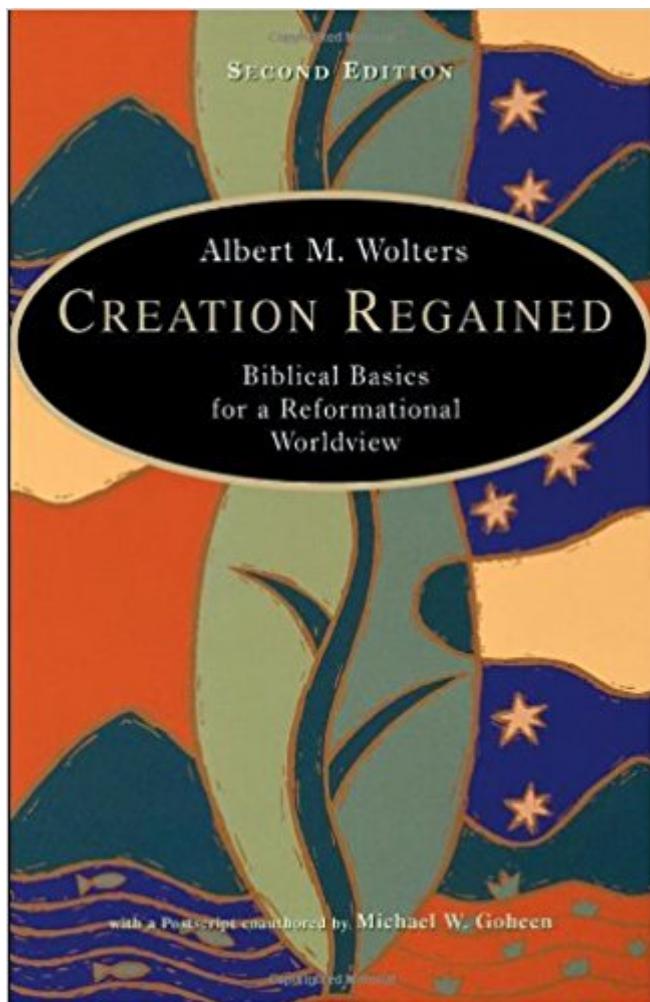


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# Creation Regained: Biblical Basics For A Reformational Worldview



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this biblical viewpoint. What Wolters prescribes is a great introduction to three points that can radically change the way we think and live. If you are looking for a worldview book that is heavy on applicable, biblical content rather than a rant about how the world is going to hell in a hand-basket this is the book for you.

Al Wolters lays out the foundation of the Dutch Reformed school of theology. While many evangelicals grasp the mantra "evangelize the lost," they make this case only for souls. Wolters explains that "For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now" (Romans 8:22). As a result, the whole of human endeavor is to redeem ANYTHING that was affected by the fall - music, the arts, government. This book is a clear and concise explanation that is organized in a progressive way. It's as though after every chapter I had a question and in the subsequent chapter he answered it. I HIGHLY recommend this book for anyone who is wanting to A) understand the basic tenets of Abraham Kuyper's theology and B) have his life changed in a great way. This book not only lays out the theoretical, but helps the Christian draw practical applications for redeeming his world.

Wolters very succinctly lays out an overview sketch of world history: Creation - Fall - Redemption. His perceptions about the Big Story - the biblical meta-narrative - are hopeful and thoughtful. I have found myself referring to his view of history over and over since reading this. I absolutely recommend this as a useful way to help categorize and understand the world as we find it. And, there is a profound hope that the suffering that we experience is not without meaning that is yet to be resolved. JDM

**Synopsis:** This book is entirely about a biblical worldview and outlook on the world. It follows the structure of Creation, Fall and Redemption to tell construct a biblical understanding of the world as we find it. This book majors on all of creation being God's kingdom, not just church stuff. It does a wonderful job of cutting down the sacred/secular divide and instead insists again and again that everything is sacred for it is all under God. Selling cars is as holy as being a pastor. It's super helpful.

**Why I Read It:** I read this book because my friend Luke mentioned it to me a couple months ago. The context was we were talking about all of life being under God's rule and regien and how work was holy and he said this book talked a lot about that. I wanted to know more so I read this book. It was a good recommendation

**Why You Should Read It:** This book is slightly academic, it was originally written as an intro to a philosophy course. As a philosophy major myself I still had to slow

down a little bit to read through it carefully. At just over a hundred pages this book isn't long, but like I said it takes a bit more time to sift through than your average book. That said, you don't have to be a PhD to read it. I would recommend this book if you want to know more about how the Kingdom of God rules over all Creation. I would also recommend this book if you have questions about how we should engage culture. Honestly if I had my way I'd probably make this required reading for every Christian in America.....but let's be honest I would probably say that about most books I read. The problem is you people, you guys just need to read more.Final Word:Mr. Wolters handles all issues with grace and candor. If you are a teacher of the Bible I would say you should read this book to be sure help give your flock a better understanding of how to engage culture and how to treat their day jobs as service to Yaweh.

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