Christian Thinkers Engage Scientifically and Theologically with the Doctrine of Creation

Exploring the theological reception of developments of modern science, this collection of studies from the Henry Center’s Creation Project examines how influential modern theologians—from the turn of the nineteenth century through the present—have engaged the scientific developments of their times in light of the doctrine of creation.

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This volume represents another valuable contribution of the Creation Project to our understanding of this vital doctrine. The thinkers profiled are influential, and the chapter authors are insightful. As the editors suggest, these case studies frequently deepen our awareness that seeking appropriate concord between theology and science is complex but inevitable for biblical Christians.”

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