



QUOTES from “Do You Believe?” by Paul David Tripp

Definition of Creation:

“It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in the beginning, to make every visible or invisible thing that exists and to declare that all he had made was very good. He did this so his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness would be on constant display for all to see.”

How does our view of creation affect how we look at everything in life?

SCRIPTURE ON CREATION

Genesis 1-2

Psalms 115:1-6

Psalms 24:1

John 1:1-14

Psalms 65:1-13

Romans 8

THEOLOGY OF CREATION

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“If faith is not just something you believe with your mind but also something that shapes the way you live, then it is important to consider what it means to live in light of the truth of the doctrine of creation. Living in light of this foundational truth is much more than rejecting evolution. This truth doesn’t only require us to have a position on the origin of our world. It also reaches, in some way, into every dimension of our daily lives.”

The theology of creation teaches us:

1. God’s purpose for our lives.

Why did God create everything including us?

2. God’s authority in our lives.

In what sense do we belong to God and how do we not belong to God?

3. Our worship of God in our lives.

If we understand creation properly, what does it implicitly teach us about salvation?

DO YOU BELIEVE?

If we believe creation to be true, then that affects our view of everything:

1. Our view of stewardship

If we are under the creation mandate, what is our responsibility for the environment?

2. Our view of purpose

What is God's purpose in everything I do?

3. Our view of limits

What were some limits that God placed on creation before the fall?

4. Our view of redemption

If we understand creation properly, what does it tell us about ourselves?

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"If you are a Christian, this is the epicenter of everything you say you believe. If God did not create this world and everything in it, then every piece of biblical theology and history comes crashing down. Then God is not God, the world is not what he has said it is, you are not who he has said you were, and everything you thought was true is now something else. If God is not what he has said he is, then what about his law, what about his promises, what about his gospel, what about the hope of eternity, and what about the trustworthiness of his grace? The doctrine of creation is foundational; remove it, and the whole house of the Bible's theology comes crashing down. And if it does, you don't know who God is, who you are, what the world is, or what life is about. You are lost in a universe that has no center. Irrational, impersonal forces interact with one another and with you. There is no such thing as meaning and purpose, good or bad, moral or immoral.

Good biblical theology is creational theology. It's a theology that puts God at the beginning and in the center. It's a theology that is driven more by awe and worship than it is by the organizing of truths. 'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth' shapes our posture as we handle all of the other truths that unfold in the biblical narrative. Creational theology is humble theology; we are handling God's things, and we do it in worship, amazed at the grace that allows us to handle what is sacred."