

## Lesson 6

Please read paragraphs 279-354 and then answer the following questions:

1. Why is catechesis on creation so important? (# 282) Why do you think so many people are confused about this issue today?
2. As believers, what should be our response to the verified discoveries of science concerning the origins of the world and of man? (# 283) Does this seem to be the response of most Catholics? Why or why not?
3. As regards creation, how are the natural sciences limited? (# 284) Do you think most people today recognize this limitation, or do they mistakenly believe that science can answer all questions?
4. In # 285 several philosophical errors of the past are mentioned (pantheism, dualism, etc.) Where do you see these errors manifesting themselves today?
5. The Catechism reminds us that *"the world was made for the glory of God."* (# 293) In what ways do you see the glory of the Lord present in the world? In what ways is it absent?
6. St. Irenaeus once said *"the glory of God is man fully alive"*. Some people would say that to be fully alive means to live as you please and do whatever you feel like doing. What do you think St. Irenaeus meant by these words?
7. What is the difference between the "creation" of an artist and the creation of God? (# 296)
8. # 298 is a paragraph of hope. How do these words give us hope?
9. What is the attitude of the Church as regards God's creation? (# 299)
10. #'s 302-314 discuss *"divine providence."* What are some of the ways in which you've experienced this providence in your life?
11. There is a great deal of talk today about angels. What important points are made about angels in this section of the Catechism? ( #'s 328-336)
12. #'s 337-349 speak of the *"truths revealed by God for our salvation"* which are taught in the first chapters of the Book of Genesis. Notice there are no strictly scientific truths listed here. Why not?
13. Read #'s 339, 342, 343 and 344. Which 2 would a radical animal rights activist agree with (at least to some extent)? Why is it important for us to understand and embrace the truths affirmed in all 4 of these paragraphs?