

Transforming Vision:
Questions on Chapter Four: Acknowledging the Fall

1. What BIG question does the doctrine of the fall answer? What is our nature as human beings and what are our two religious alternatives, our two covenantal ways? What is meant by the term “antithesis” in this context? pp. 61-62.
2. Explain the dynamics of idolatry insofar as idols take God’s place. What are the profound consequences of this form of idolatry? pp. 62-64
3. Explain the dynamics of idolatry insofar as idols take our place. Why in this context do our authors believe that the *whole* person, including the physical body, is the image of God? What are the profound consequences of this form of idolatry? pp. 64-65
4. What are the two covenantal ways between which human beings must choose? Are there any other options? What does the book of Deuteronomy contribute to this understanding of the two covenantal ways? What are the consequences of covenant submission and obedience? What are the consequences of covenant rebellion and disobedience? pp. 65-67
5. What does this first sentence in the next section beginning on p. 67 mean? “The paths of wisdom-obedience and folly-disobedience cut across everything we do.” What arguments do our authors use to destroy the sacred/secular split? How does farming (based on Isaiah 28: 24-28) serve as an example of the holistic point of view? How does the building of the tabernacle as depicted in Exod. 31: 3-5 also shatter dualism? pp. 67-69
6. Are you a dualist? Why or why not?
7. What role did Satan play in the fall of humanity into sin? Describe the traits of his character and kingdom, and the consequences of his actions on humanity and the earth. The Bible teaches that human history is caught up in a war between two clashing kingdoms: God’s and Satan’s. What implications does this warfare have on life today? pp. 69-71