

Worship

- Preaching (and Other Church Talk)
 - Avoiding the “As Though” Tense: as though ...
 - Creation took place sometime in the distant past rather than still going on
 - God is the sole creator rather than calling upon the creation to participate in its own creation
 - The earth is the center of creation given the discovery of an increasing number of extra solar planets
 - Humanity is the pinnacle of creation given that *Homo sapiens* are a contingent creation with no guarantee of an indefinite future
 - Decay and death are a consequence of sin given that the “death” of stars made the heavier elements available for the emergence of life and extinction is an essential element of evolutionary creativity
 - Sin originated in a “fall from grace” at some specific point in the human past given that human origins are an emergent evolutionary population phenomenon rather than the sudden appearance of a radically new single pair of creatures
- Prayer
 - Not “Spiritual Technology”: accomplishing things by directing divine power
 - Intercessory/Petitionary Assumptions
 - God does not know our needs unless call God’s attention to them?
 - God does not respond unless we ask for divine intervention?
 - God has to intervene because God has not already provided for our needs in the midst of nature that is God’s creation?
- Hymnody
 - Singing to the Lord a New Song
 - Old tunes, new lyrics
 - Poets needed to write lyrics fit for a 21st century creation