

Session #4 Noahic Covenant & Babel vs. Secular Theories of Civil Government & Political Progressivism

1. Review & Introduction

Romans 12:1–2; Col. 2:8–10

BIBLEFRAMEWORK

The Conflict Over Creation Revelation

Authoritative Doctrine of God, Man, Nature

God's Essence

The Natural Environment

Man's rightful relation to the environment under God

The elitist "mold" of this era

deep time

low-power processes

impersonal cosmos

adaptation enlarged

Man – a product & servant of Nature

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BIBLEFRAMEWORK

The Conflict Over Fall & Flood Revelation

Authoritative Doctrine of Sin & Judgment upon Man & Nature

Sin → consequences for man & nature under him

Both man & nature now abnormal

The elitist "mold" of this era

'good' & 'evil' are normal

Bible is bad for nature

Identity correctly inferred from feelings

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BIBLEFRAMEWORK

The "Mold's" Suppression of Worship of God

Personal Creator	Nature is all there is
Eternality	Deep Time
Omnipresence	Impersonal Universe
Omnipotence	All powerful Nature
Sovereignty	Fatalism & Hyper-regulatory state
Love	Loveless Nature so total dependency upon other people's love

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BIBLEFRAMEWORK

The "Mold's" Additional Suppression of Worship of God

Personal Creator	Nature is all there is
Righteousness	Humans are not "fallen" & can have ethical opinions
Justice	The notion of "justice" springs from human feelings of anger over what is sensed as real wrongs (!)
Omniscience	Sexual and other feelings tell us our identity
Immutability	Chaotic transformations

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2. Noahic (Ecological) Covenant

Genesis 8:21–22 Geophysical stability of the earth requires stability throughout the rest of the universe (opposing fears of a geophysical apocalypse)

9:1–6 Genetic research shows human DNA tracks back to 3 nodes and back of those nodes to one node; command to "multiply" implies that under man's technological capabilities there exist enough resources to sustain a growing human population until Jesus Christ returns (opposing Mathusian notions of very limited sustainability); switch to an omnivore with due attention to value of animal life to provide ubiquitous testimony to vicarious sacrifice ultimately of Jesus Christ (John 6:55–56) (opposing extremist views of animal "rights"); authority to execute capital punishment given to man as the core of

civil government authority to punish certain evil overt behaviors to protect the value of human life (opposing notion that capital punishment demeans human life)

11:1–2 Language is a vital tool to create social identity

11:3–4 Defiant declaration that man, not God, will define human identity and defiance of God’s sovereign design for history on the Noahic civilization in a distributed continental system of varying natural resources

11:5–7 another divine judgment—this one on adding linguistic reinforcement of tribal differences

3. Theories of Civil Government

a. Rejection of God’s design revealed as to function and purpose of civil government by considering civil authority as a mere “social construct,” not a divine institution (repeating the error of Babel). Various false theories: “divine right of kings” to do whatever they want, the divine state of Pharaonic Egypt, Marxist dictatorship of the proletariat, fascism’s 3rd Reich, etc.

b. Common element of perversion: Civil Government is perverted from a preservative limited institution to a redemptive unlimited institution. To bring in the Kingdom of Man as a substitute for the Kingdom of God that requires incorruptible resurrected leadership. Example: 1 Samuel 8:1–8 (neglects the spiritual cause & chooses pagan model); 8:11–17 (power of sword in hands of concentrated power = disaster)

4. Political Progressivism

Babel re-visited by globalists today



Idea of “progress” came only from the Bible because paganism was cyclic, not progressive.

5. Conclusion

The “mold” of this age tries to conform us according to the basic principles of this world, not according to the basic principles of God’s Word culminating in Jesus Christ—the source of ALL wisdom.