

1B First Stab at a Theology of Engineering

We might summarize a basic theology of engineering in these statements (to be unpacked over upcoming chapters).

1. God designed and made the heavens and the earth in the beginning, setting the stage for engineering.
2. The first humans were given an "engineering mandate: (in Genesis 1:28) to use and to steward the natural world.
3. God initiated work and prepared people with a variety of interests and skills.
4. All human work, including engineering, can be done to God's glory.
5. The fall of man has led to human sin and failure, resulting in engineering disasters, misuse of technology, and ethical problems. There is a clear need for engineering ethics, based on Biblical truth. Engineering can be used to overcome some of the earthy results of the fall.

“As engineers it is incontestable that much of our effort is invested in improving living conditions outside of Eden; in this, there is a general and physical ‘ministry of reconciliation’.”

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6. Engineering can contribute to "human flourishing".

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