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Biblical Eugenics Pt. 2: "Abel Killed Cain!"

I Text:

Old Covenant: *Genesis 4*

New Covenant: *John 1:1-18*

II Doctrine: God commanded us to be "fruitful" in our multiplication. This implied metaphysical, epistemological, and ethical purity. The life of Cain illustrates the complete corruption of a man who declared himself God. Cain like his parents denied God's metaphysical superiority. Cain declaring his equality with God corrupted his thinking and epistemology. Cain's perverse epistemology led him to choose his own set of ethics and kill Abel.

III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:

- 1) God commanded us to be fruitful in our multiplication. This implied metaphysical, epistemological, and ethical purity. (*Genesis 1:26-28; 6:1-10*)
- 2) The life of Cain illustrates the complete corruption of a man who declared himself God. Cain like his parents denied God's metaphysical superiority. (*Genesis 3:1-5; 4:1-5; John 1:1-5*)
- 3) Cain declaring his equality with God corrupted his thinking and epistemology. (*Genesis 3:6; 4:6,7; Acts 17:16-18,22-28*)
- 4) Cain's perverse epistemology led him to choose his own set of ethics and kill Abel. (*Genesis 3:7; 4:8-16*)
- 5) God in his mercy allowed Cain to live. From his murderous blood line the whole earth was filled with power hungry, perverted people. After the flood God would command righteous eugenics, the penalty for premeditated murder was death. (*Genesis 4:17-24; 9:1-7; John 1:14-18*)

Definitions:

1. Definition of metaphysics

1a (1): a division of philosophy that is concerned with the fundamental nature of reality and being and that includes ontology, cosmology, and often epistemology

metaphysics ... analyzes the generic traits manifested by existences of any kind

— J. H. Randall

2. Definition of epistemology

: the study or a theory of the nature and grounds of knowledge especially with reference to its limits and validity

3. Definition of ethics

1 ethics plural in form but singular or plural in construction: the discipline dealing with what is good and bad and with moral duty and obligation

2 a: a set of moral principles : a theory or system of moral values

the present-day materialistic ethic

4. Definition of ontology

1: a branch of metaphysics concerned with the nature and relations of being

Ontology deals with abstract entities.

2: a particular theory about the nature of being or the kinds of things that have existence

5. Definition of eugenics

: the practice or advocacy of controlled selective breeding of human populations (as by sterilization) to improve the population's genetic composition