

Study Guide: Creation of All That Is, Seen and Unseen

To study the topic on the Church's teaching about the created universe, consult the paragraphs indicated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC). **Note that the "In Brief" sections of the Catechism may help answer the questions below.**

1. What does the expression "heaven and earth" in the Apostles' Creed refer to? (CCC 325-327)
2. Why is the doctrine of the physical creation "of major importance"? How is this doctrine inseparable from the revelation of the Covenant? (CCC 280, 282-285, 288-289)
3. How does God create? Why does God create? (CCC 295-298)
4. What is "providence"? How does the providence of a good God fit in with the scandal of evil in the world? (CCC 302-305, 309-314)
5. If the term *angel* does not refer to the **nature** of these beings, what does it refer to? What kind of creatures are angels? (CCC 328-330)
6. Why do the angels belong to Christ? (CCC 331)
7. What does the Catechism say about the role of angels in salvation history? What role do angels play in the life of the Church? What does the Catechism say about "guardian angels"? (CCC 332-336)

8. What are the demons? How did they become demons? Why is the sin of an angel unforgivable? How much power does Satan have? Why does Scripture say the Son of God appeared on earth? (CCC 391-392, 394-395)

9. What place does mankind occupy in the scale of creatures?. How important is the human person? What gives the human person dignity? (CCC 342-344, 356-357, 364, 1700)

10. Why was humankind created in spite of sin? (CCC 27, 358, 1703, 1045)

11. Why does the human race form a unity? (CCC 359-361, 371-373)

12. What components make up the human being? What is the spiritual part like? How does it come into being if not through the parents? (362-366)

13. How does the Catechism explain the difference between the human "spirit" and the human "soul"? What is the "heart"? (CCC 367-368)

14. What does the hope of the "new heavens and the new earth" mean for mankind? for the visible universe? Why does this hope not diminish our concern for the environment? (CCC 1042-1050)

15. How does the doctrine of creation provide a source of Christian prayer? (CCC 2569)