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One approach to academic debates, issues and question is through great theologies that span the Bible.

We need a solid Theology of Creation

Psa 8

Psa 19:1-6a

When we talk about creation we usually talk about it from point of view of science.

BUT

Creation is about all our creativities – music, poetry, social practices, mathematics – are all undergirded by God's action.

The university has a mission to the church – the university forces us to deepen our understanding of creation from botany, cosmology

Any discovery in the university is telling something about God, God's work, God's redemptive purpose

God also speaks to us through:

--non-Christians

--institutions other than the church

We need a solid Theology of Reconciliation/Redemption

Through his death and resurrection all things are being brought under his rule.

Reconciliation/redemption can be brought to every institution.

- All the best music, art, literature, architecture – will be resurrected, stripped of its idolatry and directed to true worship.
- All the divisive debates may yield to restoration . . .

If our academic/campus work is in line with God's Kingdom principles, with truth and beauty, we are bringing about the Kingdom of God.

We need a solid Theology of Revelation

Romans 1

God created a whole world to reveal his character. (Even that is not enough)

- All persons have some knowledge of God (Rom 1)
- OT borrows from non-Christian thought -- surrounding pagan cultures – in the wisdom literature.
- NT likewise – adopts and redeems it
- Peter listens to what Cornelius had to say Acts 1 —God speaks through Cornelius as a pagan. Peter is undergoing an experience of deeper conversion by his encounter with this pagan.

In any authentic evangelism, we are learning from the other.

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