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Creator

A Theological Interpretation of Genesis 1

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Discussions about God's work of creation are often overwhelmed by questions such as the age of the earth and the relationship between divine creation and evolution. Without completely ignoring these issues, this rigorously grounded theological interpretation of Genesis 1 engages thinkers like Plato, Martin Luther, and Karl Barth.

Grounding Theological Reflection in Creation

"Yes, this is a theological interpretation of Genesis 1—but it is so much more. Leithart boldly argues that God is the always-already Creator, whose triune love determines what we should take divine simplicity to mean. While scrupulously Protestant in attention to the biblical text, *Creator* builds creatively on the metaphysical insights of theologians as varied as Milbank, Bulgakov, and Jensen. Leithart's scintillating composition makes for joyful music, echoing the triune song that sings creation into being."

—**Hans Boersma**, Saint Benedict Servants of Christ Professor in Ascetical Theology at Nashotah House Theological Seminary

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"This deeply learned and wide-ranging study boils down to a simple conviction: God can be known and he can be named. Peter Leithart's voice is fresh and refreshing. Though thoroughly orthodox, he is hard to label. His extraordinary learning is all tethered to the defense of the historic wisdom of the church. This book is a must-read for any thoughtful Christian."

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"In *Creator*, Peter Leithart guides the reader through a profound reflection on the foundational creation account of the Scriptures, Genesis 1. Framed by an exploration of the Greek philosophical tradition and the Church's relation to it, Leithart calls the Church to take our stand 'in the beginning,' at the place where 'God created,' and from there to receive the Word of the triune God. Through his lively prose, Leithart challenges the Church to ground our theological reflection in the doctrine of creation, which means to adopt a heart of childlike trust in the Word of the Creator."

—**Joel Lawrence**, executive director of the Center for Pastor Theologians



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