

(3) Creation is an act arising out of God's sovereign good pleasure.

God created all things according to the counsel of His will, out of His good pleasure.

Ephesians 1:11 -- "also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,"

Revelation 4:11 -- "Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."

b. Creation is a temporal act of God

Three ideas are intended by this point:

- (1) By "temporal act" is meant that it is not an eternal act. Creation is not an eternal bringing into being of that which is not the Creator. God said, "Let there come into existence!" and it was so.
- (2) By "temporal act" is meant that it is an act of God which occurs at a point in the sequence of God's own ongoing self-experience. There is a point before He begins to exert power to bring the universe into being, then there is a point after He begins to create.
- (3) By "temporal act" is also meant that it is an act of God which brings into existence the time dimension of the physical universe, with its feature of duration measured by physical movement and change.

c. The triune God is the author of creation

All three Persons are authors of the work, albeit from a different aspect.

- (1) All things are created out of the Father

I Corinthians 8:6 -- "yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him;"

- (2) All things are created through the Son

I Corinthians 8:6 -- "and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him."

John 1:3 -- "All things came into being through Him  $\delta\iota'$  αὐτοῦ);"