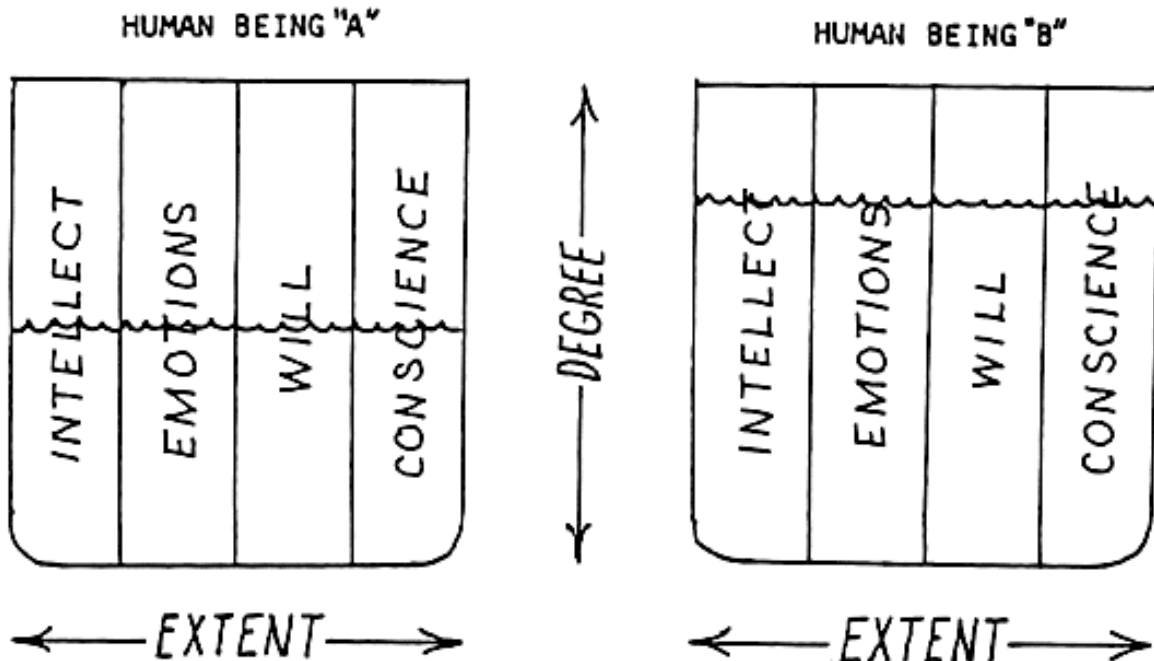


(f) it suggests the possibility that at birth, infants, who are born equally depraved in extent, may be born unequally depraved in degree.

Perhaps these two aspects of depravity -- extent and degree -- can be symbolized by two glass beakers, which are compartmentalized by permeable membranes into four vertical sections, and which contain unequal amounts of liquid. Let the beakers represent two human beings; the four vertical sections the faculties of intellect, emotions, will, and conscience; and the unequal amounts of liquid, depravity. Then we have the following model:



In this model, human being "A" is just as depraved, just as sinful as human being "B" in extent. Depravity extends to every faculty and power of their nature.

But human being "B" is more depraved, more sinful, than human being "A" in degree. Depravity has thus far progressed only to a certain (differing) degree in each of them.

C. Practical Questions about Sin, for Discussion

1. If sin is any transgression of, or lack of conformity to, the Law of God; and if the Law of God is the will of God that is addressed to the obedience of moral beings during the present age; then what is the will of God for today?

- a. Does it include the Ten Commandments?
- b. Does it include other parts of the Old Testament?
- c. Does it include Christ's commands and teachings and example as recorded in the Gospels?