

Teaching Theology with Paracosms

Cosmology (about creation)

How does your world come into being?

Theology (about God)/**Christology** (about Christ)/**Pneumatology** (about the Spirit)

Is there a divine being in your world? More than one? How did the divine being come to be?
Is the divine being similar to or different from your world's inhabitants?
How is the divine being in relationship (or not) to the inhabitants of the world?
Does the divine being have knowledge beyond inhabitants' knowledge?
Does the divine being give free will to the inhabitants of the world?

Hamartiology (about sin)

Is there "sin" (however you choose to define that) in your world?
How did "sin" enter your world?
How do the inhabitants of your world know if something is a "sin"?
Can the inhabitants of your world escape "sin" and its consequences?

Soteriology (about salvation)

Do individuals in your world need to be saved? From what? For what?
Does your entire world need to be saved? From what? For what?
How is your world saved? Do you as the creator have a plan to save your world? Or are you going to spend more time in your world before you outline the story of salvation?

Ecclesiology (about the church)

Is there a group that is "called out" of your world? Who are they? Why are they called out?
How does one join that "called out" group?
What is the purpose of the "called out" group?
How should that group govern itself?
How are they to "be" in relation to the rest of the world?

Anthropology (about humanity)

Are there humans in your world?
If your world is a human-based world, how is humanity perceived? Are humans essentially good?
Essentially flawed?
If your world is not human-based, how are humans perceived by non-humans?

Eschatology (about end times)

How does your world end?

Ecumenism (about divisions and renewing unity in the Christian church)

What divides the inhabitants of your world?
Can those divisions be overcome? How?

Sacraments (about sacraments)

Are there specific rituals/ceremonies that are meaningful in your world? What do they do?
What do they mean?
Have the observance of those rituals/ceremonies changed over time?
How do these rituals/ceremonies relate to everyday life?

