

The Doctrine of Creation **by Christopher Warrington**

I believe that God created the universe out of nothing (Gen 1:1, Jn 1:3) in order to show His glory (Ps 19:1-2, Isa 43:7) and that in its original state it was “very good” (Gen 1:31).

I believe in the providence of God in that He is presently active in preserving the universe (Col 1:17, Heb 1:3) as well as acting within creation directing their distinctive properties toward His Will (Eph 1:11). I believe that He is in divine control of all events (Prov. 16:33) as well as the inanimate creation (Ps 135:7, Job 37:6–13), animals (Ps 104:27–29, Mt 6:26), the work of nations (Job 12:23, Ac 17:26) as well as all aspects of our lives (Ps 139:16, Php 4:19). And as such, I believe that we should trust in His care (Mt 10:29-31, Ps 121).

I believe that even though God is in control of all aspects of creation, He allows evil to happen for His good (Ge 50:20, Ro 8:28) and we should never blame Him for the acts of evil (Job 1:22, Jas 1:13–14).