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Where are you, metaphor?

Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” (Genesis 3:9) Could this be translated correctly as “Where are you, metaphor?”

Can a metaphor have children? Can a metaphor have a genealogy? Can a metaphor be blamed for transgression?

On the surface these may seem rather ridiculous questions, but sadly, they have to be asked of many Christian leaders today. I am amazed at the word games some Christians play in attempting not to take Genesis 1-11 as literal history. Ultimately, their motivation is that they want to allow for supposed billions of years of Earth’s history.

I can recall a number of instances over the past year where Christian leaders (pastors and theologians) have insisted that Genesis 1-11 was written as a metaphor (i.e., figuratively). I even specifically asked some of these leaders if the account of Adam, the Garden and the Fall were metaphorical – and the reply was a resounding “yes.”

In a recent phone call, a man who writes for a well-known ministry made the statement to me that, “it’s not a matter of whether there was a literal Fall or not, but whether the Fall was literal.” Confusing? Well, what he is saying is that the written account of Adam, the Garden, and the serpent is not literal history, but a literary device to teach us that we are fallen – that we are sinners.

Let’s consider these scenarios in the light of some passages of Scripture.

It’s interesting to note that the word “Adam” occurs 27 times throughout the Bible.

In Luke 3:37-38 we read a part of the detailed genealogy leading to Christ: the son of Methuselah, the son of

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Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God... And then in Jude 1:14 we read: Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam...(Count them up – in this genealogy and that of Genesis 5, Enoch indeed is the seventh real person from Adam).

It's obvious that all those listed in these genealogies are real people – including Adam. How could we read these as “Seth the son of a metaphor or literary device?”

Wherefore, then, is the metaphor there for?

If real people are listed in a genealogy leading to Christ (Who was a real God/man), but beginning with the name of a what appears to be a real person, but is actually a metaphor or literary device, then all these real people (including the person of Christ) are not descendants of a real person.

This makes nonsense of these genealogies and the one in I Chronicles 1:

Adam, Seth, Enosh,

Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared,

Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras etc.

Also, in Romans 5:14, in explaining the Gospel and the origin of sin, Paul states, *Nevertheless death reigned from*

Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. In 1 Corinthians 15:22, Paul explains Who this type is, *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.*

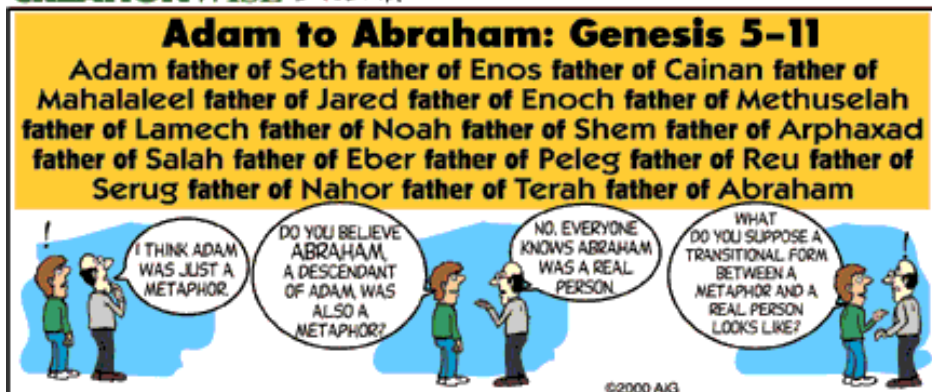
If Adam is only a metaphorical type or a literary device type – then, to be logically consistent, so is Christ. But if the whole Gospel is based on metaphorical or literary devices, then the Gospel has no basis in real history and therefore could be interpreted in many different ways. Thus there could be many meanings for salvation.

Even Job refers to Adam's transgression as a real event: *If I have covered my transgressions as Adam, By hiding my iniquity in my bosom* (Job 31:33). Surely Job wasn't saying “If I have covered my transgressions as the metaphorical Adam – or as the literary device about Adam?”

Was Paul deluded when he said *And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit* (1 Corinthians 15:45)? But let's not just stop at “Adam” – Paul refers to the “serpent” and to “Eve” and the “transgression.” Are all of Paul's writings also metaphorical or just a literary device? Or does Paul use real history to teach real doctrine?

Don't be led astray by the scholarly sounding semantics of fallible people puffed up with knowledge, as they try

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to hide from the obvious – Genesis 1-11 was written as, and is, real history!

Sincerely,

Ken Ham

Stewardship and trust services

***AiG's* ministry... to the Church!**

As our mission statement declares, *AiG's* ministry is “to support the Church in fulfilling the Great Commission.” We are equipping Christians to have answers for their faith, and to be more bold in their witnessing. *AiG* speakers and writers proclaim the authority of the Bible to Christians – and to non-Christians, for that matter.

Because *AiG* exists to help the Church, there is one thing we want to make quite clear: If you chose to support *AiG* financially, please do not re-direct gifts to us that should instead be going to your local church. Of course, we are grateful for any gifts that the Lord would send our way, but your local church should be the first place to con-



Church leaders in the Philippines receive donated copies of *AiG* books *One Blood* and *The Answers Book*, delivered recently by Dr. David Crandall (right) of Gospel Literature Services.

sider when you give to the Lord's work.

By the way, if you have any questions about estate planning (wills, trusts, insurance, or retirement plans), our volunteer CFP, Paul Laude, will be glad to assist you. You can reach Mr. Laude by calling (859) 727-2222, ext. 302.

AiG museum lands major architectural firm!

The award-winning architectural firm of A.M. Kinney Associates will be the lead architect for the 95,000-square-foot “Creation Museum and Family Discovery Center” and headquarters complex for *Answers in Genesis*. As reported last month, *AiG* recently closed on its purchase of 47 acres in Northern Kentucky (just west of the Cincinnati Airport).

Based in Cincinnati, the firm of A.M. Kinney Associates – with 60 staff – has worked with a variety of major clients, including Procter and Gamble, Bristol-Myers, Coca-Cola, as well as overseas companies. It is expected that architects from other firms will also bring their expertise to *AiG*'s final architectural team.

As a way of expressing its strong support for the Creation Museum, A.M. Kinney Associates will be donating a significant portion of its architectural services to *Answers in Genesis*.

A.M. Kinney has assigned its principal architect, George Nielsen, to lead the architectural team. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and is listed in “Who’s Who in America.” A.M. Kinney has assigned Robert Byrns to be the project manager for designing the museum and headquarters complex.

Ken Ham, Executive Director of *AiG*, declared: “Having a firm of this size and prestige is a wonderful addition

to our design and construction team. We are confident that as our lead architects, A.M. Kinney Associates will be designing a facility that will not only be visually stunning, but also welcoming to our visitors – and a wonderful setting for our growing staff. We trust that other architects will follow their example and join us in additional architectural aspects of the project.”

The museum (50,000 square feet) will provide visitors from around the globe with a “walk-through” history of the world starting from the Bible’s very first verse. Dinosaur models, dioramas,

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and other exciting exhibits (including interactive displays) will give families a dramatic visual tour of Biblical history,

showing that the Bible can be trusted from its very first verse.

The estimated cost of building the museum and headquarters will be in the \$5-8 million range. The figure could be well under \$8 million by using the “gifts in kind” strategy, where construction and supply businesses offer their services/supplies at a substantially reduced cost (such as A.M. Kinney) or even at no charge.

To view the ongoing sculpting of the museum’s 40-foot-long T-Rex model, and to see photos of the land just purchased, visit our Web site (over 7,500 visitors a day) at www.AnswersInGenesis.org

Introducing Dr. Lloyd-Jones!

Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to offer an audio tape set on Genesis by one of my favorite preachers and one of the greatest Bible teachers/expositors the world has ever heard, Dr. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. I have been blessed and challenged by his preaching and am sure that his insights in regard to evolution and the book of Genesis will astound you. His sermons are as relevant and powerful today as they were when he preached in the mid 20th century.

His expository preaching aimed both to let God speak as directly as possible to the man in the pew with the full weight of divine authority and also to minimize the intervention of the preacher and the watering-down of the direct and authoritative message by human intrusion and diversion.

He was utterly unimpressed by the theory of evolution well before scientists themselves had begun to express doubts. For that reason, he saw no need for a theory of 'creative evolution'. Theology came first As a distinguished physician, trained in medical science, and also a theologian, he could understand both theology and science and his views carried weight.*

Oh how the church needs his messages today!

Ken Ham

* Excerpt from <http://www.mlj.org.uk/frames.htm> You can find additional information about Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones there.

Answers...on radio!

Recently, we had someone on our staff call almost all 270 stations in the United States that broadcast the *Answers...with Ken Ham* program. Many stations informed us that this was the first time a program producer had ever contacted them with a personal phone call of thanks.

One of the most encouraging calls was with Jim Hutto of WMSL in Athens, Georgia. He informed us that he had originally aired our program in the morning, but decided to move it to a later time. When the station did, he received calls from teachers in a local public school. You see, these public school teachers had been directing their students to listen to the *Answers* program! When the program moved to a later slot, the disappointed teachers and students weren't able to hear it. WMSL now broadcasts *Answers* early in the morning – and also in the evening – to accommodate their listeners.

The managers of Christian stations want to hear from listeners. Their suggestions can carry a lot of weight in what the station will air, and at what time. If your local Christian radio station is not aware of the *Answers* program, we'd be glad to send you a free sample of the radio programs (produced on compact disc), and then you could hand-deliver the CD to your local station manager, with your words of endorsement.

To facilitate this, call our representatives at Ambassador Advertising in California

at 714-738-1501, and ask for John Williamson at ext. 227. He'll send you a sample of our program – on CD – with brief instructions on how best to approach your local Christian station about airing the *Answers* program.

Please consider this “creation evangelism” opportunity in your community.

Movie review

Didyaknow?

Did you know that the new Disney film *Dinosaur* joins many recent Hollywood movies (*Jurassic Park*, *The Lost World*, etc.) that have presented dinosaurs in a violent evolutionary context? While the “photo-realism” of the \$100-million film makes it a definite eye-popper, undiscerning eyes might not catch the Darwinian subtleties of the film.

The story follows the belief of many evolutionists that an asteroid may have led to the extinction of dinosaurs about 65 million years ago. Therefore, the film shows no humans, who supposedly evolved much later.

The main theme that recurs in *Dinosaur* is that the key to “survival of the fittest” is being compassionate and cooperative. In other words, rather than portraying Darwinian competition as necessary for survival, the film’s view of “survival of the fittest” seems to fit with the beliefs of a growing number of New Age evolutionists, whose credo is that we are all part of Nature and must get along.

Of course, orthodox Darwinian evolutionists say that the strongest--not the most gentle-- would more likely survive in harsh conditions, with the best characteristics of the surviving animals being passed on to the next generation. The film’s producers therefore present a sanitized, New Age version of evolutionary thinking. In reality, however, Darwinian evolution is a violent view of nature, described by Tennyson as “red [with blood] in tooth and claw.”

If you understand the Bible’s timeline of history, it is actually quite easy to explain dinosaurs and their “mysteries.”

Resist evolution in your newspaper!

Anti-creationists are becoming more active in their opposition to creation. For *AiG-US*, this included a three-year local effort by evolutionists to try to stop the building of a Creation Museum in Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati. Nationwide, more and more evolutionists are writing commentaries and letters to the editor to push evolution as “fact” and to ridicule people who uphold creation.

Because the argument that bacteria “develop” a resistance to antibiotics is increasingly used as present-day evidence for evolution occurring today, it demands a close examination. Please consider using portions of the following information (but put it in your own words) as the basis for your own letter to the editor whenever you read an article that uses bacterial resistance as “proof” of evolution.

As you write, keep the following guidelines in mind: 1. be respectful; 2. keep your letter under 400 words; 3. sign your name, and give your address and phone number; 4. indicate that you received some of the information from *Answers in Genesis*, and give *AiG's* Web site address – www.AnswersInGenesis.org

Evolutionists should know better than to use the argument that “resistance of bacteria to antibiotics” is evidence for evolution. If this is the best evidence they can offer for “frogs turning into princes,” it only reveals what a bankrupt theory evolution really is!

There are a number of ways in which bacterial resistance to substances like antibiotics occur in nature:

1. Some of the bacteria will already have the resistance to antibiotics. In other words, resistant bacteria inherited it – the information for resistance was already in the genes. When antibiotics are used, the non-resistant bacteria die, leaving the resistant ones.

But no new information has been introduced into the system. For evolution in the molecules-to-man sense to occur, there must be a mechanism for information that did not previously exist to arise from non-information. No one has ever observed such a phenomenon occurring. This is a serious problem for “macro-evolution” – the belief that one kind of animal (such as a fish) changed progressively into another (such as a bird), by gaining the information for things such as lungs, legs, and feath

ers which did not previously exist.

2. Some bacteria directly transfer their resistance to others. Scientists have observed an amazing process in bacteria in which a loop of DNA, called a plasmid, is transferred from one bacterium to another. Thus information that enables bacteria to become resistant to a substance can be transferred to a non-resistant organism.

Once again, however, the information already existed – no new information arose from matter. This cannot, therefore, provide the necessary information-gaining mechanism needed for molecules-to-man evolution.

3. There are a number of examples of bacteria becoming resistant through mutations (inherited “copying mistakes”). But when examined closely, all such mutations appear to be losses of information, the opposite of what is necessary for macro-evolution to occur. Information theory suggests it would be extremely rare for a random event to cause information gain. But evolutionary belief would lead one to expect to find billions of information-gaining mutations. So far, all appear to be information-losing (even though some may be described as “beneficial”).

Keep in mind that even though bacteria have been mutating through millions of generations (equivalent to many millions of years in more complex animals) since first discovered, the bacterial types we have today have not significantly changed since first described by Robert Koch in the 1800s.

I suggest, therefore, that the creationist understanding of this issue constitutes real science.

Creation Clubs gearing up for new school year!

Answers in Genesis is entering its third year of its “Creation Clubs” outreach to public schools, and is encouraging more students (with the help of their teachers) to think about forming their own clubs. The current number of clubs is about 100.

After evaluating feedback from clubs across the country, *AiG* has decided to plan different themes for each month of this next school year. *AiG* will continue to print *The X-Nilo Files* – a Club newsletter – on a monthly basis (at no cost to the clubs). Each month, clubs will be using *AiG*-donated materials such as videos, booklets, etc.

How can you become involved? If your public school permits non-curricular clubs, and,

- If you're a parent or student: you can ask teachers to mentor a student-led Creation Club.
- If you're a teacher: you can mentor a student-led club in your school.
- If you're a parent or student: you can sponsor a club yourself (you'll need a teacher to be a co-sponsor) – also, if you're already a part of an established Bible club, you are eligible to receive our free materials!

For information and an application (also downloadable from the *AiG* Web site at www.AnswersInGenesis.org), e-mail Kurt Streutker of our office at kstreuk@AnswersInGenesis.org, or write to Kurt Streutker, *AiG*, P.O. Box 6330, Florence, KY 41022.



One of the Creation Club outreaches is to colleges. Geoff Stevens (above) talked to students at St. John's College in Annapolis, MD, recently.

By the way, the sponsor of a Creation Club will receive a one-year gift subscription to *AiG's* *Creation* magazine. In addition, our monthly club newsletters (*The X-Nilo Files*) will be sent free of charge to each club member. This publication provides provocative answers to questions faced in most of America's science classes, where evolution is normally taught as fact.

Prayer points

Please pray

- that the speaking ministry *AiG* will have internationally over the next few months (Mexico, Japan, India, Canada, etc.) will be mightily used of the Lord.
- that the Creation Clubs starting in a few weeks will be a blessing to public school students (see p. 14).
- that many more construction-related businesses will join *AiG* in building a museum and headquarters complex, and to build it for well under \$8 million.