

DOCTRINE OF CREATION

I. Introduction

II. *Creatio ex nihilo*

A. Biblical Data

1. Genesis 1.1

a. Main clause or subordinate clause?

(1)

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(5)

b. Title or opening sentence?

(1) Arguments for a title

(a)

(b)

(2) Argument for an opening sentence

(3) Resolution of arguments for a title

2. Is. 44.24; 45.18

3. Ps. 33.9; 90.2

4. Job 26.7

5. Prov. 8.22-31

6. II Macc. 7.28

7. Rom. 11.36; 4.17

8. Heb. 11.3

9. Rev. 4.11

10. Christ as Creator: I Cor. 8.6; Jn. 1.1-3; Col. 1.16-17; Heb. 1.2, 3

B. Systematic Summary

1. Definition of *Creatio ex nihilo*

2. Arguments for *Creatio ex nihilo*

a. Philosophical arguments

(1)

(2)

b. Scientific confirmation

(1) Big Bang Cosmology

(2) Thermodynamics

3. Objections to *Creatio ex nihilo*

III. Continuing Creation

A. Biblical Data

B. Systematic Summary

1. Definition of continuing Creation

2. Problems of Continuing Creation

IV. Providence

A. Biblical Data

1. Divine Sovereignty

2. Human Freedom

B. Systematic Summary

1. Calvinism

2. Arminianism

3. Molinism

V. Miracles

A. Biblical Data

1. OT:

2. NT:

B. Systematic Summary

1. 19th century collapse of belief in miracles

a.

b.

2. 18th century crucible

a. The attack on miracles

(1) The Newtonian World-Machine

(2) Benedict de Spinoza

(a)

(b)

(3) David Hume

(a)

(b)

b. The defense of miracles

(1) *Contra* Spinoza

(2) *Contra* Hume

3. Assessment of the debate

a. Natural laws and miracles

b. Spinoza's Objections

(1)

(2)

c. Hume's Objections

(1)

(2)

VI. Angels and Demons

A. Angels

1. Definition

2. Reason for angels

3. Nature of angels

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

h.

4. Work of angels

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

B. Satan and the Demons

1. Names of Satan

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

h.

i.

2. Origin of Satan

3. Nature of demons

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

4. Work of demons

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

5. Destiny of demons

6. Christian response to demons