



# “In the beginning God created...”

## *Genesis - foundations of a creation theology*

In his presentation at the Forum on Caring for God’s Creation at Canberra City Uniting Church in September last year, Bishop George Browning said, “Christian belief and Christian living is predicated upon two foundational theologies, a Creation theology and a Redemption theology. Yet, many within the Church as well as many outside could be excused for believing that there is only one theology, namely a theology of redemption. It is my contention that redemption theology should be formed and influenced by creation theology and creation theology should be informed and influenced by redemption theology...I contend that unless Christianity re-find its legitimate voice in its creation based roots it will at best be on the margins of the major debates and challenges facing modern humanity and at worst will be irrelevant.”

As a response to the challenge of Christianity restoring its creation based roots, with guidance from Basil Rebera, we hope to make a very small beginning with two studies on the foundational texts, in the Bible itself: the Creation Stories in Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a and Genesis 2:4b – 3:24.

**Basil Rebera** has kindly agreed to lead these studies as part of our Caring for Creation theme for October 2012, as follows:

**Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a**

8.30 – 9.45 am Sunday 6 November before morning worship

10.00 – 11.30 am Thursday morning 3 November

**Genesis 2:4b – 3:24**

8.30 – 9.45 am Sunday 13 November before morning worship

10.00 – 11.30 am Thursday morning 10 November

For more information about the studies or to register please contact

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