# Lesson 4: Where It Went Wrong

## Memory work

### 6. Q. Did God, then, create man so wicked and perverse?

*A. No, on the contrary,*

*God created man good and in His image,*

*that is, in true righteousness and holiness,*

*so that he might rightly know God his Creator,*

*heartily love Him,*

*and live with Him in eternal blessedness to praise and glorify Him.*

### 7. Q. From where, then, did man’s depraved nature come?

*A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise,*

*for there our nature became so corrupt*

*that we are all conceived and born in sin.*

### 8. Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined to all evil?

*A. Yes, unless we are regenerated by the Spirit of God.*

## Homework

*(Don’t forget: you are free to get help from parents and/or friends with doing these questions.)*

1.(3) The Roman Catholic Church teaches a doctrine referred to as “semi-Pelagianism”. What is the difference between Pelagianism, semi-Pelagianism, and Calvinism on the issue of man’s natural state? (you can check Wikipedia for the answer.)

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2.(2) Why say “*Plunge* into Sin” rather than “*Fall* into Sin”? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3.(3) Look up Canons of Dort Chapter 3&4 article 16 (last sentence). <https://canrc.org/beliefs>

Did man *before* the Plunge into Sin possess a free will? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why would this be an important truth? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Read Belgic Confession article 14. Is man’s will free *after* the plunge into sin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_