

BIOLOGY IN THE BIBLE

Implication of 3-Tier Universe:

- IF the astronomy is ancient,
- IF the geology is ancient,
 - ☛ the biology is ancient.

Ancient Biology:

- CREATION in Genesis 1:
 - “according to their kinds”
- Ancient Phenomenological Perspective
 - bird kinds, fish kinds, cow kinds, etc
- Taxonomy-of-the-day
 - Ancient Taxonomy ☛ Ancient Science
- REPRODUCTION:
 - “according to their kinds”
 - cow ☛ cow ☛ cow
- Origins Implication:
 - cow ☛ cow ☛ original cow

Retrojection:

- Taking present experience and casting it back in time to explain the past
- ☛ CSI thinking
 - Reconstructing the past by using the present.
- (Latin: *retro*: back, backwards; *jacere*: to cast, throw)

De Novo Creation of Life

- Creation in Genesis 1:
 - Living organisms were created **Quick & Complete**.
- Retrojection of ancient taxonomy
 - Living organisms were separate “kinds”
 - Living organisms reproduced “according to their kinds”
- Conclusion:
 - ANCIENT BIOLOGY OF ORIGINS

NOW ON TO ADAM

- What about humankind?
 - human ☛ human ☛ human
 - Origins Implication:
 - human ☛ human ☛ original human
- Adam = Ancient Biology of Origins
Adam = Original Human of Retrojection

Message-Incident Principle:



CONCLUSION

- Adam = 3 Tiers
- Adam is simply a retrojective conclusion (*de novo* creation “according to their kinds”) of an ancient taxonomy, which is based on an ancient phenomenological perspective of biology.

Astronomy, Geology, and Biology (Including Humans) in the Bible:

- Ancient science
- De Novo creation
- Scientific concordism fails
- Holy Spirit accommodated
- Vessel for the Message of Faith

Evolutionary Creation (2008):

- Adam is an incidental vessel that delivers innerrant foundations of the Christian faith to remind us:
 - We are created in the Image of God,
 - we are sinful, and
 - God judges us for our sins.

- Though Adam never existed, he is the prototype of the human spiritual condition. In order to understand our existence, we must see ourselves in him—

Adam is you and me.

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- Other audio/slide lectures with handouts.
- Science-religion publications:
 - “Evolutionary Creation”
 - “Ancient Science in the Bible” chapter 3 from *I Love Jesus & I Accept Evolution*.
- Information for an on-line university credit science-religion course.

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