**THIS IS OUR STORY, pt. 3 – CREATION**

**Eagerly Awaiting Renewal**

**Read *Genesis 1:1* and *Revelation 21:1-8***

Regarding **God**, the doctrine of creation professes the following:

1. God simply \_\_\_. He is uncreated and exists in eternity without beginning or end. (Ps. 90:2)
2. God created everything outside of himself. This means that he is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. God created everything *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*The Hebrew verb *bārā*’ is used only in relation to God.
4. As the creator, God is the only one truly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 95:6)
5. God created with a purpose and established order. (Gen. 1-2)
6. God is good, and **everything he created** was good. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_is an intruder, not part of the original creation. (Gen. 1:31)
7. God continually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his creation. (1 Cor. 8:6; Acts 17:24-25)

Regarding **humans**, the doctrine of creation professes the following:

1. We are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of creation and are made in the image of God.
2. We have inherent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 139:13-15)
3. We are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over creation.
4. We are morally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.

When humankind fell into sin all of creation suffered consequences, the chief of which is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 3

The neo-Darwinian theory of evolution (including its “Christianized” version called *theistic evolution*) is **NOT** compatible with the doctrine of creation. For detailed arguments, see articles on creation.com and answersingenesis.org.

**The New Creation – the New Heavens and the New Earth**

“The goal of redemption is redeemed creaturehood, not escape from creation.” – Michael Bird, *Evangelical Theology*

See Isaiah 65:17, Romans 8:18-23, 2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21-22.

The new creation began with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, continues through the renewal by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and will fully take place up on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

“New Creation means *restoration*: undoing the damage. Yet, mysteriously, it also implies a *plus*. Paradise regained is a more glorious paradise!” – Henry Blocher, *Creation*

See Nehemiah 9:6.