



Outline

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A Three-Fold Cord

Creation, Redemption & Dominion

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Ecclesiastes 4:12

A three-fold cord is not easily broken.

Is there not a cause?

Book Outline (Subject to change)

Part 1. Thinking Like Jesus

Chapter 1. Introduction

1. Copyrights
2. Dedication
3. Preface
4. Book Outline
5. Ch1 – Introduction
6. My Story

Chapter 2. Apologetics

1. A Better Way of Thinking
2. The Supernatural – The Heart of the Matter
3. Some History
4. Prisoners in Nature's Box
5. Defeaters
6. Eyewitnesses
7. Thinking Like Jesus
 - a. General Faith
 - b. Great Faith
 - c. The Dignity of Faith
 - d. Trick Questions and Answers
8. Some Definitions
 - a. Definitions
 - b. Enmity
9. Myth of Neutrality
10. Circular Reasoning
 - a. Internal Biblical Proofs
 - b. Philosophical Big Picture
11. A Standard for Standards, The AICP Test
 - a. Don't Answer/Answer Strategy
12. Some Different Worldviews
13. Apologetic Methods
 - a. Evidential – Empirical
 - i. What is Science?
 - b. Classical – Rational
 - i. Four Basic Rules of Reason

- c. Presuppositional – Revelational
 - i. The Transcendental Argument
 - ii. Transcendental Objects
 - iii. Question for Materialists
- d. Other Arguments
 - i. Bertrand Russel’s First Cause Objection
 - ii. Three traditional arguments for God’s existence
 - iii. A Part of the Intelligent Design Argument
- 14. Some Other Trajectories
- 15. Conclusion
- Appendix A – Apologetics Resources
- Appendix B – Apologetics Keywords

Chapter 3. How to Study the Bible

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Hermeneutics – The Art and Science of Interpretation
 - a. A Word on Interpretation.
 - b. Everybody starts somewhere: The Myth of Neutrality
 - c. Here are some basic definitions.
 - d. Four Basic Rules of Reason
 - e. AICP Test – The Test for Knowledge Claims
- 3. The Difference Between the Old and New Testaments
- 4. General Guidelines
 - a. A Practical on Note Taking – Very Basic
 - b. Sources.
 - c. The Book of History (Whose-Story?)
 - d. Recognize context, audience, purpose, and use of time and space.
 - e. The Bible is its own best interpreter.
 - f. A valuable skill to develop.
 - g. Do you have the whole story?
 - h. As you listen to anyone teaching from the Bible (or the news) listen for:
 - i. What if you discover your favorite preacher/group/denomination is wrong on some issue?
- 5. Heresies, Apostasy & Cults
- 6. Conclusion

Part 2. Lost in Space and Time

Introduction

Chapter 4. Origins – In the beginning, God

- 1. Introduction
 - a. The Creator and The Created
 - b. Man and Animal
 - c. Male and Female
- 2. Which God?
- 3. Jesus, The Eternal Word & Creator
- 4. Let There Be Light
- 5. Two Compromise Theories
 - a. Gap Theory
 - b. Day-Age Theory
- 6. The Most Basic Doctrines – Cornelius Van Till
- 7. Philosophical Origin of the Universe (top three of six)
 - a. The Universe Has Always Existed, it has eternal being (Enlightenment belief)
 - b. The Universe Created Itself (Current popular belief.)
 - c. The Universe Was Created by An Eternal Being
- 8. A Part of the Intelligent Design Argument

9. Man: The Image of God, Imago Dei
 - a. Jesus Christ, The Image of God Restored
10. Meanings and Beliefs of Evolution
11. Moving Out to The Cosmos
 - a. Two Possibilities for the observed Red Shift
12. The Natural Man – Prisoners in Nature’s Box
13. The Three-Fold Fall – Supernatural Conspiracy
 - a. Genesis 3 – Separation from God’s House and Death
 - i. By Man Came Death
 - b. Genesis 6 – Total Depravity
 - i. The Watchers Transgression – 1 Enoch
 - c. Genesis 11 – The Division of the Nations and Idolatry
 - i. Birth of tribalism and the world’s religions

Appendix A – Generations Chart – Who Lived When

Appendix B – Bible vs Evolution Contrast

Appendix C – Origination of Organismal Forms, Unanswered Questions

References

Chapter 5. The Nations – In History, God (Tentative Outline)

1. Introduction
2. A House Divided – The Family Estranged
3. The Israel of God
4. Prophecies Concerning the Nations
 - i. Old Testament
 - ii. New Testament
5. Christianizing the Nations – The Gospel of the Kingdom
 - i. One King
 - ii. One New Man
 - iii. One Body
6. References

Chapter 6. Eschatology – In the end, God

1. Introduction
2. Three Views on the Millennium
 - a. Pre-Millennial
 - b. Post-Millennial
 - c. A-Millennial
3. Four Views on Bible Prophecy
 - a. Idealist
 - b. Historicist
 - c. Preterist
 - d. Futurist
4. The Rapture
5. The Kingdom Age is in The Future. Not!
6. Some Key Concepts
 - a. Six splits of Dispensational Pre-Millennialism
 - b. God’s Supposed Unfulfilled Promises to National Israel
 - c. The Parentheses
 - d. The Sociology of Eschatology
 - e. Jesus’s Coming(s)
7. Jesus’s Coming in Judgment
8. Some Key Prophetic Passages
 - a. Daniel 2, 7, 9

- b. The Wrath to Come
- c. Fulfilled, Double Fulfillment and Types and Shadows
- 9. The Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ
 - a. Dating of the Book of Revelation
 - b. From “The Art of Revelation” by Jon Welton
- 10. Some Other Quotes
- 11. Time Frame References
- 12. Conclusion
- Appendix A – The Destruction of Jerusalem, 1805

Part 3. Redemption

Chapter 7. Redemption

- 1. Chapter Outline
- 2. Introduction
- 3. The Three-Fold Fall – Messiah is the Answer.
 - a. Genesis 3
 - b. Genesis 6
 - c. Genesis 11
- 4. The Mystery of the Ages
- 5. Jesus Christ: The Redeemer
 - d. The Second Person of the Trinity
 - e. The Incarnation - Eternal Word Becomes Flesh
 - f. Born of A Virgin
 - g. Other Prophecies
 - h. The Man Christ Jesus
 - i. What did the people think about ‘the Christ’ and what was their expectations of Him?
 - i. Son of God
 - ii. Son of Man
 - iii. Son of David
- 6. The Coronation of the King
- 7. The Cross – History’s Pivot Point
 - a. Enmity: Personification of The Antithesis
 - b. Broke Sabbath
 - c. Blasphemy
 - d. Prophecies of Death & Resurrection
- 8. The Enthronement of The King
- 9. The Three-Fold Redemption – Messiah’s Redemptive Solution.
 - a. Genesis 3
 - b. Genesis 6
 - c. Genesis 11
- 10. The New Birth – New Creation Life
- 11. Being In Christ
- 12. The Restored Image
- 13. In the World but Not of the World
- 14. Transformation
- 15. Being Made Righteous
- 16. Glorious
- 17. The Inner Work vs The Outer Work of the Holy Spirit
 - a. The Inside
 - b. The Outside
- 18. More Than Beliefs – Experiential Christianity
- 19. Knowing God
 - a. Everyone Already Knows

- b. Old Testament
 - c. New Testament
- Appendix A – Pain is a Sign of Life
Appendix B – The Love of God

Chapter 8. Dominion

1. Ultimate Ownership – Who Is Running This Outfit?
2. King of Kings – The Present Rulership of King Jesus
 - a. Under An Open Heaven
 - b. The Progress of the Kingdom
 - c. Son of the Right Hand
 - d. Son of David
 - i. David’s Throne
 - ii. Authority in Christ
3. City of the Great King – A Tale of Two Cities
4. The People of The King
5. The Gospel of The Kingdom
6. Why Are We Here?
7. The Great Commission

Chapter 9. Healing 101

1. Healing is Not a Doctrine
2. Pastoral Message
3. What Did Jesus Do?
4. Belief and Faith
5. Healing Scriptures
6. The Kingdom and The Power
7. Authority and Doctrine
8. Sin and Sickness
9. Some Sacred Cows
10. John G. Lake’s Secrets
11. Conclusion

Part 4. Conclusion and References, Bibliography

1. Glossary of Terminology
2. Books/Links/Videos Referenced in The Book
3. Book References by Chapter
4. Recommended Resources for Further Study
5. <https://www.accordingtothescriptures.org/prophecy/353prophecies.html>