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Christianity Today did an article in one of their recent issues on the subject. I didn't realize how many evangelical born again Christian leaders believe in theistic evolution. I just about fell off my chair when I found out men I have a great deal of respect for like JI Packer and Phillip Yancy don't believe the traditional view. Anyway I want to make a narrow point here. The narrow being that to believe for whatever reason Gen 1-3 is allegory of some type you really have to throw out the whole bible.

It is called "The search for the historical Adam."

The center of the evolution debate has shifted from asking whether we came from earlier animals to whether we could have come from one man and one woman.

From the article:

"At issue: the traditional tenet that God directly created Adam and Eve the historical parents of the entire human race"

"might Genesis be presenting a poetic and powerful allegory about God endowing humanity with a spiritual and moral nature.

"The bible itself invites a symbolic reading using cosmic battle imagery and by drawing parallels between Adam and Israel

"affirmed the inerrancy of the bible but not of interpretations"

"I have full confidence in scripture but it does not represent what science represents (Boy they got that one right )

"the evidence seems to discredit the Fall from original righteousness as a historical event.

"and a whole lot more.

Jesus Matt 19/4f "at the beginning"

Paul 1 Tim 2/13-14 "Adam was first formed"

Psalm 104/ 2 "who stretches out the heavens like a garment" a lot more in that Psalm too. The Psalms are full of it. I think David saw creation (in a vision) because he kept talking about it.

Job 38 God himself speaks to the issue of how he made things. (Some interesting info given in vs 31 there- or is that allegory?)

And on and on. A related issue would be Noahs flood. Its everywhere in the bible. By everyone.

So my point is that to deny Gen 1-3 is really to deny the whole bible because everyone believed it the way it is written. You really have to throw out the entire supernatural element of the bible and Christianity as well.

Anyone who wants to carry on the discussion further please feel free to hijack the thread.