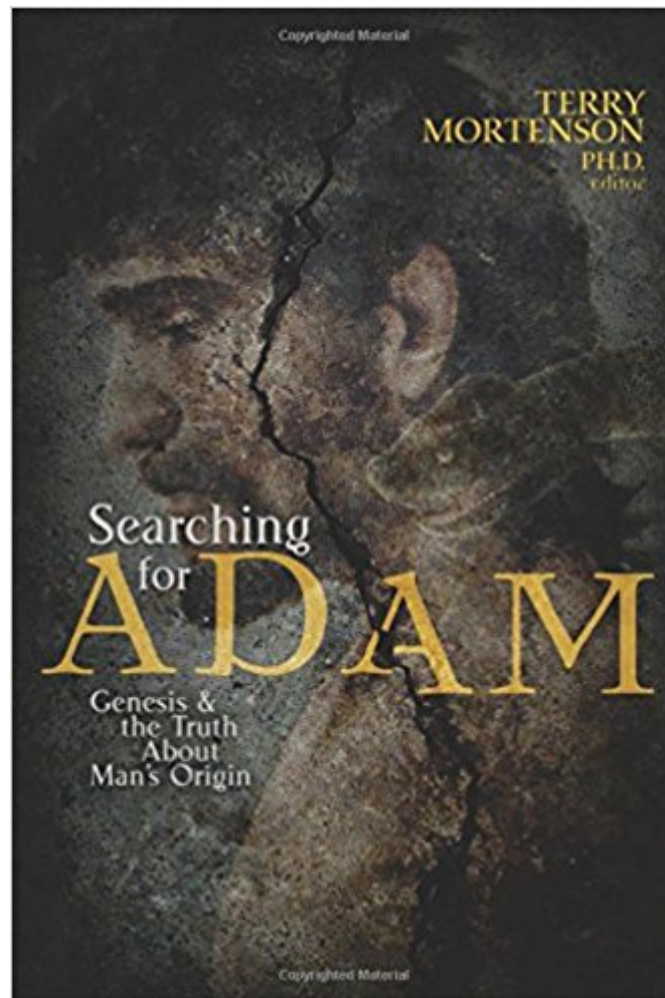




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Searching For Adam: Genesis & The Truth About Man's Origin



Synopsis

You can believe with great intellectual integrity what the Bible says about Adam and the origin and history of man. Though there are a growing number of books out on Adam, this one is unique in its multi-author combination of biblical, historical theological, scientific, archaeological and ethical arguments in support of believing in a literal Adam and the Fall. A growing number of professing evangelical leaders and scholars are doubting or denying a literal Adam and a literal Fall, which thereby undermines the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Last Adam, who came to undo the damaging consequences of Adam's sin and restore us to a right relationship with our Creator. This book will increase your confidence in the truth of Genesis 1-11 and the gospel: Enhance your understanding pertaining to the biblical evidence for taking Genesis as literal history Discover the scientific evidence from genetics, fossils, and human anatomy for the Bible's teaching about Adam Understand the moral, spiritual, and gospel reasons why belief in a literal Adam and Fall are essential for Christian orthodoxy.

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Customer Reviews

DR. TERRY MORTENSON is a speaker, writer, and researcher for Answers in Genesis. He joined AiG in 2001 after 26 years as a missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ, mostly in Eastern Europe. He has spoken on the creation-evolution issue in schools, universities and seminaries in 25 countries and has also had seven formal debates with evolutionary PhD scientists. He received a B.A. in mathematics from the University of Minnesota, a Masters of Divinity degree from Trinity

Evangelical Divinity School in Chicago, and a Ph.D. in the history of geology from Coventry University in England. He is the author of numerous articles and the book *The Great Turning Point: the Church's Catastrophic Mistake on Geology Before Darwin* (2004). He also co-edited and contributed to the 14-author, scholarly collection of essays called *Coming to Grips with Genesis: Biblical Authority and the Age of the Earth* (2008). He says that you know he is a real creationist, because he and his wife, Margie, have 8 kids and 11 grandkids.

Searching for Adam is an attempt to defend the historical view of Adam, namely as the father of all mankind. Obviously this view contradicts Darwinism, but the over 500 page book is packed full of scientific as well as historical data to defend the validity of an historical Adam as the progenitor of all humankind. It reviews the fossil record for human evolution, the genetic chasm between humans and chimps, the scriptural record, and other relevant topics. A must read.

Searching for Adam: Genesis & the Truth About Man's Origin is a book written by 16 authors, including the editor, Dr. Terry Mortenson. It was published in 2016 by Master Books and has 529 pages. The editor pointed out a number of ways in which the order of creation in the Bible clashes with evolutionary dogma. Did the earth start as "a hot molten ball," or was it initially covered with water? Dr. Menton wrote insightfully that "evolution is a jealous God that will have no other gods before it." I learned that the human thumb, in contrast to apes, "can touch all four fingers." We humans also have "white sclera" but all "apes and monkeys have a brown sclera that is nearly as dark as their brown iris." We read regarding the supposed similarity between chimp and human DNA that the "actual difference is about 12%--a number that is about ten times higher than the predicted value." Drs. Jeanson and Tomkins wrote that the "gold standard of science is the ability of a model to make testable accurate predictions. From the assumptions of the YEC model, creationists have made testable predictions about the future that can be tested in the laboratory." One particular illustration on page 316 bears this out. Dr. Burgess shares a revealing quotation from the *New Scientist*, October 26, 2002, "There is a popular image of human evolution that you'll find all over the place | it is an illusion. There is much comparison of humans with apes • their different walking abilities, different big toes, arched rather than flat feet, length of legs, knee joints (one being "fully

extendable $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}\bullet$), the positioning of the foramen magnum, and the fact that only humans can make $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}$ "circular pinch grip with the thumb $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}\bullet$ involving all four fingers, Did Darwin $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}$, "his doctrine lead to Hitler? Darwin wrote, $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}$ "The support which I receive from Germany is my chief ground for hoping that our views will ultimately prevail. $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}\bullet$ Edward A. Cantrell is also quoted, $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}$ "Without Adam $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}$, "his fall there is no need of Christ or the vicarious atonement. With the removal of the foundation the superstructure falls. $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}\bullet$ The editor surmised, $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}$ "Theistic evolution is a Trojan Horse that is bringing all kinds of ideas into the Church that are subverting the gospel and the authority and perspicuity of the Word of God $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}\bullet$ and quoted Neil deGrasse Tyson as declaring that $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}$ "we ourselves are stardust. $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}\bullet$ On the final page, the editor concluded, $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}$ "For the last 200 years, most of the church, including most of her leaders and theologians, have in effect trembled at the words of godless scientists and misguided theologians rather than trembling at (i.e., supremely reverencing and trusting) the Word of God. $\hat{A}f\hat{A}\hat{c}\hat{A} \hat{=} \neg\hat{A} \hat{A}\bullet$

Here you will find a very powerful case for the real historical Adam argued from both Scripture and science. Remember the story where Abraham pleads with the Lord to save Sodom for the sake of fifty righteous people? He starts with 50 and eventually reaches 10 people. Let's take a similar analogy - at what point is Genesis non-historical? Chapter 50? 40? ... 10? Did you know that 1 Chronicles chapter one mentions Adam as a real person who lived thousands of years ago? Consider Isaiah 40:21, "Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?". This makes no sense within the old-earth theistic evolutionary (theo-evo) method of interpreting Genesis. In contrast, this fits perfectly with man being created on Day Six just thousands of years ago. When did Adam live? Some opponents of the traditional stance on creation (Creation Week, Global Flood, young earth) have put the start of humanity at 10K, 50K, 70K, 100K and 150K years ago (p. 158). The book deals with extreme human longevity, ancient chronologies, Neanderthals and a host of intriguing topics. There is a very helpful discussion of the famous Laetoli footprints which appear to be human and are dated at 3.7M (pp. 254-6). Are you aware that evolutionary researchers have found that we are more closely related to orangutans than chimps (p. 293)? According to mainstream science, when did humans and chimps split? Published estimates range from 3M and 6M to 13M years (p. 296). Are you familiar with the Sumerian "Adam and Eve" seal (pp. 447, 448). It features a male and female figure reaching for fruit from a tree with a snake next to the female. This clearly depicts the Fall as a real event (Gen. 3). At one time the

Bible was trusted as a reliable historical source, but now many doubt an actual historical Adam. Maybe those with concerns should read *The Bible as History* by Werner Keller which was quite popular in its day (be sure to get an edition with pictures). If Genesis is correct with respect to the historicity of Abraham, why not Adam as well?

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