

## MODERN ORIGINS DEBATE

### I. KEY THOUGHTS

#### 1. Anti-evolutionism is alive & well in the United States & Canada

GALLUP POLL (1982-2014) conducted 12X

**43-47%** of Americans accept:

“God created man pretty much in his present form at one time within the last 10,000 years”

ANGUS REID POLL (2012)

**39%** of Canadians reject or are uncertain that:

“Human beings evolved from less advanced forms over millions of years”

ANGUS REID POLL (2007)

**42%** of Canadians accept “dinosaurs & humans co-existed”

**21%** not sure

#### 2. Factors Contributing to Anti-Evolutionism:

- Problem with Public Education

rarely deals with evolutionary biology or the hermeneutics of Gen 1-11

- American Fundamentalist & Evangelical Protestant Tradition

Concordist Hermeneutics

ABC PRIME TIME POLL (2004)

**87%** of US evangelicals believe 6 Day Creation (Gen 1) & Global Flood of Noah (Gen 6-9)

are “literally true, meaning it happened that way word-for-word”

Aggressive & Politically Powerful

long history of attempting to put anti-evolutionism in public schools

#### 3. Anti-Evolutionism fuels the Origins Dichotomy

most people believe that there really is an Evolution vs. Creation Debate

### II. CATEGORIES ON THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE & LIFE

THE CHART:

- 5 basic origins positions

- 14 categories on left margin

- Christian bias → but applicable to other religions

- Choose & Combine different categories → you create a new position!

- could add Agnostics:

Religious Agnostics → uncertain about the existence of God

Scientific Agnostics → uncertain about evolution

THE KEY CATEGORICAL CONCEPT

**SEPARATE DON'T CONFLATE:**

- (1) God's Activity in the Origins of the Universe & Life

**cosmological** divine action in origins

FROM

- (2) God's Activity in the Lives of Men & Women

**personal** divine action in relationships

## 1. Young Earth Creation

common understanding of the “creationist” position

### Scientific Issues

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- conflicts with every evolutionary science:

cosmological evolution, geological evolution & biological evolution

PEW RESEARCH CENTER (2009)

**97%** of US scientists accept: “humans and other living things have evolved over time”

QUESTION

are 97% of scientists wrong?

YEC Henry Morris claims they are “blinded by Satan” **SQ1**

is that reasonable?

- YEC Fossil Pattern Prediction

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bones of every living organism should be at the bottom of the fossil record

EG humans & dinosaurs should be together

see Episode 131 & S12-16

BUT

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☛ fossil record does not align with YEC prediction

shows an evolutionary sequence: fish → amphibians → reptiles → mammals

### Hermeneutical Issues

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- accepts strict & literal scientific concordism & historical concordism in Gen 1-11

BUT to be consistent concordists, YECists need to accept a 3-tier universe

BUT

scientific concordism throughout the entire Bible → FAILS

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scientific concordism & historical concordism in Gen 1-11 → FAILS

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## 2. Progressive Creation (Day-Age Theory)

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view of origins often held today by university educated Christians

### Scientific Issues

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- creates a dichotomy between: (1) cosmological & geological evolution (accepted by PC)  
(2) biological evolution (rejected by PC)

BUT

**97%** of US scientists accept biological evolution and cosmological & geological evolution

☛ they would reject this false dichotomy

- PC Fossil Pattern Prediction

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claims the order of fossils aligns with the order plants & animals are created in Gen 1

BUT

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☛ fossil record does not align with PC prediction

EG Gen 1: birds are created on 5<sup>th</sup> Day/Age BEFORE land animals on 6<sup>th</sup> Day/Age

Fossil Record: land animals appeared 200 million yrs BEFORE birds

### Hermeneutical Issues

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- accepts that the days in Gen 1 are periods that are millions of years long

BUT

in the Old Testament when the word “day” is with a number → 24 hr period

Gen 1 uses numbers: first day, second day, etc

each day ends with: “There was evening & there was morning—the n<sup>th</sup> day”

THEREFORE:

days of Gen 1 are 24 hr days

EG: PC Chart of Geologist Don Daee

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### 3. Evolutionary Creation

minority view of origins in conservative Christianity

#### Greatest Issue

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- conflicts with 2000 yrs of Christian tradition
- most Christians throughout history have been anti-evolutionists & concordists in Gen 1-11

#### Hermeneutical Solution

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- accept Message-Incident Principle
- cosmogony & historiography in Gen 1-11 is ancient → INCIDENTAL
- reject scientific & historical concordism in Gen 1-11
- The Bible is not a book of science
- ☛ cannot be used to make fossil pattern predictions

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#### Embryology-Evolution Analogy

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EC believes BOTH are teleological natural processes

information is loaded at conception (DNA) for a person to develop

information is loaded at the Big Bang (fine-tuning of physical constants) for the world to evolve

EC believes BOTH feature cosmological providentialism

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divine action is through **Ordained & Sustained** natural processes

EC believes BOTH reflect Intelligent Design

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**self-assembly** of humans in the womb

“You [God] knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” Ps 139:13-14

**self-assembly** of the universe & life

EC believes BOTH feature manifestation of Spiritual Realities

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during human embryology → Image of God & human sin appear in everyone

during human evolution → Image of God & human sin enter the world more anon

#### Key Categorical Concept

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direct challenge to the Origins Dichotomy

**SEPARATE DON’T CONFLATE:**

God’s activity in origins **FROM** God’s activity in lives of men & women

### 4. Deistic Evolution

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deism also called “God without Religion”

#### Comments

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- Why would an impersonal God create such personal & relational creatures like humans, and not have a relationship with them?
- ☛ deism provides a God with no accountability to him/her/it
- BUT are humans accountable to Someone/Something greater than themselves?

- Deism is intellectually titillating for intellectuals

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BUT fails to meet spiritual needs of most people & transform lives

EG deism did not give birth to any church, school, hospital, etc

- Deism is in effect Practical Atheism

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No Lordship & No Worship of the deistic God

Ethics = Humanism

**5. Dysteleological Evolution**common understanding of the “evolutionist” positionComments

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## • Mass Delusion Problem?

are most people delusional because they believe in God?

EG **90%** of Americans believe in “God or a universal spirit”

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**40%** of US scientists believe God answers prayer

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## • Epistemological Problem?

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can we trust our brain regarding metaphysical topics if it has evolved thru **nothing but** 4Fs?

EG Plantinga’s 4 Fs Brain Argument

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Darwin’s Epistemological Dilemma &amp; “Horrid Doubt”

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☛ self-referential incoherence

## • Personal &amp; Practical Problem?

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who can say to someone they love:

“I love you, but in reality I believe that love is **nothing but** a herd response”?• Personal Problem with 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment?

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**nothing but** a personal preference?**Summary of Chart**

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4 “creationist” positions (YEC, PC, EC, DeE)

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3 “evolutionist” positions (EC, DeE, DysE)

2 positions that are BOTH “creationist” &amp; “evolutionist” (EC, DeE)

**THEREFORE: The Origins Dichotomy is a FALSE DICHOTOMY****Other Features:**

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5% of US &amp; Canada dysteleological

2 positions accept God created life through evolution (EC, DeE)

2 positions reject biological evolution (YEC, PC) → CONCORDISM in Gen 1-11

3 positions accept Conservative Christianity (YEC, PC, EC)

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**Accept:**

- teleology
- intelligent design
- God created the universe & life
- personal God & divine action (dramatic & subtle)
- Bible is Word of God inspired by Holy Spirit
- Spiritual Correspondence → inerrant Spiritual Truths
- humans created in Image of God & humans are sinful
- Incarnation & Physical Resurrection of Jesus
- Biblical ethics

**Suggestion:**

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let origins be a **difference** between Christians & NOT a reason for a **division** between Christians**Supplement: Lamoureux’s Personal Story of Coming to Terms with Evolution**

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Audio-Slide Episode

with diary entries

Handouts 55-57

Book chapter from *Evolutionary Creation: A Christian Approach to Evolution* (2008)online: [www.ualberta.ca/~dlamoure/p\\_story.pdf](http://www.ualberta.ca/~dlamoure/p_story.pdf)

### III. HUMAN ORIGINS: THE FINAL FRONTIER

This is the most challenging issue for Christians today

THE BIG QUESTION:

Was Adam a real person?

#### 1. Biblical Texts on Human Origins

##### Genesis 2 & 3

- *de novo* creation of Adam & Eve
- Adam & Eve sin
- God judges Adam & Eve
  - ☛ God launches suffering & death into the world → COSMIC FALL

##### Jesus

- refers to Adam & Eve
- quotes Gen 1:27 & Gen 2:24

##### MATTHEW 19:4-6

1. “Haven’t you read that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female’ [Gen 1:27], and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’ [Gen 2:24]? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

##### Apostle Paul

- refers to Adam
- accepts that sin & death entered the world because of Adam’s sin

##### ROMANS 5:12, 14

2. “Just as sin **entered** the world through **one man**, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned ... Death reigned from the time of **Adam**.”

##### 1 CORINTHIANS 15:21-22

3. “For since death came through **a man**, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in **Adam** all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”

##### QUESTION

Christians believe in Christ, why not believe in Adam as well?

- accepts the COSMIC FALL

##### ROMANS 8:20-21

4. “The **creation** was **subjected to frustration**, and not of its own choice, but by the will of the One [God] who subjected it ... the creation itself will be liberated from its **bondage to decay** ... We know that the WHOLE **creation has been groaning** as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”

#### Conclusion: Biblical Texts on Human Origins

1. The Bible accepts **Monogenism** Greek *monos*: one *genesis*: beginning

DEF: humanity arose from a ONE individual

**Polygenism** Greek *polus*: many

DEF: humanity arose from a GROUP of individuals

2. The Bible accepts Adam & Eve are historical

3. The Bible accepts the COSMIC FALL is historical

death, suffering & decay enter the world because God judged Adam & Eve for their sins

## 2. Western (Catholic & Protestant) Theological Tradition on Human Origins S2

### St. Augustine S3

- accepts Adam is historical
- main formulator of the **Doctrine of Original Sin**:
  - (1) 1<sup>st</sup> sin ever committed by 1<sup>st</sup> man Adam
  - (2) sin transferred from Adam to all humans
    - ☛ all humans descend from Adam → Monogenism

Doctrine of Original Sin & a historical Adam appear in the most important Christian Creeds S4

*Council of Carthage* (418) Catholic Church

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*Augsburg Confession* (1530) Lutheran Church

*Thirty-Nine Articles* (1571) Anglican Church

*Westminster Confession* (1646) Presbyterian Church

- accepts the 1-Seed Theory (Preformatism) S5

5. “When the first couple were punished by the judgment of God, the **whole human race**, which was to become Adam’s posterity through the first woman, **was present in the first man.**”

St. Augustine, *City of God* (c. 426) 16.7

G. Walsh, et al (NY: Doubleday, 1958), 271

6. “God, the Author of all natures but not of their defects, created man good; but man S6  
corrupted by choice and condemned by justice, has produced a progeny that is both corrupt and condemned ... For **we all existed in that one man** [Adam] since, taken together we were the one man who fell into sin ... our nature was already present in **the seed** from which we were to spring.” Ibid. 279

### Pope Pius XII *Humani Generis* (1950) S7

- possible to accept evolution of body, but God creates souls by divine intervention S8

7. “The teaching authority of the Church **does not forbid** ... the doctrine of evolution, in as far as it inquires into the origin of the human body as coming from pre-existent and living matter—for Catholic faith obliges us to hold that **souls** are immediately [interventionistically] created by God.”

“Humani Generis” C. Carlen, ed., *Papal Encyclicals 1939-1958*

(USA: McGrath Publishers, 1981), 181

- firmly rejects polygenism because of Doctrine of Original Sin S9

8. “There is question of another conjectural opinion, namely **polygenism**, the children of the Church by **no** means enjoy such liberty. For the faithful **cannot** embrace that opinion which maintains either:

- that after **Adam** there existed on this earth true men who did not take their origin through natural generation from him as from the first parent of all **or**
- that **Adam** represents a certain number of first parents [polygenism].

Now it is in **no way apparent** how such an opinion [polygenism] can be S10-11

**reconciled** with that which the sources of revealed truth [Bible] and the documents of the Teaching Authority of the Church [St. Augustine] propose with regard to **original sin**,

[1] which proceeds from a sin actually committed by an individual **Adam** and

[2] which through generation is **passed on to all** and is in everyone as his own.”

Ibid. 182

## QUESTION

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is a door being left open regarding the hermeneutics of Gen 2 & 3?

“it is no way apparent **HOW** such an opinion [polygenism] can be reconciled with” the Bible & the Tradition introduced by St. Augustine

## HOW?

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- recognize the Bible has an **Ancient Biology**

☛ *de novo* creation of Adam

- recognize St. Augustine had an **Ancient Biology**

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☛ *de novo* creation of Adam

REMEMBER:

St. Augustine was a Scientific & Historical Concordist in Gen 1-11

he accepted:

- geocentricity, firmament & waters above Handouts, 79 & 88
- worldwide flood Notes, 120-121
- spontaneous generation Ibid.
- origin of life through seed principles Ibid.

## HOW?

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- let the Ancient Biology (*De Novo* Creation of Adam & 1-Seed Theory) be INCIDENTAL & NOT the MESSAGE OF FAITH

- apply the Message-Incident Principle to the Western Christian Tradition

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SEPARATE Augustine’s ancient biology from his theology

**Pope John Paul II “On Evolution” (1996)**

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- affirms the scientific theory of evolution

9. “Today, nearly half a century after the publication of the encyclical [i.e., Pius XII], new knowledge leads to the recognition of the theory of evolution as **more than a hypothesis.**”

JP II, “Message to Pontifical Academy of Sciences on Evolution,”  
*Origins: CNS Documentary Service* 26 (5 Dec 1996), 415

- affirms the spiritual uniqueness of humans from our pre-human evolutionary ancestors

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10. “With man, then, we find ourselves in the presence of an **ontological** difference, an **ontological** leap ... an “**ontological** discontinuity.”

Ibid.

☛ humans have the Image of God & are sinful

- NO MENTION OF ADAM

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is the silence speaking volumes & reflecting pastoral sensitivity to people in the pews?

**Conclusion: Western (Catholic & Protestant) Theological Tradition on Human Origins**

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**1. Based on the Bible**

accepts Monogenism

Adam is historical

all humans descend from him

accepts Scientific & Historical Concordism in Gen 1-11

do you see a hermeneutical problem?

**2. Deeply impacted by St. Augustine**

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accepts the Doctrine of Original Sin

☛ doctrine depends on Adam being historical

## QUESTION:

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DOES CHRISTIANITY DEPEND ON A HISTORICAL ADAM?

## IV. EVOLUTIONARY CREATION: TOWARD A CHRISTIAN HYPOTHESIS ON HUMAN ORIGINS

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### 1. Human Origins & Metaphysics-Physics Principle

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#### METAPHYSICS

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God created humans

God ordained, sustained, and intelligently designed the creation of humans

humans have spiritual realities: (1) Image of God

(2) sinful

#### PHYSICS

human evolutionary sciences offer overwhelming evidence that humans evolved from pre-humans

#### COMPLEMENTARY RELATIONSHIP:

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God ordained, sustained, and intelligently designed a teleological evolutionary process to create humans, and during this process humans arose manifesting the Image of God and sinful behavior

### 2. Human Origins & Manifestation of Spiritual Realities

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NOTE: humans DO NOT evolve from monkeys or chimpanzees!!!

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humans & chimps descend from a Last Common Ancestral Population (6 mya)

☛ 6000 transitional fossils between LCAP & humans

Anatomically Modern Humans

look like us & appear about 200,000 ya

Behaviorally Modern Humans

act like us & appear about 50,000 ya → 1<sup>st</sup> appearance of the Image of God & sinful behavior

#### Theories on Manifestation of Spiritual Realities in Behaviorally Modern Humans:

##### (1) EVOLUTIONARY MONOGENISM

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a pair of pre-humans are given Image of God & moral responsibility quickly at one specific point in time & they soon sin

☛ Adam & Eve

##### (2) PUNCTILIAR POLYGENISM

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a group of pre-humans are given Image of God & moral responsibility quickly at one specific point in time & they soon sin

☛ many Adams & many Eves

##### (3) GRADUAL POLYGENISM → Evolutionary Creation

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spiritual realities are manifested slowly & MYSTERIOUSLY over an extended period of time & over many generations of individuals

☛ NO Adam/s & NO Eve/s

#### COMMENTS:

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- (1) Evolutionary Monogenism & (2) Punctiliar Polygenism:

BOTH accept SCIENTIFIC CONCORDISM

they tack on Adam/s and Eve/s on the tail end of biological evolution

- BUT this is categorically inappropriate

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BOTH CONFLATE: ancient science (*de novo* creation of Adam & Eve)

&

modern science (human evolution)

- This is the same as tacking on the tail end of cosmological evolution a 3-tier universe does anyone want to do that?

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## THE BIG QUESTION

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Was Adam a real person?

## TECHNICAL ANSWER

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***Adam is the retrojective conclusion of ancient biology (immutability of living organisms)***Retrojection Latin *retro*: backward *jacere*: to throw, cast

DEF: taking present experience &amp; casting it backward in time to explain the past

## THINK LIKE AN ANCIENT PERSON:

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- ancient people observed that humans are immutable (never change) & only give birth to humans:  
humans birth → humans birth → humans birth

- they retrojected “humans birth humans” observation back in time to creation of the world:  
← humans birth ← humans birth ← humans birth

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- they reasonably concluded:

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(1) there must have been an original 1<sup>st</sup> human(2) this human was created *de novo* (quick & complete) → Adam

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## THE BOTTOM LINE:

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***Adam never existed!***

Adam was created by retrojecting (extrapolating) the ancient observation of human immutability

## HUGE IMPLICATIONS:

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- challenges Christian Tradition & the Doctrine of Original Sin

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NO 1<sup>st</sup> man to commit the 1<sup>st</sup> sinNO 1<sup>st</sup> man from which sin is transferred to all humans

- challenges the COSMIC FALL

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NO 1<sup>st</sup> man to causally connect to the origin of death

BUT solves the problem with the Fossil Record

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Bible: death appears **after** humansFossil Record: death appears 100s of millions of years **before** humans☛ no problem because there is no 1<sup>st</sup> man to causally connect to the origin of death(3) **GRADUAL POLYGENISM** → Evolutionary Creation

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- rejects SCIENTIFIC CONCORDISM

*de novo* creation of Adam is ancient science

- accepts spiritual realities of Image of God & human sinfulness

**EMBRYOLOGY-EVOLUTION ANALOGY**

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BOTH manifest the Image of God &amp; sinfulness during a natural process

BUT questions arise on when or how spiritual realities appear

According to Gradual Polygenism:

WHEN?

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roughly 50,000 yrs ago → Behaviorally Modern Humans

buried their dead with items suggesting a religious belief in an afterlife

HOW?

gradual &amp; Mysterious manifestation over many generations

## 3. Human Origins &amp; Message-Incident Principle

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MESSAGE

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Inerrant Spiritual Truths

God created humans

humans bear the Image of God

humans are sinful

God judges humans for sin

INCIDENT

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Ancient Biology &amp; Ancient Historiography

ORIGIN OF LIFE

*De Novo* Creation Motif1<sup>st</sup> human created quick & complete → **Adam**

Tribal Formation Motif

1<sup>st</sup> tribal head from which all humans descend → **Adam**

ORIGIN OF DEATH

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Lost Idyllic Age Motif

death enters the world because God judges 1<sup>st</sup> human sinner → **Adam**

☛ God launches the COSMIC FALL

curses & binds the whole creation with death, suffering & decay**Re-Cycled & Re-Interpreted Motifs of Origins Theory**

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- motifs of origins are the scientific & historical paradigms-of-the-day

Hebrews: (1) re-cycled ANE motifs of origins

(2) re-interpreted these motifs by replacing pagan theology with Hebrew theology

this literary process was inspired by God

☛ DIVINE ACCOMMODATION

- motifs are incidental vessels that deliver spiritual truths

**Lost Idyllic Age Motif: The Etiology of Origin of Death & Cosmic Fall**

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- this ancient motif is a something-went-wrong-in-the-world account  
points back to the disruption of an original harmony in the world  
negative effects of this event continue into the present

Answers the Etiological Question:What is the cause or reason for the **bad things** in the world?

- Gen 3 explains how death & the Cosmic Fall entered the “very good” creation (Gen 1:31)

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Adam sinned and God: (1) cursed the earth (v. 18) → Cosmic Fall

(2) condemned Adam to die (v. 19) → Origin of Death

BUT the Lost Idyllic Age Motif is Ancient Historiography

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an ancient understanding of history

like ancient science → ancient historiography does not align with historical reality

THEREFORE

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the causal connection in the Bible between the sin of Adam and the origin of death & the Cosmic Fall is based on ancient historiography

☛ NO causal connection between sin and death, suffering &amp; decay

NO COSMIC FALL → confirmed by the Fossil Record

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## 4. Human Origins &amp; the Apostle Paul

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Paul believed:

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- Adam was a real person (Rom 5 & 1 Cor 15)
- Death entered the world because of Adam's sin (Rom 5:12)
- WHOLE creation is in bondage to decay (Rom 8:21) → COSMIC FALL

Quotes 2-4

THEREFORE

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Paul accepted a causal connection between sin of Adam & origin of death and Cosmic Fall

QUESTION 1

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does Paul's belief in Adam &amp; the Cosmic Fall make both PHYSICAL REALITIES?

QUESTION 2

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what else did Paul believe regarding the PHYSICAL world?

**KENOTIC HYMN** Phil 2:10-11

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Jesus is Lord: (1) in heaven

(2) on earth

(3) IN THE UNDERWORLD

QUESTION 3

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does Paul's belief in the 3-tier universe make it a PHYSICAL REALITY? **NO!**

this is also the case with Paul's belief in Adam &amp; the Cosmic Fall

☛ his belief DOES NOT make them PHYSICAL REALITIES**CONSISTENCY ARGUMENT**

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Paul accepted Ancient Astronomy &amp; Ancient Geography (3-tier universe)

THEREFORE

consistency argues Paul also accepted **Ancient Biology**

- an ancient view of the ORIGIN OF LIFE

*de novo* creation of Adam

- an ancient view of the ORIGIN OF DEATH

entrance of death into the world through Adam

CONCLUSION

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Paul's belief in the origin of death is based on **Ancient Biology**

- NO causal connection between sin & the origin of death
- NO COSMIC FALL

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**Message-Incident Principle & the Kenotic Hymn (Phil 2:10-11)**

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SEPARATE

Message of Faith → Jesus is Lord over the creation

FROM

Incidental Ancient Science → 3-Tier Universe

DON'T CONFLATE!

## SEPARATE

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS (Message of Faith)

Humans are sinful

God judges humans for sin

*Jesus died for sinful humans**THE GOSPEL**Jesus rose physically from death**Jesus offers the hope of eternal life*

## FROM

ANCIENT BIOLOGY & ANCIENT HISTORIOGRAPHY (Incident)

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## ORIGIN OF LIFE

*De novo* creation of Adam

ALL humans descend from Adam

**DIVINE****ACCOMMODATION**

## ORIGIN OF DEATH

Death &amp; COSMIC FALL appeared because of Adam

## DON'T CONFLATE!

## THE CHALLENGE:

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- messages are seamlessly interwoven with incidental Ancient Biology & Ancient Historiography easy to CONFLATE
- messages include the Gospel → “By this Gospel you are saved ...” 1 Cor 15:1-8 **SQ 6**  
most Christians CONFLATE Adam & the Gospel → reason most reject human evolution

**CONCLUSION**

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**Evolutionary Creation: Toward a Christian HYPOTHESIS on Human Origins**

## 1. Christian Tradition has:

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CONFLATED Spiritual Truths with Incidental Ancient Biology &amp; Ancient Historiography (Adam)

- ☛ mistakenly turned an incidental element (Adam) into a Doctrinal Truth

## 2. The Bottom Line on Evolutionary Creation:

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***The Image of God & human sin entered the world,  
but NOT through Adam.***

***Christianity is NOT dependent on a historical Adam.***

NOT easy! Requires an academic understanding of hermeneutics

## 3. Most Christians perceive human evolution as a threat to the Bible and to human dignity

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BUT a final thought for all Christians:

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God has evolved a creature (the chimp) which is physically almost identical to humans (about 99% of the same genes), but can't you see that:

**WE ARE “SOMETHING MORE” THAN OUR PHYSICAL FLESH!!!****We are creators like our Creator****because we have been created in the Image of God**

Lamoureux