

# WAS ADAM A REAL PERSON?

## AN EVOLUTIONARY CREATIONIST APPROACH

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My central conclusion in this book is clear:

**Adam never existed**, and this fact has no impact whatsoever on the foundational beliefs of Christianity.

DOL, *Evolutionary Creation* (2008)

### Foundations of Christian Faith:

- God created humans
  - Humans bear the Image of God
  - Humans are sinful
  - God judges humans for sin
  - Jesus died for humans
- Salvation only through Jesus (Acts 4:12)

### Evolutionary Creation:

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

### Intelligent Design:

BELIEF that the beauty, complexity, & functionality in nature point to an Intelligent Designer. (Ps 19)

### Embryology-Evolution Analogy:

- ✓ Divine ordained & sustained natural processes
- ✓ Double the ID argument of anti-evolutionists
- ✓ Image of God & human sin mysteriously manifested

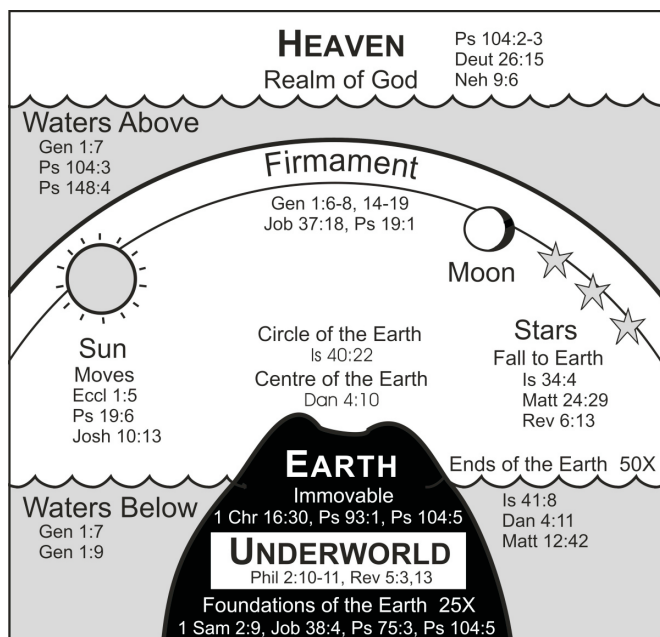
## BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

### Scientific Concordism:

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

ASSUMPTION the facts of science align with the Bible.

### The 3-Tier Universe:



### Ancient Phenomenological Perspective:

Nature as it appears to the natural senses (naked eye)

What the ancients saw, they believed was ACTUAL.

(Greek: *phenomai* means 'to appear')

### Biblical Accommodation:

The Holy Spirit descended to the level of ancient humans and used their ideas (Ancient Science) in order to reveal

**Messages of Faith.**

Examples:

- Incarnation
- Teachings of Jesus
- Personal prayer
- Teaching technique

### Genesis 1 Creation Account:

#### FORMLESS

*Tohu*

Day 1

Separate Light/Dark

Day 2

Separate Waters Above/Waters Below

Day 3

Separate Water/Land (Plants)

Day 7

Sabbath  
God's Day of Rest

#### EMPTY

*Bohu*

Day 4

Decorate Sun, Moon, & Stars

Day 5

Decorate Flying Creatures & Sea Creatures

Day 6

Decorate Land Animals & Humans (Plants for Food)

### De Novo Creation:

- Quick & Complete** origin of the universe & life
- Origins science-of-the-day
- Ancient Origins Science

### Message-Incident Principle:

