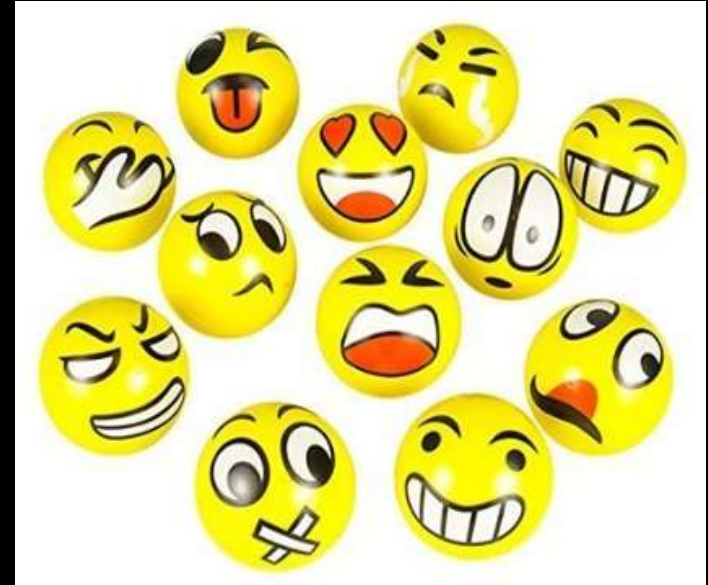


# EMOTIONS COMMOTION

Genesis 3: Sin and the Psyche



# FOUNDATIONS

## *Creator Father, Son, & Spirit*

Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 19:1-4; 33:6,  
9; Proverbs 3:19-20; 8:22-31; John  
1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17

# WORLDVIEWS, PHILOSOPHY & SCIENCE

“What is eternal? There are only two possible answers: the natural world or something supernatural. Thus the debate about origins is a conflict between two diametrically opposed, fundamentally irreconcilable viewpoints: naturalistic and supernatural.”

Gerald Rau, “Mapping the Origins Debate”

# WHAT IS ETERNAL?

“Since the universe is present, it either always was present or came into existence at some point. If it came into existence, something external to the universe must have been present – either another source of the same matter and energy, or something with the ability to create matter and energy. There are only two logical choices for what is eternal: natural or supernatural.”

Rau, “Mapping the Origins Debate”

# PRO CHOICE

You must choose your worldview: natural or supernatural. What are the implications of your choice?

Romans 1:19-21; 2 Peter 3:11-13

# FOR OR AGAINST

It's very important that Christ-followers know and proclaim not only what we are against, but we are "for." *1 Peter 3:15*



# “SAME ‘OLE SAME ‘OLE”

It is the same attack in a different package:

1. Authority of Scripture
2. Sufficiency of Scripture

# CHRIST AND YOUR PROBLEMS

Ezekiel 13:10-12

Jeremiah 6:13-14; 2:13

2 Peter 1:3; 1 Timothy 4:8

2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12



# “DIAGNOSIS MURDER”

1. Bill & Karen
2. Proper diagnosis is essential.
3. “Counseling psychologists deal with personal problems to understand them and offer a treatment plan.”

Baker, “What Happened in the Garden”

# CHRIST AND YOUR PROBLEMS

“To properly diagnose personal problems we must include a biblical view of what is truly wrong. This view of what is wrong is clearly portrayed in Genesis 3 and the details directly apply to the social sciences.”

“What Happened in the Garden?”

# GENESIS 3 & PERSONAL PROBLEMS

A robust model to explain the myriad human problems:

1. The Cause 3:1-6
2. The Effects 3:7-24

# AN EXAMPLE

1. More brain research!
2. More \$\$\$ for mental illness!
3. It's the culture-environment!
4. It's a combination!
5. True love = correct diagnosis to treat the true problem

# AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOC. - DSM

“A mental disorder is a syndrome characterized by clinically significant disturbances in an individual’s cognitive, emotion regulation, or behavior that reflects a dysfunction in the psychological, biological, or developmental processes underlying mental functioning. Mental disorders are usually associated with significant distress or disability in social, occupational, or other important activities.”

# PENETRATING QUESTION

Psychiatrist Karl Menninger: d. 1990

“Whatever happened to sin? It was a word once in everyone’s mind, but now rarely if ever heard. Is it only that someone may be stupid or sick or criminal, or asleep? Is nothing now a sin?”



# MENNINGER

Was not a Christ-follower, not a believer in total depravity of man, but making the point that there is right and wrong and people are responsible for their behavior. He decried that American culture no longer believed in right and wrong.

# DIVING DEEPER

“Are we now so sophisticated that there is no soul sickness but only mental illness? Have we moved beyond the supposedly primitive idea of sin?”

Baker, “What Happened in the Garden?”

Isaiah 1:5-6

# MILLION \$\$ QUESTION

How does the doctrine of sin influence the way we understand the term “mental health”?

# FALSE CHARGES

“Talking about sin related to the mental state of others is hard. It sounds calloused. But that is not our demeanor. Our desire is to have compassion (Col. 3:5) and bear with others (Eph. 4:2) as we help them truly get to the root of their problems.”

# WHY TALK ABOUT SIN?

A proper treatment plan demands a proper diagnosis. A literal understanding of sin is crucial to the social sciences. A biblical view of counseling must include the doctrine of sin (Hamartiology) and what it has done to humanity.

# CAN WE TALK?

“Even if a psychological theory is making accurate observations, and even if there is a strong physical component to the issue, the diagnosis cannot be accurate if it does not include the *immaterial* part of our being and how it has been infected by sin.” “What Happened in the Garden”



# IT'S IMMATERIAL!

The immaterial part of our being in Scripture is called “soul, spirit, mind, and heart.” The term “heart” is the leading word and is directly impacted by what happened in the Garden of Eden.

# HAMARTIOLOGY

“Sin” = “to miss the mark”  
“any want of conformity to  
the character of God”  
“in act, disposition, or state”

# BIBLICAL DOCTRINE OF SIN

1. Personal sin (**Rom. 3:23**) is the form of sin which includes everything in the daily life which is against or fails to conform to the character of God. It is rebellion against or disobedience to God's specific commands.