The heavens declare the glory of God
The skies proclaim the work of his hands
Day after day they pour forth speech
Night after night they display knowledge
There is no speech or language where
their voice is not heard
Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world
Psalm 19:1-4

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you; or the birds of the air; and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you.”
Job 12:7-8

“talked to a chicken lately?”

listening to a Chicken Egg...
Three main parts:
Shell, yolk, albumen (egg white)

Shell is porous:
10,000 pores (O₂ in; CO₂ out)

Four vessels:
2 attach to the yolk for food;
2 attach to the outer membrane
to breathe

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listening to a Chicken Egg...

Chick metabolizes the yolk: gives off CO2 & H2O vapor through the vessels to the shell

19th day; chick needs more air; uses “egg-tooth” on beak to peck hole in air sack at end of egg for 6 hrs of air; enough to break hole in shell for more O2

The Problem of Order

The chicken egg poses a problem:
- Order -
Random, purposeless, mindless forces should produce a random, purposeless, mindless cosmos

But that is not what we have!

The God of Order

“Dominion and awe belong to God; he establishes order in the heights of heaven.”
Job 25:2

For God is not a God of disorder...
1 Corinthians 14:33

Disorder is a Vice

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.
James 3:16

Countless & Incredible Systems of Order
Water cycle to DNA
Photosynthesis to Cleansing Tides
Chicken Egg to Blood Clotting

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GOD IS A GOD OF ORDER

Displayed in great glory through the physical creation...

But even more so...
In the order that He has created in the social realm...

An order which is just as phenomenal and beautiful

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S SOCIAL SYSTEMS

The Real Battleground

Family  Labor  Church  State  Government

God & Man

ORDER BAFLES THE BLIND

“Biologists must constantly keep in mind that what they see was not designed, but rather evolved.”
Francis Crick
cited in William Dembski, Science and Design. First Things, 86, October, 21,

ORDER BAFLES THE BLIND

“I remember well the time when the thought of the eye made me cold all over…”
Charles Darwin


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GE N E S I S  2 : 1 8
Qualitative or Ethical?
Pragmatic or Moral?

O U R  S O U R C E  O F  T R U T H
Focus on the
Nature of God

W E S T M I N S T E R  C O N F I S T I O N

“...In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; the Father is of none, neither begotten, nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.”

1646

W E S T M I N S T E R  C O N F I S T I O N  o f  F a i t h ,  T h e  ( 1 6 4 6 ) .
Three Realms

Physical Laws

Spiritual Laws

Social Laws

God’s Social Laws & Order

Family

Labor

Church

State

Social Laws

Man’s Social Laws & Order

Relationships

What Happened at the Fall?

Relationships severed

God & Man

Man to Man

Man Internally

Man & Creation

Importance of Relationships
Qualitative or Ethical? Pragmatic or Moral?

Why was it not good for man to be alone?

The Divine Mark

One
Aloneness

Two
Relationship & Intimacy

Three
Community & Fellowship

Social Spheres/Social Institutions

Family
Labor
State
Church
Community

The Intimate Three

Trinity
Family
Church
God & Man

The Intimate Three

Trinity
Authority
Submission
Oneness
Unity
Family & Church

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.
For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:22-24

Family & Church

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her
to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,
and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:25-27

Family & Church

In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—
for we are members of his body.

Ephesians 5:28-30

Family & Church

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:31-32 (ESV)

Family & Church

However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 5:33 (ESV)

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The Church
Relationships, Roles, Authority & Submission

Establishing the Sphere Authority
The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.
Titus 1:5-6

Establishing the Sphere Authority
Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.
Acts 20:28

Elders, Pastors, Teachers
Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.
Hebrews 13:17

Elders, Pastors, Teachers
The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.
1 Timothy 5:17
**The Family**

what does it look like?

*Exodus 20:12, 14, 17*

- Eph 6:1-3
- Col 3:20
- Prov 18
- Duet 6:6-7

**The Family: Serious Business**

“*I hate divorce, says the LORD God of Israel...*”

*Malachi 2:16*

**The Family: Serious Business**

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

*1 Peter 3:7*

**Serious Business**

Another thing you do: You flood the LORD’s altar with tears. You weep and wail because He no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands.

*Malachi 2:13-17*
You ask, “Why?” It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. Has not the LORD made them one?

Malachi 2:13-17

In flesh and spirit they are His. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring.

Malachi 2:13-17

So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. “I hate divorce,” says the LORD God of Israel, “and I hate a man’s covering himself with violence as well as with his garment,” says the LORD Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.

Malachi 2:13-17

You have wearied the LORD with your words. “How have we wearied Him?” You ask. By saying, “All who do evil are good in the eyes of the LORD, and he is pleased with them” or “Where is the God of justice?”

Malachi 2:13-17