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Why the Doctrine of Creation Matters — Robert L. Reymond

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In his new book, *Contending for the Faith* [Mentor, 2005], theologian Robert L. Reymond of Knox Theological Seminary offers several insightful essays. Each is a short exercise in apologetics. Here is an insightful passage from his essay on creation:

What then is the theological significance of biblical creationism? Not only does it address and satisfy the screaming intellectual need that we all have as thinking persons for a rational explanation of the universe and ourselves that will preserve significance for us at the same time, but it also defines who we are as men and leaves us, so defined, with great worth and dignity. It also provides the theistic context for necessary for moral absolutes. Without the biblical doctrine of creation we are left with non-answers in these areas.

The church has traditionally understood Genesis as teaching a divine creation ex nihilo, and more particularly, the creation of man in his own image by a direct act of God. The church cannot afford to abandon these absolutely fundamental articles of faith, and it will do so only at great cost to itself and to the people it seeks to win to faith and to a home in heaven, because only as men are God's creatures do they have personal significance and only as they are his creatures are they responsible moral beings answerable finally, of course, to him.

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