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INHERENT, INHERENTLY

God has the **inherent** right to give people commands, and those commands must be obeyed.

- **Leviticus 19:3:** "Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God."
- **Leviticus 19:4:** "Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God."

The Bible doesn't teach that all women are good, or that women are **inherently** more righteous than men. Instead it warns against the dangers of immoral women.

- **Proverbs 6:24:** "To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman."

Mankind is **inherently** evil.

- **Ecclesiastes 9:3:** "This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead."

Chopping wood is an **inherently** dangerous activity.

- **Ecclesiastes 10:9:** "Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby."

What a church does when it gathers together matters. Church gatherings aren't **inherently** good.

- **1 Corinthians 11:17:** "Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse."

Some people in this world have authority over other people, and there's nothing **inherently** wrong with that. (God doesn't condemn people for having positions of authority.)

- **Colossians 4:1:** "Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven."

INNATE, INNATELY

Other people don't have an **innate** right to know everything that we know. The Bible teaches that there are times when it's prudent to conceal things. It's not a sin to keep certain matters private and not share them.

- **Proverbs 12:23:** "A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness."

Jesus said the reason we must not swear by the hairs of our head is because we have no **innate** ability to change their color.

- **Matthew 5:36:** "Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black."

The Jews aren't **innately** more righteous than the Gentiles. Both groups of people are sinful and need a Savior.

- **Romans 3:9:** "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;"

The Bible doesn't teach that women are **innately** good. Instead it says that women (like men) must be taught how to be good.

- **Titus 2:5:** "To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

Ungodly men have corrupted the **innate** knowledge that God gave them.

- **Jude 1:10:** "But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves."

INSTINCT

Animals (and people) know certain things by **instinct**.

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NATURAL, NATURALLY

The miracles which were done in Egypt weren't **natural** occurrences. Instead they were done by the power of God.

- **Exodus 7:25:** "And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river."

Under the Mosaic Law, if an animal died of **natural** causes then the Israelites were allowed to make use of its fat but they weren't allowed to eat it.

- **Leviticus 7:24:** "And the fat of the beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it."

Moses told Korah and those who joined in his rebellion that if they died a **natural** death then God hadn't sent him. (The earth opened up and swallowed them alive.)

- **Numbers 16:29:** "If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me."

Under the Mosaic Law, the Israelites weren't allowed to eat anything that died of its own accord (such as by disease or **natural** causes).

- **Deuteronomy 14:21:** "Ye shall not eat of anything that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk."

When Moses died at 120 years old, his **natural** force wasn't abated. (In other words, he was still healthy and strong and hadn't grown weak or feeble.)

- **Deuteronomy 34:7:** "And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated."

The parting of the Red Sea was a supernatural miracle, not a **natural** event. It was something God did for the Israelites.

- **Joshua 4:23:** "For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:"

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- **Joshua 5:1:** "And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel."

God showed Job that he wasn't greater than Him by pointing out that he couldn't even control the **natural** world. (However, God has control over all things.)

- **Job 38:35:** "Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go and say unto thee, Here we are?"

Since God is our refuge we must not be afraid, even in times of **natural** disasters.

- **Psalms 46:1-3:** "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah."

God said that He had created a new thing in the earth: a woman compassed a man. (No one knows what this means, except that the **natural** order of things has been reversed.)

- **Jeremiah 31:22:** "How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man."

When Ezekiel's beloved wife died it would have been **natural** for him to mourn and weep over this loss, but he wasn't allowed to do so. (God was using him to tell the Jews that the judgment He was sending upon them would be so severe that they wouldn't mourn for their loved ones.)

- **Ezekiel 24:16:** "Son of man, behold, I take away from thee

the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down."

The sailors on the ship with Jonah didn't believe the storm was **natural**. They were convinced that someone had done something to cause it. (They were right.)

- **Jonah 1:7:** "And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah."

The fruit we bear will indicate whether or not we're saved. If we're genuinely saved then we'll **naturally** bring forth good fruit. (If the Holy Spirit is in our life then we'll bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. If those fruits are absent then He is absent as well.)

- **Luke 3:9:** "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

The **natural** response to having our sins forgiven should be a great love for the person who forgave us (the Lord Jesus).

- **Luke 7:41-43:** "There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged."

All those who are part of the kingdom of God have been born twice. They've been born through the **natural** process (being conceived in the womb), and they've also been born of the Spirit.

- **John 3:5:** "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

The **natural** use of women is to have sex with a man (her husband). (In other words, there's nothing wrong with sex, provided it's within the confines of marriage.)

- **Romans 1:26:** "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:"

The **natural** use of men is to have sex with a woman (his wife). (In other words, there's nothing wrong with sex, provided it's within the confines of marriage.)

- **Romans 1:27:** "And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet."

There are times when God punishes the wicked by giving them a nature that lacks even **natural** affection.

- **Romans 1:31:** "Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:"

When the Gentiles **naturally** keep God's law even though they've never heard the gospel, they're revealing that God has written His law upon their hearts.

- **Romans 2:14-15:** "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)"

People aren't **naturally** good. Instead they're innately evil, because they have a sin nature that keeps them from doing the things they want to do, and makes them do things they don't want to do.

- **Romans 7:18-20:** "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me."

There's a physical Israel (an Israel of the flesh, who are the **natural** born Jews) and there's also a spiritual Israel (those who are the descendants of Abraham by faith).

- **Romans 9:6:** "Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:"

If God didn't spare the **natural** branches (the Jews) because of

their unbelief, then God won't spare anyone who doesn't believe.

- **Romans 11:21:** "For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee."

The Jews are God's chosen people. They are the **natural** branches that God has rejected for a time, but will one day graft back in.

- **Romans 11:24:** "For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?"

The **natural** (unsaved) man rejects the things of the Holy Spirit.

- **1 Corinthians 2:14:** "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Spiritual bodies are superior to **natural** bodies.

- **1 Corinthians 15:44:** "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body."

Before the resurrection, our body was **natural** (of this world). After the resurrection we will have spiritual bodies.

- **1 Corinthians 15:44, 46:** "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. ... Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual."

Those who have **natural** bodies are of the earth and are earthy. However, those who have spiritual bodies are of heaven.

- **1 Corinthians 15:46-48:** "Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly."

Death isn't a **natural** or good thing. Instead it's evil. Death is a result of sin, and one day God will do away with it forever.

- **1 Corinthians 15:26, 54, 56:** "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. ... So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. ... The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law."
- **Revelation 20:14:** "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."
- **Revelation 21:4:** "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Meekness is a **natural** result of having the Spirit in our life. (It's one of the fruits of the Spirit.)

- **Galatians 5:22-23:** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Timothy **naturally** cared about the state of the Philippian church.

- **Philippians 2:20:** "For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state."

Paul didn't believe God owed healing to Epaphroditus, or that it was **natural** to expect God to heal him. Instead he saw it as an act of mercy.

- **Philippians 2:25-27:** "Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow."

There are some virtues that don't come **naturally**, which we have to work hard in order to learn. However, it's important for us to learn them so we may please God.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:11:** "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own

hands, as we commanded you;"

Paul didn't treat women as morally superior and **naturally** sinless. Instead he taught that (like men) they're also tempted to sin, and he directly addressed some of the sins they're tempted to commit.

- **1 Timothy 5:13:** "And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not."

In the end times, people will become very depraved. Their depravity would be clearly seen by the fact that people will no longer have **natural** affection for one another, they won't keep their word, they will falsely accuse one another, they will lack self control, they will be fierce, and they will hate that which was good.

- **2 Timothy 3:1, 3:** "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ... Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,"

It's **natural** for believers to see Jesus as precious. It's also natural for unbelievers to see Him as offensive. This is because of the core natures of believers and unbelievers.

- **1 Peter 2:7-8:** "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being

disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed."

There are some teachings that everyone knows **naturally**, without having to be taught.

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