Were Adam and Eve Real?

Gen.2:4-9; 23

These are the generations

of the heavens and the earth when they were created,

in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,

and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground, then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Gen. 2:23 Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Possible Viewpoints

- . Symbolic story of man's; struggle to obey God?
- . The first humans to receive God's "image" after millions of yrs. of evolutions.
- . The first humans!

"How does this story (of Adam and Eve) fit into an evolutionary history where earth is billions of years old and humans originated hundreds of thousands of years ago in Africa?"

Francis Collins

(former leader of the Human Genome Project)

The garden of Eden hypothesis:

"Humanity had a recent origin in a single location. From this one location, humanity expanded rapidly to occupy all the geographical regions of the planet." Hugh Ross - Who was Adam?

1. D.N.A Evidence

. Length of time of the molecular clock.

Secular geneticists believe that modern humans can trace their male genetic ancestry back to one man and their female genetic ancestry back to one woman. Each person inherits two copies of the approximately three billion chemical letters (DNA sequence) of the human genome – one copy from each parent for a total of 6 billion letters.

Mutations – changes to the sequence

happen every generation. The accumulation of these differences resembles "ticks" of a clock, counting the time since any two people last shared a common sequence. "Mitochondrial Eve" is consistent with the Biblical Eve. Back approx. 200 generations Evolutionists claim that humans began 100,000 yrs. ago from a people group of 10,000.

Basis of conclusion:

- no Bible, no God
- mutation only; over uniform time.
- . Original source argument

Variations in mitochondrial DNA between people have conclusively shown that all people have descended from one female."

"Y chromosome analysis suggests that all men have descended from one common ancestor"

(Institute for Creation Research)

"Geneticists do see evidence for creation and they see it clearly, but peer pressure, financial considerations, political correctness and a religious commitment to naturalism force them to look the other way and insist they see nothing."

(Molecular biologist)

"Evolutionists almost never discuss the insurmountable differences between humans and chimpanzees, like their 900 million differences."

J. Tompkins, 2013

2. Genealogy Evidence

This is the book of the generation of Adam when God created man, He made Him in the likeness of God. Gen. 5:1

Male and female He created them and He blessed them and named them Man when they were created. (2)

When Adam had lived 130 yrs., he fathered a son in his own likeness, after His image and named Seth. (3)

Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and He died. (5)

ADAM...

1. Chron. 1:1

The Son of Adam, the Son of God.

Lk. 3:38

Theistic Evolution

- Adam descended from Neanderthals and pre-human animals.
- all the great apes and humans

Enoch, the seventh from Adam...

Jude 14

3. Biblical Evidence

Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female...

Matt. 19.4

But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. Mk. 10:6

The first man Adam became a living being... 1 Cor. 15:45

For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 1 Tim. 2:13

4. "Origin of Death" Evidence

"The secrets of evolution are death and time." Carl Sagan

Those who believe in evolution must believe that "death" existed millions of years before man.

- Sin and death therefore are not connected.
- Death is not the penalty for sin.

"Thus from the war of nature, from famine and death, the most exalted object which we are capable of conceiving, namely, the production of the higher animals (man) directly follows."

Charles Darwin -

Last paragraph - Origin of Species.

Death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one to come. Rom. 5:14

Just as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin and so death spread to all men. Rom. 5:12

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Cor. 15:22

"If Adam is not real then all of Scripture is called into question. The reason for Christ to come and to die is based on what happened to Adam.

Destroy Adam and Eve and the original sin and in the rubble you will find the sorry remains of the Son of God. If death is not the penalty for sin, then Christianity is meaningless. Man's sin brought death which in turn brought God's Son to pay the penalty of death for us."

James Stambaugh - ICR website

Key application thoughts

The human race had a distinct and special creative beginning from God.

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

Gen. 2:7

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Gen 3:20

2. Adam and Eve were created to be in a relationship with God.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and the man and his wife hid themselves. Gen. 3:8
God blessed them... Gen. 1:28

3. Sin brought death or separation from God.

In the day that you eat of it you shall surely die. Gen. 2:17

The wages of sin is death... Rom. 6:23

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...
Jn.10:10a

4. Hope and forgiveness is available from God.

To Satan - "He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel. Gen. 3:15

And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. Gen. 3:21