

CIVILIZATION AND ITS DISCONTENTS

Genesis 4:16-26 (p. 6-7)

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Genesis 4:17-26*

The Fermi Paradox

*So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.
Cain lay with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch.
Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son
Genesis 4:16-17*

Cain to Lamech

*Lamech married two women
Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those live in tents and raise livestock.
His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute.
Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron.
Genesis 4:19-22*

The first "death metal" band

*Lamech said to his wives,
"Adah and Zilla, listen to me, wives of Lamech, hear my words.
I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me.
If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times."
Genesis 4:23-24*

The line of Messiah (or, “Trusting in the City”)

Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying,

“God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.

Seth also had a son, and called him Enosh. And at that time men began to call on the name of the Lord.

Genesis 4:25-26

1) God really loves _____

2) I’m either trusting in _____ or I’m trusting in _____

Resources for further study of Genesis 1-4

Timothy Keller’s “The History of the World in a Nutshell” <https://www.monergism.com/topics/sermon-manuscripts-mp3s-scripture/genesis/chapter-genesis/chapters-03-05-fall>

Bruce Waltke’s “Cain and His Offering” at http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/OTeSources/01Genesis/Text/Articles-Books/Waltke_Cain_WTJ.pdf

Eugene Merrill’s “Covenant and Kingdom” at http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/OTeSources/01-Genesis/Text/Articles-Books/Merrill-Gen1-3Theology-CTR.pdf

Julie Roy’s *Redeeming the Feminine Soul* (Nelson, 2017) is the best new book I’ve read on male and female in God’s image, even after the fall!

Spurgeon’s “The Blood of Abel and the Blood of Jesus” at <https://www.monergism.com/topics/sermon-manuscripts-mp3s-scripture/genesis/chapter-genesis/chapters-03-05-fall>

The CRCNA’s “Our World Belongs to God” has a powerful statement of the fall at <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god>

The Belgic Confession, especially Articles 14-15, at <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/confessions/belgic-confession>

John Currid’s biblical theology study at <https://www.monergism.com/topics/genesis>

Commentaries I like include John Sailhamer (*Expositor’s Bible Commentary* and *Genesis Unbound*); Bruce Waltke (*Genesis*, Zondervan, 2001); Allen P. Ross (*Creation and Blessing*, Baker, 1988). Sailhamer in particular has a different take on Cain’s city and Lamech’s song, seeing them more positively.

Scott Lindsay’s sermon at http://reformedperspectives.org/newfiles/sco_lindsay/OT.sco_lindsay.Genesis.4.17.26.html

C. Leupold’s helpful commentary at https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/bible_book/genesis_leupold.html

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Lyrics:

I need a helmet to protect my head
I need earphones to [hear](#) what gets said
I need a miracle to keep this little thread from snapping

I know a lot about alienated man
But we've all heard as much about that as we can stand
It's just what happens when you let the time span catch you napping

Two forward and one back
Blind fingers groping for the right [track](#)
What's to do when a stab and a pat on the back look like the same thing?

Civilization and its discontents
When all's been said and all the money spent
Trying to beat the system of the world's events
Gets you nowhere.

Tired faces with the bus stop blues
Man on a bench with a blanket of [news](#)
The young Jamaican joking with the old Jew about women

So many people so lost you feel sorry
But too much pathos just makes you angry
And even though I know who loves me I'm not that much less lost

Black outline, sliding gray scale
Subtle variations of dark to pale
Pearl sky raining light like hail, come on and pierce me
Raining light like a vision of the holy grail, come on and pierce me

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