



# Creation Matters

A NEWSLETTER PROVIDING CHRISTIANS UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CREATION/EVOLUTION ISSUE AND THE MUSEUM AT CREATION MINISTRIES OF THE OZARKS

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## WHO WANTS THE REAL TRUTH?

Some people today would say that we cannot know for certain what the truth is about anything, because all things are relative. For example, what is true for one person may not be true for another. In fact, two individuals can claim to have truth for themselves even though each one believes something that is obviously totally contrary to the other. Well, all I can say is that this type of personal philosophy and reasoning is definitely not reasonable. In fact, it lacks basic common sense and is a pseudo-intellectual avoidance of reality.

Now my personal belief is that just as an atheist would not tell me that what I believe about Christ and the Bible is right, neither would I tell the atheist that what he or she professes to believe is correct. Both cannot be right!

In the Gospel of John 8:31,32 we read about a foundation for knowing what real truth is and how it benefits our lives as followers of Christ:

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

I see a four-fold progression of understanding what Jesus is saying here. **First**, a condition is stated in order to experience the benefit of what follows. Jesus says we are to **abide** in His Word, and the choice is seen by the word **"If."**

The word "abide" means to remain or dwell. This would indicate those who literally live in the Word of God and saturate themselves in it. If a Christian only opens the Bible once a week at Church, this is not abiding in the Word. In Joshua 1:8 we read,

*"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it."*

**Second**, abiding in the Word leads to us becoming and being considered as true disciples. What Christian would not want to be a true disciple?

**Third**, only after the above prerequisites are taken care of can we discern real truth. The prayer in Psalm 25:5 should constantly be on our lips,

**"Lord,...Lead me in YOUR TRUTH and teach me."**

**Fourth**, we see that it is only the real truth that can set us free. Free from what? Obviously, free from that which is not truth.

What this means is that if we don't apply this teaching of Jesus to our lives on a daily basis we could find ourselves in a position of being susceptible to being deceived. And let us not think that we are above being deceived—that thought in itself would be a deception.

Yes, the power of the Word of God in our lives is more than able to keep us in the stream of God's truth. 1 Peter 1:5 reminds us we are, **"kept by the power of God."**

So we can be FREE from the false unbiblical teachings of evolution and all the compromising ideas that go along with it. What a wonderful relief and joy it is to simply accept the Word of God as written, without compromise, and with the assurance that *true science* will always support and be in harmony with the Bible. RB

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## CMOTO'S RECENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

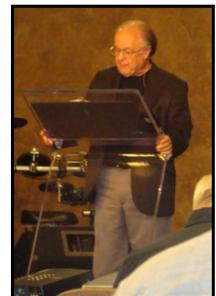
On March 22, 2012 we held our third leadership conference for pastors and people in ministry or church leadership. We thank the Lord for the interest shown by those who attended, and who obviously realize the tremendous importance of total commitment to the truth of God's Word. Our theme was "Foundations for Growth", and our highly qualified speakers gave wonderful presentations which basically confirm the absolute certainty of the existence of a Creator God, and the absolute impossibility of the world and universe around us forming itself by naturalistic means.

Here are some pictures from this event:



If you were not present at this gathering, we hope you will be able to come to another of CMOTO's inspiring events in the future. Immediately above left is an example of how the tables were decorated to support the theme of "Foundations for Growth." Immediately above right is our wonderful volunteer kitchen workers and servers. On the right is RB giving the keynote address. This address should be available on a CD in the near future, and probably online as well.

We at CMOTO are committed to continuing to support and work hand-in-hand with all ministries that proclaim the truth of God's Word without compromise. We thank the Lord for the fact that we can trust Him to meet all of our needs.



# Adam and Eve: Were They Real Historical People?

By Rod Butterworth

If Adam and Eve were not real literal people then the Genesis account is not real literal history, but just symbolic or figurative. This is how some Christians have unfortunately decided to understand the creation account in general and in particular the creation of Adam and Eve. However, to do this is to find oneself in conflict with other portions of Scripture that cannot be taken allegorically or figuratively, but that speak very clearly to the literal reality of Adam and Eve.

In the first five chapters of Genesis Adam is mentioned 18 times. Also, the mention of Adam in the genealogical lists plus the recording of his age when his son Seth was born (Genesis 5:3), and his age of 930 years at his death (Genesis 5:4) can only speak logically and meaningfully of literal history. The following scriptures speak of either Adam alone or Adam and Eve together as real historical figures:

**ADAM, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah** (1 Chronicles 1:1).

**Have I covered my transgressions like ADAM, by hiding my iniquity in my bosom...?** (Job 31:33; NASB).

**“Haven’t you read,” he [Jesus] replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ 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’?...”** (Matthew 19:4; also Mark 10:6).

Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph...the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of ADAM, the son of God (Luke 3:23,38).

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 was a pattern of the one to come (Romans 5:14).

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all

**will be made alive...So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”, the last Adam, a life-giving spirit** (1 Corinthians 15:22,45).

**Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men** (Jude 14).

The last reference from the Book of Jude is especially interesting because it not only refers to Adam as a real person, but declares that he was the first of seven consecutive generations of real literal people. Therefore, this statement from Jude allows for no gaps of missing generations in the genealogy of the first seven generations from Adam to Enoch.

Many have suggested that there are missing generations in the biblical genealogies in order to try and accommodate long ages of time. However, regardless of whether this has any validity in generations following Enoch or not, we certainly cannot insert millions of years into the genealogical record—it just doesn’t make sense, and is in conflict with the overall historical record and message of Scripture.

We know that Jesus supported the authority of the Old Testament and its history by quoting from it many times as recorded in the gospels. One of these occasions is particularly significant. In one of Jesus’ post resurrection appearances He joined two disciples as they were walking toward the village of Emmaus. Luke records the incident:

**He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that THE PROPHETS have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And BEGINNING WITH MOSES AND ALL THE PROPHETS, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself...**

**He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the LAW OF MOSES, THE PROPHETS AND THE PSALMS.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the**

## Scriptures (Luke 24:25,27,44,45).

Jesus is God, and He made it clear that the Scriptures concerning creation and the beginning of life are to be taken literally—particularly concerning the fact of Adam and Eve being real and literal figures of history. However, some Christians, obviously influenced and intimidated by the bold assumptive pronouncements of modern science, have suggested alternative interpretations for the understanding of creation and life which depart from a literal acceptance of Scripture. One such individual, Hugh Ross, a progressive creationist writes:

**Starting about 2 to 4 million years ago, God began creating man-like mammals or 'hominids.' These creatures stood on two feet, had large brains, and used tools. Some even buried their dead and painted on cave walls. However, they were different from us. They did not worship God or establish religious practices. In time, all these man-like creatures went extinct. Then, about 10 to 25 thousand years ago, God replaced them with Adam and Eve.<sup>1</sup>**

This bold presumptuous statement picturing a millions-of-years scenario is one of total conjecture, and is an obvious attempt to gain the respect, acceptance, and recognition of evolutionary scientists by accommodating the current evolutionary thinking which seeks to explain origins without God or the Bible. It suggests that God purposely and knowingly took millions of years of trial and error, suffering, disease and bloodshed, to work up to the time when He finally made Adam and Eve.

When the suggestion is given that "...**God REPLACED them with Adam and Eve** (emphasis mine), it would seem to indicate and imply that God was accepting the failure of His creative experiments over millions of years up to that time. Does this view of God inspire faith in Him and faith for the future? Absolutely not! As soon as one departs from the literal account of Genesis it always produces confusing theology and erroneous science.

Some Christians have not realized that if the typical evolutionary model of gradual descent over millions of years is accepted into one's belief system, the biblical account of Adam and Eve in Genesis as the *first humans* created at the *very beginning* of God's creation cannot be true literal history. If this were the case it would cast an ominous shadow over the remainder of biblical history, which is vital because it leads to the entering into literal history of a literal Jesus into a literal town of Bethlehem about 2000 literal years ago.

1. Hugh Ross, *Reasons To Believe* Web Site, updated July 8, 1997. Quoted from

Answers in Genesis Web Site: [www.answersingenesis.org/docs/4077.asp](http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs/4077.asp).

The above is a portion of Chapter 5 from *Did God Really Say That?* by Rod Butterworth

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