

# SESSION 17

## **Creation & Science**



## Instructor



Dr. Gene Haas grew up in Canada in a religious home but did not know the grace of salvation in Christ, after university, travelling in Europe for 8 months, Gene was converted to Christ at the age of twenty-two in the mountains of Switzerland. After returning to Canada, God led him to attend Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, where he earned the M.Div. and Th. M. degrees.

Returning to Canada, he was involved in a church plant, and taught at a Bible college for 4 years. During this time, he was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. He moved to Toronto where he completed a doctorate in theology at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. After that, he was a Church Planting pastor for 5 years. He then accepted a position as Professor of Religion and Theology at Redeemer University, Ontario, Canada, where he taught for 28 years. He has been married for 39 years, and has two sons, and grandchildren.

Since his retirement from teaching at Redeemer University, he has been busy with research and writing, as well as frequent preaching at a variety of churches. He is also Chairman of the committee of the Eastern Canada Presbytery which guides and examines all candidates for the pastoral ministry. He has a deep passion for instructing candidates in the Bible and in theology, and for relating the Christian faith to contemporary issues of North American culture, especially in the area of ethics.

## Goals

### Sessions Overview

- 15. The Decrees of God
- 16. Creation
- 17. Creation & Science**
- 18. Providence

### Session Summary

Was the world created? What do atheists and other religions say? If God created the world, what did He do it for, and what is His relation to it? This session is a sequel of the previous one. Let's take a look at some of the deep philosophical but fundamental questions about God's motivation for the creation.

### Fill in the Blanks

1. What is the difference between the three non-Christian worldviews of creation?

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2. What is the main difference between the non-Christian worldviews and the Judeo-Christian worldview of the **source** of reality?

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3. Why did God not **need** to create the world?  
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4. Why did God create the world?  
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5. John Calvin says: “The world is the \_\_\_\_\_”
6. What does it mean when we say that creation has a “relative independence”?  
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7. According to the teaching in this video, what is one of the main purposes of creation?  
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8. Are there any food people should not eat? \_\_\_\_\_ What does 1 Timothy 4:1-5  
say we should do to food before we eat it?  
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9. According to verse 4, what foods should be rejected? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is the relationship people should have to the creation?  
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