

**THINKING ABOUT THE BEGINNING**  
**PART 3: IN SEARCH OF ADAM AND EVE**  
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“...since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”  
Romans 1:20 (NIV)

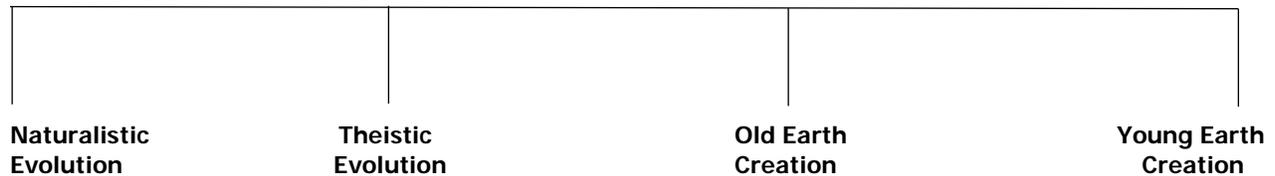
**THE ORIGIN OF MAN**

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”  
Genesis 1:27 (NAS)

“Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.”  
Genesis 2:7-8 (NAS)

“Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.” ... So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. The man said, “This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.”  
Genesis 2:18, 21-23 (NAS)

“Now the man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.”  
Genesis 3:20 (NAS)



**1. NATURALISTIC EVOLUTION**

- \_\_\_\_\_, Over Millions Of Years, Engaged In A Process Of \_\_\_\_\_ Evolution. Mankind Is Simply The Current Apex Of That Process.

“Somehow nature discovered how to build the intricate machine we call the living cell, using only the raw materials to hand, all jumbled up. Even more remarkable is that nature built the first cell from scratch.”  
Capel, A. & Sharp W. Objective Proficiency: Students Back With Answers, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (2011)

**2. THEISTIC EVOLUTION**

- \_\_\_\_\_ To Bring Forth Human Beings From Ape-Like Ancestors. The Initial Human Population Consisted Of About 10,000 People Who Lived Over 100,000 Years Ago. The Existence Of A Literal Adam And Eve Is Not Vital To Christianity. The Genesis Account Of Creation And The Fall Are Fables Meant To Convey Higher Spiritual Truths.

"Based on what we know today about both science and the ancient world of the Hebrews, it is simply not reasonable to try to turn the brief comments in Genesis into a biologically accurate description of how humans originated." Giberson, Karl W. & Collins, Francis S. The Language Of Science And Faith (2011)

"All science can say is that there was never a time when only two people existed on the earth ...."  
Falk, Darrel & Applegate, Kathryn. NPR's Adam and Eve Story (2011)

**3. OLD EARTH CREATION**

- **God** \_\_\_\_\_  
And All Other Species, Though This Process May Have Occurred Over Hundreds Of Thousands, If Not Millions, Of Years.

**4. YOUNG EARTH CREATION**

- **God Created Man And Women In His Image On The** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Of Creation Approximately (Depending Upon When The Fall Occurred) 6,000 to 10,000 Years Ago.

**COMMON QUESTIONS**

1. **If Adam And Eve Were The First Humans, How Do You Account For**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **And** \_\_\_\_\_?
2. **If Adam And Eve Were The First Humans, Where Did** \_\_\_\_\_ **Get His**  
\_\_\_\_\_?

"Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain ... And again, she gave birth to his brother, Abel ... so it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord ..."  
Genesis 4:1-3 (NAS)

"... I shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth and it will come about that whoever finds me will kill me ... And the Lord appointed a sign for Cain, lest anyone finding him should slay him. Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden. And Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived ..."  
Genesis 4:14-17 (NAS)

"Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were 800 years and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died."  
Genesis 5:4-5 (NAS)

### **3. Is The Existence Of A Literal Adam And Eve \_\_\_\_\_ To The \_\_\_\_\_?**

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures ... For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive."  
I Corinthians 14:3-4, 21-22 (NAS)

"... God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."  
Romans 5:8 (NIV)

"In my estimation, substitutionary atonement does not fit well with the theory of evolution ... substitutionary atonement argues that Jesus was crucified in order to restore humanities relationship with God. Sinn created a divide between God and creation. Jesus' death was a necessary sacrifice to bridge this gap. However ... denying the historical Fall ... calls into question the role of the cross of Christ within substitutionary atonement ... God does not send Jesus to die. God does not require Jesus death in order to forgive humanities sin ... Christ death was not part of God's divine plan. It was the tragic result of human sin."  
Joseph Bankard, Substitutionary Atonement and Evolution, Part 1 and 2, Biologos.org

"Oh, but of course, the story of Adam and Eve was only ever symbolic, wasn't it? Symbolic? Jesus had himself tortured and executed for a symbolic sin by a non-existent individual? Nobody not brought up in the Faith could reach any verdict other than – barking mad!" Richard Dawkins, The Root Of All Evil (2006)

"No Adam and Eve means no need for a Savior. It also means that the Bible cannot be trusted as a source of unambiguous truth. It is completely unreliable, because it all begins with a myth, and builds on that as a basis. No fall of man means no need for atonement and no need for a redeemer."

American Atheists, You Know It's A Myth: This Season, Celebrate REASON! (2011)