

Lord what is man that thou art mindful of him.

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There are many ways in which we may look at ourselves, which will readily suggest the question of the Psalmist, — In other parts of the word of God, man is spoken of as a worm, as a creature of but a day — as insignificant in size, as confined to very narrow limits as to time and space. — Let us ask and attempt to answer a few trite questions

1. Whence are we? ^{how} 2. What are we?
 3. Where are we? ^{where} 4. When are we? ^{when}
 5. Why are we? ^{why} 6. Where are we bound?
1. Our origin — Whence are we. —

- (a) Speculations of scientists — Darwinism
- (b) Bible account. —

Man, is not created in the image of God as to his body. — hence not necessary to suppose the origin of the body, different from that of other animals. — His soul came from the breath of the Almighty. His body made

from the dust easily heard. — His soul
so infinitely above that of brutes from God. —

II Who we are. Man places himself as at the
head of all animated beings — all are put under
his feet. Among naturalists he is the "homo
sapiens" — It is the mind that gives
man his superiority — enables him to
take that position above all animated beings
he has always held — and that which enables
~~himself~~ one man to surpass another &
a man to become a ruler among men.

What we are. As human beings. — It would
be impossible to descend into particulars
on this point. We are Americans — We
are, some men some women — some chil-
dren — All we hope X'tians. — Of many dif-
ferent occupations — and each one of us
is an individual — The German I & H. I.
Individuality. implies, responsibility, each
one owes something to his surroundings.
each one is accountable.

III Another ~~interesting~~ interesting of not important question is - Where are we? - Easy to answer - when we say here we are -
 - Where is this here - in the church -
 - In the city - &c. - N. Hemisphere - World -
 we may give our Lat & Long. & fix the place on the world exactly. But, where is the world, - It may be told, with reference to the sun - How far from it, & whereabouts in its orbit. But where is the sun &c. At last we confess that in absolute space we don't know where we are & nor is it of much importance to know. -

— We think sometimes that we remain immovable in the same place, but this is a deception.

IV When are we - At what time have we our being. - We will readily say A.D. 1885, June ~~25~~ ². What does 1885 mean. When was the same born - A.M. 4004 - When was the world created. - ?

• When was the beginning when God created the earth. — Don't know — probably hundreds of thousands of years before. & when the molten matter of which it was formed, was made, we will never know in this state of being. —

We exist in time, but what time is we do not know. There may be beings to whom a minute is an age — & others to which a century is the tick of a clock. —

Time is a strange thing. The Future ~~is gone~~ — has no existence, but will certainly come. The past ends where the future begins, and is metrically gone. The present is a point, has no existence, Man strangely made, has a quasi existence in the past. & also in the future. —

v. Why are we? Every thing seems to be made for a purpose. — but we cannot believe, that there is no intelligent director, of events & of intelligent beings

Why is evil permitted. Illus. Manure 5
fills, productive of rich crops -

of so why are we made? -

To glorify God. - to serve God -

To make use of the talents entrusted
to us. - & to account for them -

Each man was created for a purpose.
has some niche to fill -

VI. Lastly Where are we bound? -

Our destiny - - The great & important
question - - -

- Nations that forget God -

Individuals that forget God.

- What is our own particular destiny -

- There is such a thing as making
ones calling and election sure -

- God just. -

The end of man in this world -

The world to come -

The world of happiness
of misery.