

Lecture 1: The Goodness of Creation

Two accounts of Creation, in chronological order. And how God is visible in creation. (Does this make a difference to the way we treat our planet?). Then another take on creation.

1. Genesis 2:4-25 (an earlier tradition; time of King Solomon, 10th Century)
2. Genesis 1:1-2:4a (?6th Century from the P tradition, challenging Ugarit's epic of Baal and the Babylonian Enuma Elish), creation in 9 stages, 7 days.
3. The story of Noah: Genesis 6:1-8. How creation can go wrong.

Conclusion: God is visible in the divine creation; but human beings can get things wrong.