

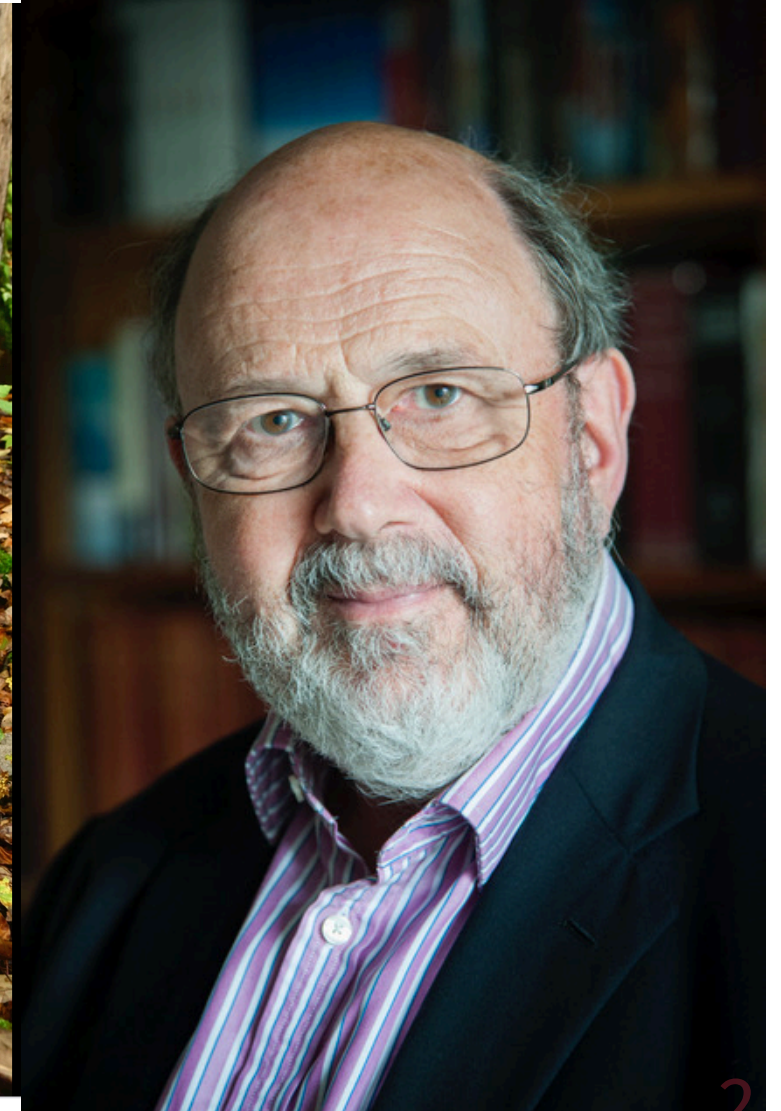
# **CORE 100 (4): ES**

# **Fall/Heartbreak**

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# Reformed Theology: KINGDOM

*Matthew 6:10, Mark 1:14-15, Micah 6:8*

- “The kingdom of God is the rule of God over all things. God is king. He is sovereign. He reigns...The kingdom is both a present and a future reality. It is “already now” and “not yet.” Jesus said the kingdom is at hand; he also prayed for the kingdom to come.”
- “Closely related to an emphasis upon the kingdom is a commitment to seek justice in society...Christians construe God’s call to love as applying to the personal relationships Christians have with people within the communities in which they live; whereas justice is something that Christians can seek for all people everywhere.”

# According to Wright,

- What is "Evolutionary Optimism / The Myth of Progress"? (pp. 81-87)
- What does Wright mean by "Souls in Transit" (Platonic dualism / Gnosticism)? (pp. 88-91)
- Wright thinks *both* those ideas are **wrong**, so what does he think is *right*? He doesn't say much yet, but what can we say for now?

**Wright claims that Christian hope of the (physical, material) redemption and renewal of people and all creation strongly informs how we treat one another, and the earth. Matter *matters* and what exists now will be transformed, not destroyed or replaced.**

# With your Partner...

- Choose (at least) 1 Wright quote, plus
- Choose (at least) 1 other-author quote
- Together, how do they provide insight into how we can understand - or respond to - fallen-ness in the area of Environmental Sustainability?

*You will plan a (very short) presentation of your idea. Classmates will listen, then ask at least two questions.*



## Question ideas...

1. I didn't quite understand what you meant by . . . - can you explain more or give an example? Or, Can you put that another way?
2. Oh, I didn't notice that idea when I did the reading! Can you find a passage in the chapter that illustrates that point?
3. Wait, what page is that quote on? I'm trying to find it. . .
4. Did anyone else find a different example of a similar point?
5. Is there a connection between [current idea] and [an idea discussed earlier]?
6. What bothers (or confuses) you most about . . . ?
7. What are some consequences of Wright's idea that . . . ?