

TH601 Assignment 8- Bird, Sec. 2.3 by Chun Kit Lam

Questions

1. What is providential monotheism?
2. What are the 4 constituent parts of creational monotheism?
3. How is Pantheism different from creational monotheism?
4. What is the difference between Henotheism and Paganism?
5. What is Gnosticism?

Answers

1. The doctrine of providence encapsulates the conviction that God sustains the world that he has created and directs it to its appointed destiny
2. The constituent parts of creational monotheism are exclusive monotheism, regal monotheism, providential monotheism and covenantal monotheism.
3. Pantheism is the view that God literally is the universe and God inhabits the universe; while creational monotheism proposes that God is distinct from the universe.
4. Henotheism is the belief a supreme god among a pantheon of lesser gods, while paganism is the belief in many gods and spirits with varied degrees of interest and concern over human being
5. Gnosticism is the view that a wicked demigod created the world and that another benevolent god is responsible for salvation.

Terms

Arminianism: providence is shaped in some respects by divine foreknowledge of human choices

Open Theism: providence is an unfolding reality for God and humanity

Perichoresis: mutual interpretation of the persons within the Godhead

Summary

Creational monotheism makes Christian creative view distinctive and it prevents us from worshiping created things rather than the Creator. The recognition of God as creator is throughout the Old Testament and such frequent recognition leads us into worshipping him naturally. The specific role of humans in creation is to be the custodians of earth. Creation exhibits the sign of order and this orderliness of creation establishes the possibility of science for understanding creation.