

1. A primary error began to take root in the church during the Middle Ages that is described by FAS on page 27 (para 2), page 31 (para 1), page 49 (para 2), and page 56 (para 3).

- Fill in the blanks from paragraph 1 on page 31:
 - "...the pristine Christianity set forth in the New Testament gradually became _____. A _____ element was added: increasingly, the _____ of the _____ took precedent over the _____ of the _____."
- How did this error lead to a distortion of the gospel?

- Fill in the blanks from this sentence later in the same paragraph on page 31:
 - "...the concept was essentially the same in that it was _____ taking to himself that which belonged to _____."
- Do you see this particular error being played out in the culture today? What are the consequences?

2. This primary error opened the door for a secondary error (Humanism) to take root as mentioned on pages 31, 51, 52, and 56.

- Describe Humanism in your own words or use words/phrases used by FAS to describe this philosophy.

3. Describe the impact and influence of Humanism on the art of the Middle Ages.

4. What is the time period of the Middle Ages as described by FAS (page 32) _____

5. In paragraph 1 on page 42, FAS says, "By the thirteenth century the great Aquinas had already begun, in deference to Aristotle, to open the door to placing revelation (from God) and human reason on equal footing."

- How does this undermine a Biblical worldview?

- FAS mentions "cracks and chinks" in faith that allowed Greek and Roman thought-forms to enter into the church (and into education). What caused these cracks and chinks and what is the logical conclusion of where this type of thinking leads?

6. Pages 51-56 describe in more detail the influence of Thomas Aquinas, who is regarded as one of the greatest theologians of his day. He revived the teachings of Aristotle and brought those teachings into the church of his day. Sadly, we are still living with the consequences of certain aspects of his thinking and reasoning to this day. Describe his philosophy and some of the negative results.
