

(3) Man is Totally dependent upon the grace of God as a free gift.

(4) Position in blessing is a matter of the absolute election of God's will...God's foreknowledge is causative...He cannot know something that will not be.

c. The Five Points summary

The Arminian ideals were expressed in a famous tome, the Arminian Remonstrance, in which the general ideas were set forth. It was answered (1619) by the decrees of the Synod of Dordt. We summarize them as follows:

<u>Reformed</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Arminian</u>
Total	DEPRAVITY	Limited
Absolute	ELECTION	Mere Foreknowledge
Limited	ATONEMENT	Open
Irresistible	GRACE	Cooperatively known
Certainty	PERSEVERENCE	Doubtful

I suppose that not less than 1,000 books have been written on these subjects in every quarter century since the controversy stirred. You will see that there is very little that may be called "new" in the expressions...what is "new" is the particular emphasis given by the different schools.

F. Current anthropology thrusts

For this discussion we go to some of those blank paragraphs and it will be interesting to see how much we fill in when we get to them.

1. The evolutionary assessment

2. Contemporary Humanism