

WAS ADAM A REAL PERSON?

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Evolutionary Creation

The Father, Son & Holy Spirit created the universe & life, including humans, through an ordained, sustained, and design-reflecting evolutionary process.

Intelligent Design

BELIEF that beauty, complexity & functionality in nature point to an Intelligent Designer. Non-Verbal Revelation.

ADAM & THE BIBLE

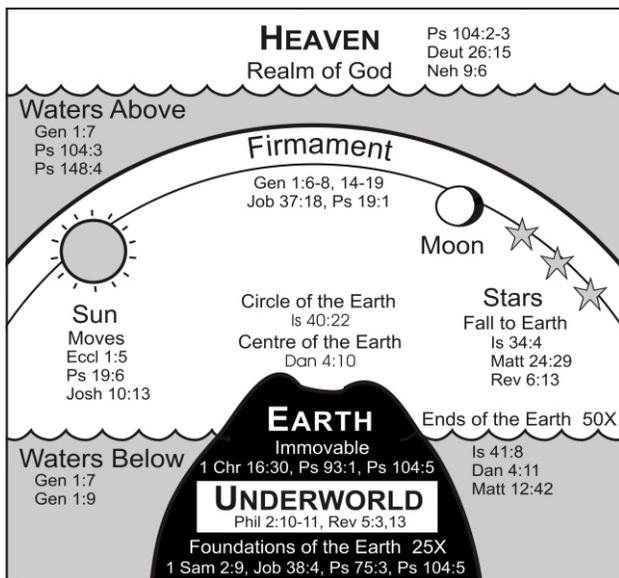
Scientific Concordism

ASSUMPTION the facts of science align with the Bible.
ASSUMPTION that God revealed scientific facts in the Bible 1000s of years before their discovery by modern science.

REASONABLE ASSUMPTIONS:

God created the world ✓ God inspired the Bible ✓
Book of God's Works should align with Book of God's Words.

The 3-Tier Universe



Biblical Accommodation

The Holy Spirit descended to the level of ancient humans and used their ideas (Ancient Science) in order to reveal as effectively as possible INERRANT Messages of Faith.

Examples of Divine Accommodation:
Incarnation, Parables, Prayer & Pedagogy

Message-Incident Principle



De Novo Creation

Quick & Complete creation of **IMMUTABLE** living organisms. (unchanging)

ORIGIN OF LIFE:

Reflects an Ancient Taxonomy
Reproduction "according to their kinds" 10X in Gen 1

Retrojection

Latin (*retro*) backward (*jacere*) to cast
Taking present experience & casting it back in time to explain the past. Reconstructing the past by using the present.
Example: Crime Scene Investigation

ORIGIN OF LIFE:

a goat births a goat, which births a goat, which ... etc.
Retrojected → there must have been original goats which were created *de novo*

Adam

a human births a human, who births a human, who ... etc.
Retrojected → there must have been an original human
an original human created *de novo* → Adam
Adam = Ancient Origins Science
= Retrojected Conclusion of Ancient Taxonomy

Apostle Paul & Adam

CONFIRMATION ARGUMENT:

Paul believed Adam existed, therefore Adam existed.
Phil 2:10-11 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow & every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord:
[1] in heaven
[2] on earth, and
[3] in the UNDERWORLD (*kata-chthonios*)
Paul accepted Ancient Astronomy & Ancient Geology
☛ Ancient Biology → *de novo* creation of Adam

The Sin-Death Problem

Gen 2:17 & 3:19

For when you [Adam] eat of the tree you shall surely die.
For dust you [Adam] are and to dust you shall return.
☛ Physical Death NOT Spiritual Death

1 Cor 15:20

Death came through a man [Adam].

Rom 5:12 & 8:20-22

Sin entered the world through one man [Adam], and death through sin...The whole creation was subjected to frustration, is in bondage to decay, & has been groaning up until today.

Cosmic Fall

BELIEF that dramatic changes in nature occurred after the entrance of human sin. In judgment for sin, God launched decay, suffering & death upon the whole creation.

APOSTLE PAUL ACCEPTED:

Ancient Astronomy & Ancient Geology

3-Tier Universe

Ancient Biology

Ancient View on Origin of LIFE

De Novo Creation of Adam

Ancient View on Origin of DEATH

Entrance of Death through Adam

1 COR 15
ROM 5 & 8

MESSAGE Spiritual Truths

Humans are sinful
God judges humans for sin
Jesus died for sinful humans,
rose physically from the dead,
& offers the hope of eternal life

INCIDENT Ancient Biology

Ancient View on Origin of LIFE
Ancient View on Origin of DEATH

The Gospel

ORIGINAL SIN & CHRISTIAN TRADITION

St. Augustine (354-430)

- (1) First sin of Adam
- (2) Sin passed on from Adam to all humans as their own.

COUNCIL OF CARTHAGE (418)

- If anyone says that infants are baptized for the forgiveness of sins but contract nothing from Adam, original sin ... let them be anathema.
- What the apostle said: "Through one man [Adam] sin entered the world, and through sin death, so that it passed on to all human beings, **in whom all sinned**" [Rom 5:12].
 - Modern translations: "**because all sinned**"

Ancient Astronomy

- The term "firmament" does not compel us to imagine a stationary heaven: we may understand this name as given to indicate not that it is motionless but that it is solid and that it constitutes an impassable boundary between the waters above and the waters below.
- What concern is it of mine whether [1] heaven is like a sphere and the earth enclosed by it and suspended in the middle of the universe, or whether [2] heaven like a disk above the earth covers it over one side?

Literal Meaning of Genesis (415) II:9-10

Ancient Biology

Repopulation of distant islands after Noah's worldwide flood:

Spontaneous Generation

There is no problem with those [animals] which, like frogs, spring directly from the soil.

Seed Principles

Another hypothesis would be that they sprang up from the earth, as they sprang up in the beginning when God said: "Let the earth produce a living soul" [Gen 1: 24]

City of God (426) XVI:7

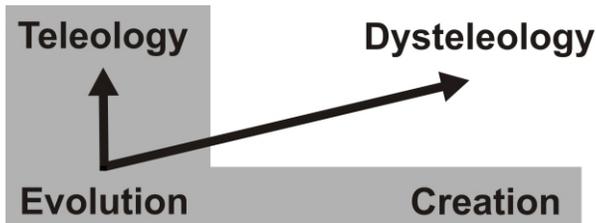
Pre-Formatist ("1-Seed") Embryology

- When the first couple [Adam & Eve] 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 [Adam].

City of God (426) XIII:3
- God, the Author of all natures but not of their defects, created man good; but man, 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, 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.

City of God (426) XIII:14

HUMAN EVOLUTION & CHRISTIAN FAITH



Teleology: BELIEF the world has plan & purpose.

Dysteleology: BELIEF the world has NO plan & purpose.

Evolution: Scientific theory that natural processes over billions of yrs produced all living organisms, including humans.

Creation: BELIEF that the world is the product of the Creator.

Embryology-Evolution Analogy I

God created us through embryological natural processes in our mother's womb, so too He created all living organisms, including humans, through evolutionary natural processes.

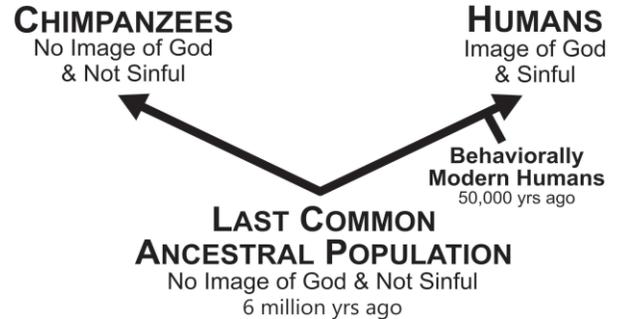
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Atheistic
Driven
by Blind Chance
Nothing But Animals
Controlled by Instincts

EVOLUTIONARY CREATION
Christian
Ordained & Sustained
by God
Created in the Image of God
& All Are Sinful

HUMAN EVOLUTION

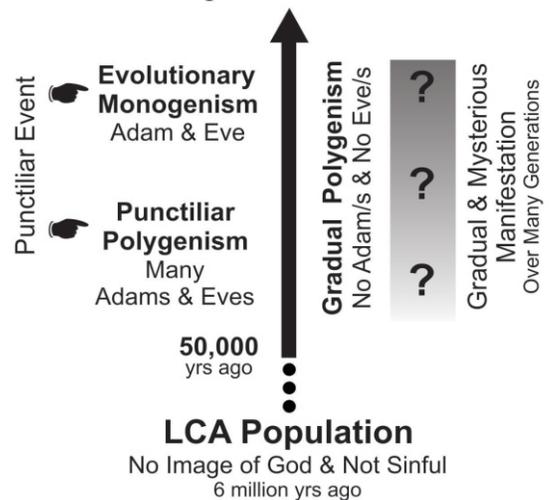
Embryology-Evolution Analogy II

Image of God and human sin are manifested during our development, so too through human evolution.



BEHAVIORALLY MODERN HUMANS

Image of God & Sinful



Evolutionary Monogenism

One male & female from pre-humans (Adam & Eve)

Punctiliar Polygenism

Many males & females from pre-humans (Adams & Eves)

Gradual Polygenism

No Adam/s & Eve/s.

Image of God & human sin gradually & mysteriously manifested over many generations.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Scientific Concordism **FAILS**.
2. Christian Tradition conflates Adam & Spiritual Truth, giving an ancient science (*de novo* creation of life) the status of inerrancy.
3. Sin entered the world, but not through Adam.
4. Sin is real. We are all sinners in need of a Saviour.

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