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The Doctrine of Creation *A Constructive Kuyperian Approach*

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"A fresh, in-depth presentation of the biblical doctrine of creation. Ashford and Bartholomew write from the perspective of Kuyperian thought, with a commitment to exegetical warrant and catholic sympathy. This is the kind of theology we need more of!"

Timothy George, distinguished professor of divinity at Beeson Divinity School of Samford University and general editor of the Reformation Commentary on Scripture

The Doctrine of Creation in Neo-Calvinist Perspective

Apart from the doctrine of God, no doctrine is as comprehensive as that of creation. It is woven throughout the entire fabric of Christian theology. It goes to the deepest roots of reality and leaves no area of life untouched. Across the centuries, however, the doctrine of creation has often been eclipsed or threatened by various forms of gnosticism. Yet if Christians are to rise to current challenges related to public theology and ethics, we must regain a robust, biblical doctrine of creation.

According to Bruce Ashford and Craig Bartholomew, one of the best sources for outfitting this recovery is Dutch neo-Calvinism. Abraham Kuyper, Herman Bavinck, and their successors set forth a substantial doctrine of creation's goodness, but recent theological advances in this tradition have been limited. Now in *The Doctrine of Creation* Ashford and Bartholomew develop the Kuyperian tradition's rich resources on creation for systematic theology and the life of the church today.

In addition to tracing historical treatments of the doctrine, the authors explore intertwined theological themes such as the omnipotence of God, human vocation, and providence. They draw from diverse streams of Christian thought while remaining rooted in the Kuyperian tradition, with a sustained focus on doing theology in deep engagement with Scripture.

Approaching the world as God's creation changes everything. Thus *The Doctrine of Creation* concludes with implications for current issues, including those related to philosophy, science, the self, and human dignity. This exegetically grounded constructive theology contributes to renewed appreciation for and application of the doctrine of creation—which is ultimately a doctrine of profound hope.

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