

Call for Proposals

This Consultation will engage in a highly participatory session discussing the doctrine of creatio ex nihilo. This doctrine of creation is viewed differently by many who accept the basic theological orientation that unites this Consultation. The session will begin with select panelists proposing reasons they either affirm or reject the doctrine. Audience members are encouraged subsequently to offer brief arguments in favor or against “creation out of nothing.” The session-long discussion should prove provocative on a number of levels. All are invited to participate in this special discussion devoted to evaluating the merits of creatio ex nihilo.

Mission

This Consultation brings together scholars of diverse interests and concerns. Prominent among those who participate are scholars who label themselves as process, openness, Wesleyan, feminist, liberation, Arminian, trinitarian, evangelical, etc. Those participating generally affirm the following:

- Theology involves speculation about who God truly is and what God really does
- God’s primary characteristic is love
- Creatures — at least humans — are genuinely free to make choices
- God experiences others in some way analogous to how creatures experience others
- Both creatures and God are relational beings, which means that both God and creatures are affected by others in give-and-take relationships
- God experiences changes, yet God’s nature or essence remains the same
- Creatures are called to act in ways that please God and make the world a better place
- The future is open — it is not predetermined by God

- God's expectations about the future are often partly dependent upon creaturely actions

Anonymity of Review Process


Proposer names are visible to Chairs but anonymous to Steering Committee Members.

Questions?

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