

Three Great Speeches of God

1. Three major speeches of God to mankind: creation, scripture, and the incarnation
2. Philosophy is human talk *about* God
3. Theology concerns itself with a word *from* God
4. Theology deals with what God has said and *how we* will respond
5. We all have the *capacity* to hear God
6. We all have the *responsibility* to respond

God Speaks Through Creation

1. God is in creation, but he is also "Other" than creation
2. Pantheism: God is everything
3. Panentheism: God is in all things
4. Every created thing is a unique expression of God
5. Through creation, God is seeking to enter into dialog with us
6. Eastern religions attempt to climb up to God by turning away from the physical creation
7. Part of our response is honoring the physical creation, including our "embodied" selves

8. Western materialism turns a deaf ear to creation
9. We must come to see the profoundly sacramental nature of creation so that we can live in a "God-bathed" world
10. In my uniqueness and authenticity, I am also a part of the speech of God
11. How do we respond appropriately to God's voice in creation?
 - a. Ask God to open our eyes and ears to what he is saying
 - b. Responsible ecology
 - c. Personal transformation