς πληροφορίας τῆς συνέσεως, εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ θεοῦ, Χριστοῦ])
- spiritual understanding → 1Cor 2:14 (**1Cor 2:14** The natural person (ψυχικὸς δὲ ἄνθρωπος) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God)
- → truth in inward parts **Ps 51:6(8)** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being (תְּהִלָּתְךָ תִּפְצֵץ בְּטָהוֹרָה), and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart (וּבְסֵתֶם הַכֶּמֶה תוֹדִיעֵנִי)

2.5. (SPIRITUAL) EMOTION

- conviction → the will; → submission
- **Ps 51:12(14)** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit (וְרוּחַ נְדִיבָה תְּסַמְכֵנִי)
- attachment → heart (**Eph 4:18-19** They are (4) darkened in their understanding, (3) alienated from the life of God because of the (2) ignorance that is in them, due to their (1) hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become (5) callous and have given themselves up to (6) sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.) → **Pro 4:23** Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life → **Pro 23:26** My son, give me your heart...
- **Ps 51:12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit (וְרוּחַ נְדִיבָה תְּסַמְכֵנִי).
- **Ex 35:21** And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him (אֲשֶׁר-נִשְׂאוֹ לִבּוֹ), and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments.

2.6. HABIT/DISCIPLINE

- the will → repetition; the mind → concentration; emotions → response (love)...
- **1 Peter 2:5** you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ (ἀνευέγκαι πνευματικᾶς θυσίας)
- **Romans 12:1** I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship (αρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν τοῦ θεοῦ παραστήσαι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν θυσίαν ζῶσαν ἁγίαν εὐάρεστον τῷ θεῷ, τὴν λογικὴν λατρείαν ὑμῶν)

3. AVOIDING (SECTARIAN) EXTREMES

3.1. MODERN DEFINITIONS OF SPIRITUALITY

- defective understanding of sin

3.2. SIMPLIFICATIONS AND SHORTCUTS

- there is no “guaranteed method” of sanctification → the Holy Spirit guidance is exactly suited to each personal frame

3.3. (LEGALISTIC) PERFECTIONISM

- **Col 2:18** Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind (μηδεὶς ὑμᾶς καταβραβεύετω θέλων ἐν ταπεινοφροσύνῃ καὶ θρησκείᾳ τῶν ἀγγέλων, ἃ ἑώρακεν ἐμβατεύων, εἰκῆ φυσιοῦμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ νοῦς τῆς σαρκὸς αὐτοῦ,)

3.4. PSYCHOLOGISM

- uncritical use of modern psychology/psychoanalysis in spiritual life (selfism; anthropocentrism;)
- FREUD; JUNG; FRANKL;... manipulating self...

3.5. MYSTICISM

- looking for the divine *inside* of man; divinization of soul/spirit;

3.6. QUIETISM

- passivity, the will not used;

4. TO REMEMBER

- Anthropology to be useful has to be used and applied by the Spirit of God to the concrete case.
- The light of understanding comes through focusing the mind on Jesus in trusting and loving submission. → Forget your *self*.
- Identification with Jesus in the human spirit conveys the power of his resurrection.

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