

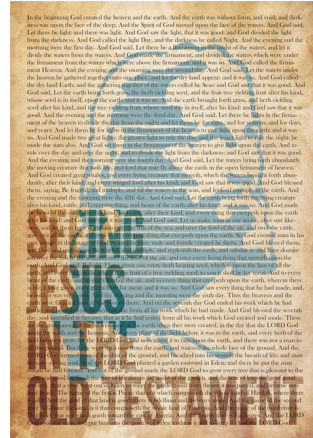


CBI e-Bulletin

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"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word.

When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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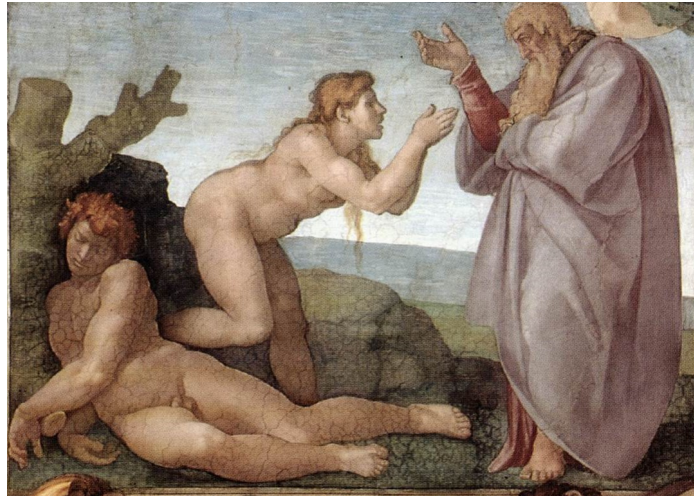
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God's Majestic Creation

A few days ago I took my three oldest children fishing, and while we didn't end up catching any fish, we did at least catch some great glimpses of a beautiful summer evening. My daughter marveled at the moon in particular: "Dad, check out the moon. It looks so majestic."

She was right. It was full and clear and bright. "It's a wonderful part of God's creation," I replied.

But my daughter's comment also got me thinking about where God is at his most majestic when he creates the heavens and the earth. What would you say? Something like the moon or the stars, or perhaps the great oceans or a range of mountains?

In the first chapter of Genesis, we have some pretty majestic activity: separating light from darkness, water from water, and making plants and animals and, finally, humanity. In Genesis 2, however, we get an even closer look at the creation of Adam and Eve. Have you ever wondered why that is? My hunch is that it has everything to do with God's *majesty*. Here's why...

The first thing that strikes me about Genesis 2 is how *earthy* it is: no bush in the land, working the ground, a mist going up from the land, man formed from the dust of the ground, God planting a garden (mentioned four times), God causing trees to sprout from the ground, God forming every beast and bird from the ground, and so on. It seems to me that all this earthiness is indicating that an even greater majesty of God is to be found *within* the very fabric of his creation, as if a heavenly glory is in the process of being "planted" right into the earth.

And if so, then there's something we can learn about God when he creates humanity that we just can't see in the moon. When humanity works the ground, for example, we see something of how God tends to his creation in a very personal way. By means of our human body made from the ground, we interact with other creatures, serve them, and receive from them. Likewise, by means of taking on flesh, God interacts with other flesh, serves them in the flesh, and receives from them thanks and praise in the flesh. It all points to a much greater majesty of God, one revolving around bodily service.

Does this come to a culmination in the creation of Eve? It was fairly common in the history of the church to see Adam's loss of a rib as a kind of sacrifice undergone for the sake of a much greater reward. As one influential interpreter puts it, Adam may lose a part of himself, but when he sees Eve, "he now saw himself, who had before been imperfect, rendered complete in his wife."

Yes, we can certainly learn something about God's majesty from the moon and stars and great sea creatures of Genesis 1, but the climax of it all comes at the end of Genesis 2, where we learn that God's greatest majesty is to be found in *embodied sacrifice*. This, of course, is the majesty we see most clearly when the second Adam gives up his life for the sake of his bride, the church, and the majesty to which we ourselves bear witness in our own lives whenever we become weak to receive an even greater strength, when we lose our life to gain a far greater one.

Dr. Brian German

Director of the Concordia Bible Institute



Heaven on Earth: A Study of the Book of Revelation



Dr. German's newest offering through Continuing Education Studies of CUW

The book of Revelation is widely known for how it speaks about things that are way "up there" and way "down the road." While this is most certainly true, its real greatness is in the many fascinating ways it reveals the "right here" and the "right now" of what is taking place in Christian worship, the place where heaven meets earth. Come take a fresh look at this challenging book with Dr. German. This course features a close look at eight chapters from the book of Revelation, covered over six 30-minute video lectures, each supplemented with discussion questions and other instructional material. A new section opens July 1!

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Read the Bible in a Year

Looking to add to your devotions this year? Or simply want to accomplish the goal of reading the Bible in a year? Follow along with the calendar below! A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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New Archive Videos of Dr. Saleska Available

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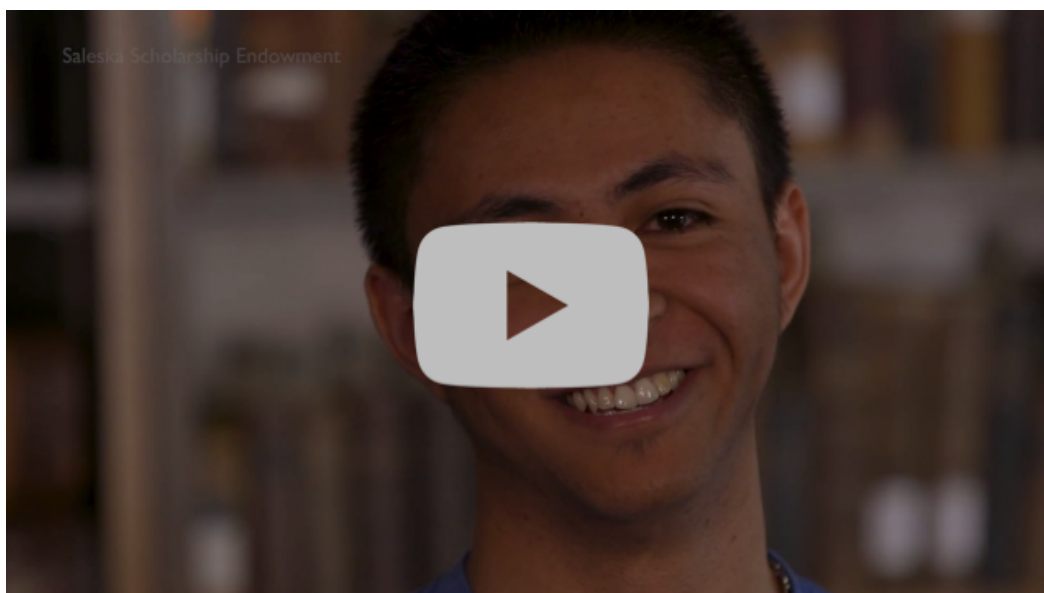


- Visit [here](#) to view all the videos we have available so far.
- Current teachings available include Dr. Saleska on Christ in the Old Testament, Biblical Psychology, Parables of the Kingdom, and Christ Crucified Everywhere in Scripture.

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- Visit concordiabible.org/Saleska for more information and to give (scroll down to the bottom of the page to see all of our resources).
- Help us get the word out to those who want to help Pre-Seminary students and to those who knew Dr. Saleska.
- Click here to watch our video: <https://youtu.be/vqLfzI9Wlkw>



Saleska Scholarship Endowment

In honor of Rev. Dr. John Saleska's legacy of teaching "Christ in Every Word" among us, CBI has established "The Concordia Bible Institute Saleska Scholarship Endowment," whose purpose is to provide financial assistance to pre-seminary students at Concordia University Wisconsin. In an age of biblical illiteracy, it is hoped that this endowment will help future pastors carry forward Dr. Saleska's lifelong conviction of teaching "Christ in Every Word" as they read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures.



Please join me in spreading the word about the origination of this endowment and by praying for its growth. For ways to contribute and resources about this endowment, please visit concordiabible.org/saleska and designate "Saleska Scholarship Endowment" on your method of giving.

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