

Original Righteousness as Donum concreatum

vs.

Donum superadditum / Donum supernaturale

Bible	Roman Catholic Church
<p>Genesis 1:31 “And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, <i>it was very good</i>. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 7:29 “Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.”</p> <p>Romans 2:14 “For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do <u>by nature</u> the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves.”</p> <p>Ephesians 2:23 “Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were <u>by nature</u> the children of wrath, even as others.”</p>	<p>“399 Scripture portrays the tragic consequences of this first disobedience. <u>Adam and Eve immediately lose the grace of original holiness</u>. They become afraid of the God of whom they have conceived a distorted image - that of a God jealous of his prerogatives.</p> <p>400 The harmony in which they had found themselves, thanks to original justice, is now destroyed: <u>the control of the soul's spiritual faculties over the body is shattered</u>; the union of man and woman becomes subject to tensions, their relations henceforth marked by lust and domination...”</p> <p>Numbers 399-400, Paragraph 7 “The Fall” The Roman Catholic Catechism</p> <p>There was in man naturally a contest between the flesh and the spirit, the reason and the appetite, from which flowed a certain disease and languor of nature arising from the condition of the material nature. Therefore God added original righteousness as a golden bridle to repress that conflict and to cover like a precious garment their nakedness and as a remedy to heal their weakness.</p> <p>-Summary of Bellarmine in <u>“De gratia primi hominis” in the compilation of his works, Volume 4, 23-29, published 1858.</u> It is only available in Latin.</p>

NOTES:

1) The Truth:

- (1) Man is good from the original constitution without anything added.
- (2) Concupiscence cannot be good because it is in conflict with the law. If remnants of the divine image are of the law, so must the whole image be.
- (3) If original sin can be transmitted, so must original righteousness, proving it is from nature, and not above it.

2) Advantage for the Roman Catholic Church to hold this position against the Bible: the Roman Catholic Church is able to reason many of its doctrines from this foundation, such as, the immaculate conception, baptismal regeneration, salvation by infused righteousness, the cursory effects of original sin, concupiscence removed from hamartiology, etc.