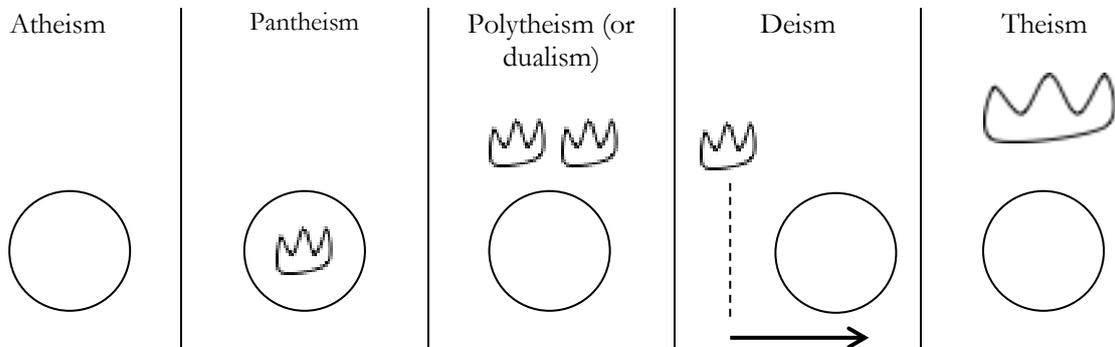


In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth

The doctrine of Creation explains the nature of God, and his relationship to the universe



Genesis 1:1 – 2:3; John 1:1-4; Colossians 1:15-17

God creates by his word

God is creator and *therefore* the rightful ruler - see Psalm 33:8-9; Revelation 4:11

The doctrine of Creation explains the nature of humanity, and our relationship to the rest of the universe and to God

We are “in his image” (Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8)

We are “male and female” (Genesis 1:27; 2:18-25)

- Same
- Different, with Eve as the ‘helper like opposite’
- And not able to fulfil our mandate alone

Aside: Creation in six days?

The question of Genre

Reasons to think that Genesis 1:1 – 2:4 might be more poetic include

- the place of the first *Toledot* in 2:4
- the creation of the sun
- the forming and filling pattern
- the symbolism of the seventh day

Aside: From one man?

The question of genre

The apostles think Adam was a real individual – e.g. Luke 3:38; Romans 5:12;

The Creation was subjected to futility

The fall denies God's word

Genesis 3:1-6 cf. 2:17

But it was God's word that had shaped creation!

The fall inverts creation's order

Romans 1:18-32

God	Serpent
Man	Woman
Woman	Man
Serpent	God

1 Timothy 2:12-15

The fall spoils creation's blessings

From the dust

 To work the garden

 With a wife for whom he gives thanks

 Naked, but unashamed

 FALL

 Naked and ashamed

 With a wife, about whom he complains

 To fight thorns and thistles

And return to the dust

In judgment God acts to de-creates the world (but for his grace)

Genesis 6:5-8

Seven days
Forty days
150 days
“but God remembered Noah” (8:1)
150 Days
Forty days
Seven days

Aside: through one man

Romans 5:12-21

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation

God's rescue plan involves a second Adam

Jesus re-lives Adam's life, but succeeds where Adam fails (Luke 3:23 – 4:13)

Where Adam brought sin and death, Jesus brings righteousness and life (Romans 5:12-21)

Jesus, as man, fulfils God's plans for humanity (Hebrews 2:5-18)

*O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came*

God's rescue plan involves a miracle of new creation

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

2 Corinthians 5:17

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth

God planned the new creation even before he made the old one

The tree in the middle of the garden?

The purpose of marriage (Ephesians 5:22-31)

The Sabbath Day (Genesis 2:1-3; Hebrews 4:1-13)

The new creation is like the old one but better

Spot the difference: Genesis 1-2 and Revelation 21-22

The new creation is physical not ethereal

1 Corinthians 15

Does the new creation 'replace' or 'renew' the old?

2 Peter 3:1-13

Romans 8:18-25