

loved. And no matter how often he says he is amoral, in reality he has moral motions. We know that because he has been made in the image of God. Hence, even with a non-Xn, the Xn has a way to start, from the outside to the inside, in a way that non-Xns simply do not have.

Francis A. Schaeffer, He Is There and He Is Not Silent (Tyndale, 1972), 82-83

### 3. Locating a Point of Contact in the Created Structure of Rationality in the World

#### a. The Fact of the Created Structure of Rationality

In Gen 1:27-28 we read: "And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"

#### b. The Meaning of the Created Structure of Rationality

By this phrase "CSR" we mean a structure in the external world which correlates with the rational structure of the mind. This structure of rationality is an essential prerequisite for human knowledge of the external world, a necessary precondition for making sense of our experience of the world about us.

#### c. The Effect of Sin on the Created Structure of Rationality

Although Gen 3:17 says, "Cursed is the ground because of you"; and though Rom 8:20-21 says "creation was subjected to futility," yet the external world is still capable of being known by rational beings, showing that the creation, though it exhibits the scars of sin, yet continues to manifest the structure of rationality with which it was created.

#### d. The Relevance of the CSR for Point of Contact

If God has created both the external world with a structure of rationality, and man's mind with a corresponding structure of rationality, then this would also appear to be a point of contact, not only between man and his world, but between man and man.