



## Questions:

1. What does it mean if there is a continuous flow between the human, the angelic and the creaturely? How is that different from the prevailing view?
2. What stood out for you from Genesis 1:20-23? What insights do these verses provide into the continuous flow of life on Earth?
3. Bruce suggests an idea that God may not have created the universe, but rather may be an ongoing participant in its creation. What do you think of that idea? What does it take away from or add to the idea of God as the sole creator?
4. How do you think living things other than humans fit into God's universe? What is our relationship to them? What should it be?
6. Does creation have an inherent sense of playfulness? If so, where do you find it? What opportunities for playfulness do you have in your life?

## EPISODE TITLE: "Creatureliness"

On Earth As It Is In Heaven, Episode 5

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I am a practical theologian, pastor, spiritual guide, author, and leader in lay and pastoral faith formation. This fall I was Visiting Professor of Process Studies at Claremont School of Theology/Claremont Lincoln University. Prior to that I served as Director of Continuing Education and Professor of Practical Theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary (2003-2010). I also was co-pastor of Disciples United Community Church (a partnership Disciples of Christ/United Church of Christ congregation) from 2004-2010.

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### Pneuma Divina Scripture: Genesis 1:20-23

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

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