

A TESTABLE BIBLICAL EVOLUTION MODEL

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Breaking the Deadlock Between Darwin and Design



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RTB MODEL AND SCIENTISTS



Theology problems with evolution?



ROMANS 5

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and **physical death** through sin, and in this way **physical death** came to all people, because all sinned—

13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, **physical death** reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many **physically died** by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! 16 Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, **physical death** reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in **physical life** through the one man, Jesus Christ!

18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and **physical life** for all people.



PHYSICAL VS. SPIRITUAL

1 Corinthians 15

The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.



YEC TO OEC

Getting past the doctrine of earth-as-paradise



Adam, Eve, and Human Population Genetics: Defining the Issues

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POPULATION GENETICS

Dennis Venema

Tallying up the number of ancestors using this method consistently returns a total minimum population size of about 10,000 individuals:

Approximately 8,000 ancestors are needed to explain SNP diversity in sub-Saharan Africa, and about 2,000 ancestors for everyone else.

SNP diversity in humans is far too large to result from one ancestral couple at any time in the last 200,000 years – we descend from a population.



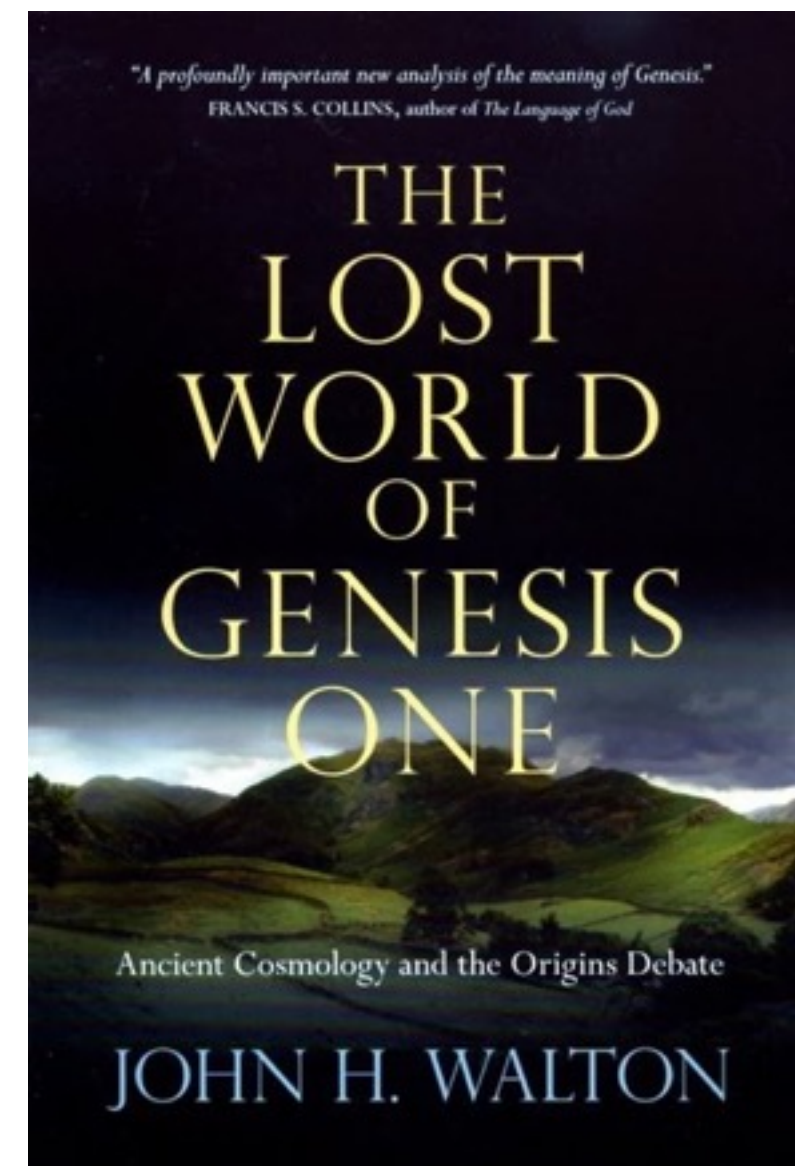
ADAM & EVE

Human population does appear to have one common male ancestor and one “mitochondrial eve”

But it appears unlikely that they knew each other.



HOW BIOLOGOS DEALS WITH GENESIS



THEOLOGY PROBLEMS WITH EVOLUTION?

Luke 3:37-38

..the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Kenan, the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam *[who never actually existed]*, the *[representative archetypal]* son of God.



1 Corinthians 15

So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being” *[even though he didn’t exist]* the last Adam *[who did exist]*, a life-giving spirit.



1 Timothy 2:13

**For Adam *[who never existed]* was formed first,
then Eve *[who also never existed]*.**



Just because Genesis is richly poetic and filled with literary symmetries and rhetorical devices...

Doesn't make it 100% allegory.





Historical genesis

FROM ADAM TO ABRAHAM

RICHARD JAMES FISCHER

2. 

SOLUTION:

Adam wasn't the first HUMAN.

Adam was the first PROPHET.



GENESIS 4

13 Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is more than I can bear. 14 Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and **whoever finds me will kill me.**”

15 But the Lord said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. 16 So Cain went out from the Lord’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

17 Cain made love to his **wife**, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. **Cain was then building a city**, and he named it after his son Enoch.



**“According to the Talmud, and some Midrashim as well,
there were 974 generations before Adam.”**

***-Immortality, Resurrection, and the Age of the Universe:
A Kabbalistic View***



1656 - 200 YEARS BEFORE DARWIN

Isaac La Peyrère, from *Men Before Adam*:

“...it must be held that sin was in the world before Adam and until Adam; but that sin was not imputed before Adam; Therefore other men were to be allowed before Adam who had indeed sinn’d, but without imputation; because before the law sins were not imputed.”



ROMANS 5 AGAIN

13 To be sure, **sin was in the world before the law was given**, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, **even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam**, who is a pattern of the one to come.



WHAT IS “LAW” IN ROMANS 5:13?

LAW was God’s original instructions to Adam and Eve!

“...it seemed less prejudicial to affirm that sins were not imputed before Moses, and until Moses, than to affirm that there were any men before Adam!”

Isaac La Peyrère



ORIGINAL SIN

Is way over-rated!

Transmitted not by genetics but by the LAW

(Isn't this what the Bible actually teaches?)

Original sin problem = Law problem. No difference.



1 COR 15:56

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.



GENESIS 2:7

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.



QUESTION

“What did Adam get that others didn’t already have and how did THEY become guilty of sin after he sinned?”

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17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!



ANSWER

Adam is to man as Jesus is to Adam. Both bring something NEW to the human race.



SYMMETRY

...just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more



“SIN COMES FROM THE FATHER”

...is not found anywhere in the Bible.



No conflict between Bible and evolution

No conflict between common descent and Gospel

**Christians free to appreciate the awesome power
of nature to self-develop**

We can extend elegant physics model to biology

