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IN THE BEGINNING... WE MISUNDERSTOOD

INTERPRETING GENESIS 1 IN ITS ORIGINAL CONTEXT

Kregel Publications For years, the evangelical church and its members have debated whether the Bible should be interpreted literally or symbolically in regards to the age of the earth. In their groundbreaking new book, *In the Beginning . . . We Misunderstood*, authors Johnny V. Miller and John M. Soden say that all these arguments have missed the point. Rather, what Christians really need to know is how to interpret the Bible in its original context. Exposing the fallacies of trying to make the biblical text fit a specific scientific presupposition, Miller and Soden offer a new approach to interpreting Genesis 1 that explores the creation account based on how the original audience would have understood its teaching. First, the authors present a clear explanation of the past and present issues in interpreting the first chapter of the Bible. Second, Miller and Soden break down the creation account according to its historical and cultural context by comparing and distinguishing both the Egyptian and Mesopotamian settings. Finally, they explore common objections to help readers understand the significance that the creation account has for theology today. Christians need not look any further than Genesis 1 to find clues to its meaning. Both irenic and bathed in Scripture, *In the Beginning . . . We Misunderstood* will equip every believer to navigate the creation wars, armed with biblically sound explanations.

ADAM AND THE GENOME

READING SCRIPTURE AFTER GENETIC SCIENCE

Brazos Press Genomic science indicates that humans descend not from an individual pair but from a large population. What does this mean for the basic claim of many Christians: that humans descend from Adam and Eve? Leading evangelical geneticist Dennis Venema and popular New Testament scholar Scot McKnight combine their expertise to offer informed guidance and answers to questions pertaining to evolution, genomic science, and the historical Adam. Some of the questions they explore include: - Is there credible evidence for evolution? - Do we descend from a population or are we the offspring of Adam and Eve? - Does taking the Bible seriously mean rejecting recent genomic science? - How do Genesis's creation stories reflect their ancient Near Eastern context, and how did Judaism understand the Adam and Eve of Genesis? - Doesn't Paul's use of Adam in the New Testament prove that Adam was a historical individual? The authors address up-to-date genomics data with expert commentary from both genetic and theological perspectives, showing that genome research and Scripture are not irreconcilable. Foreword by Tremper Longman III and afterword by Daniel Harrell.

HOW (NOT) TO READ THE BIBLE

MAKING SENSE OF THE ANTI-WOMEN, ANTI-SCIENCE, PRO-VIOLENCE, PRO-SLAVERY AND OTHER CRAZY-SOUNDING PARTS OF SCRIPTURE

Zondervan *Is Reading the Bible the Fastest Way to Lose Your Faith?* For centuries, the Bible was called "the Good Book," a moral and religious text that guides us into a relationship with God and shows us the right way to live. Today, however, some people argue the Bible is outdated and harmful, with many Christians unaware of some of the odd and disturbing things the Bible says. Whether you are a Christian, a doubter, or someone exploring the Bible for the first time, bestselling author Dan Kimball guides you step-by-step in how to make sense of these difficult and disturbing Bible passages. Filled with stories, visual illustrations, and memes reflecting popular cultural objections, *How (Not) to Read the Bible* is a lifeline for individuals who are confused or discouraged with questions about the Bible. It also works great as a small-group study or sermon series.

FRIEND OF SCIENCE, FRIEND OF FAITH

LISTENING TO GOD IN HIS WORKS AND WORD

Kregel Academic A scientist explores the harmony between Christian faith and science Though some Christians and many skeptics see science and Christianity as locked in a never-ending battle, geologist Gregg Davidson contends that there is tremendous harmony between Scripture and modern science. Many apparent conflicts arise when the Bible is interpreted apart from its literary and historical contexts, but when these are taken into account, most alleged clashes resolve. Proceeding from a belief that Scripture is inspired and without error and that God's creation should inform how we interpret the Bible, Davidson shows that Scripture and science need not disagree on issues like the age of the earth, Adam and Eve, Noah's flood, the origin and development of life, and numerous related topics. Rather, Christians can rejoice at how God's glory is revealed in both the Bible and the natural world.

GENESIS FOR NORMAL PEOPLE

A GUIDE TO THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL, MISUNDERSTOOD, AND ABUSED BOOK OF THE BIBLE

Given the fever-pitched controversies about evolution, Adam and Eve, and scientific evidence for the Flood, the average person might feel intimidated by the book of Genesis. But behind the heady debates is a terrific story—one that anyone can understand, and one that has gripped people for ages. If you are not a Bible scholar but want to be able to read Genesis and understand its big picture, this brief, witty book is the guide you've been waiting for. Clear summaries and thought-provoking questions provide direction for personal reflection and group discussion. Peter Enns, a Biblical Studies professor, and Jared Byas, an Old Testament professor, summarize the book's key themes and help us see Genesis as an ancient story, one with continued relevance for human experience today. *Genesis for Normal People* illuminates the characters that fill the book of Genesis, causing us to resonate with their choices and struggles even as we marvel at their distant world. And that's what you'll find here—not scientific proof texts or simple moral tales, but a distant world made available, and a story that is often strange, sometimes dangerous, and always filled with rich possibilities.

AS IT IS WRITTEN: THE GENESIS ACCOUNT LITERAL OR LITERARY?

DISMANTLING THE FRAMEWORK HYPOTHESIS

New Leaf Publishing Group This important study: Presents strong exegetical arguments for the six-day creation approach to Genesis Illustrates the traditional interpretation of Genesis, a survey of exegetical arguments, and responses to alleged problems Demonstrates the flaws in the framework argument. This book presents in a simple but clear presentation the basic argument for a six-day literal interpretation of Genesis 1. It also explains and rebuts the framework hypothesis, which is a leading view in evangelical academic circles. This book is aimed at intelligent laymen, though with the academic reader in mind, with definitions of technical terms where they are necessary and Greek and Hebrew words transliterated.

THE LOST WORLD OF GENESIS ONE

ANCIENT COSMOLOGY AND THE ORIGINS DEBATE

InterVarsity Press In this astute mix of cultural critique and biblical studies, John H. Walton presents and defends twenty propositions supporting a literary and theological understanding of Genesis 1 within the context of the ancient Near Eastern world and unpacks its implications for our modern scientific understanding of origins.

A WORLDVIEW APPROACH TO SCIENCE AND SCRIPTURE

MAKING GENESIS REAL

Kregel Publications Geologist Carol Hill examines how numerous apparent conflicts between Scripture and science can be resolved by understanding the ancient worldview of the scriptural authors and how it differs from our modern, scientific worldview. This framework opens the door to clearing up longstanding questions, such as:

- Are the Genesis patriarchs' ages real numbers?
- Are the days of creation actual 24-hour days?
- Where was the Garden of Eden located?
- Was Noah's flood global or local?
- Were Adam and Eve real people?
- Is evolution a belief or a fact?

With photographs and diagrams throughout, Hill explores the meaning of the relevant biblical passages, the scientific data, and how the worldview approach addresses seeming contradictions. Anyone who has wrestled with these questions will find *A Worldview Approach to Science and Scripture* to be an invaluable resource for understanding the interplay between faith and the world.

"Carol Hill takes both Scripture and science seriously, affirming the inspiration of the Bible and the evidence for biological evolution." -- Deborah Haarsma, President of BioLogos

This is one of the best one-volume works on the creation/evolution dialogue in print." --Kenneth Keathley, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

"Carol Hill's worldview approach brings the reader face-to-face with archeological, biblical, and scientific data that enable one to gain a new appreciation for what the Bible is trying to teach. This approach is a very helpful tool!" --James K. Hoffmeier, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

THE MANIFOLD BEAUTY OF GENESIS ONE

A MULTI-LAYERED APPROACH

Kregel Publications See and celebrate the multilayered grandeur conveyed by the first chapter of Genesis The first chapter of the Bible's first book lays the foundation for all that follows about who God is and what God is like. Our technology-age fascination with the science of origins, however, can blind us to issues of great importance that don't address our culturally conditioned questions. Instead, Genesis One itself suggests the questions and answers that are most significant to human faith and flourishing. Geologist Gregg Davidson and theologian Ken Turner shine a spotlight on Genesis One as theologically rich literature first and foremost, exploring the layers of meaning that showcase various aspects of God's character: Song Analogy Polemic Covenant Temple Calendar Land Our very knowledge of God suffers when we fail to appreciate the Bible's ability to convey multilayered truth simultaneously. The Manifold Beauty of Genesis One offers readers the chance to cultivate an openness to Scripture's richness and a deeper faith in the Creator.

A GUIDE TO OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY AND EXEGESIS

AN INTRODUCTORY ARTICLES FROM THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY OF OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY AND EXEGESIS

The introductory articles from the New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis are presented here in a separate publication, serving as an introduction to Old Testament theology and exegesis.

OLD TESTAMENT COSMOLOGY AND DIVINE ACCOMMODATION

A RELEVANCE THEORY APPROACH

Wipf and Stock Publishers In order to reconcile the discrepancies between ancient and modern cosmology, confessional scholars from every viewpoint on the interpretation of the early chapters of Genesis agree that God accommodated language to finite human understanding. But in the history of interpretation, no consensus has emerged regarding what accommodation entails at the linguistic level. More precise consideration of how the ancient cognitive environment functions in the informative intention of the divine and human authors is necessary. Not only does relevance theory validate interpretative options that are inherently most probable within the primary communication situation, but the application of relevance theory can also help disentangle the complexities of dual authorship inherent in any model of accommodation. The results also make a salutary contribution to the theological reading of Scripture.

RETHINKING GENESIS 1-11

GATEWAY TO THE BIBLE

Wipf and Stock Publishers Genesis 1-11 contains some of the best-known stories in the world. To modern Westerners they may look like no more than entertaining tales that children can enjoy, but modern adults cannot take seriously. However, when read in the context of the ancient Orient, Genesis 1-11 looks very different. It turns out to be a truly revolutionary document. In retelling the history of the ancient world, it puts a new spin on it by introducing an all-powerful, all-knowing, unique God whose greatest concern is human welfare. The God who appears in Genesis 1-11 is the God presupposed by all the Old Testament writers, indeed by the New Testament as well. The gripping tales of Genesis thus provide the theological spectacles for a sympathetic reading of the Bible. They are the gateway to a valid understanding of its message and can even help modern believers construct a worldview that integrates both the discoveries of modern science and the insights of Christian theology.

LIVING GOD'S WORD, SECOND EDITION

DISCOVERING OUR PLACE IN THE GREAT STORY OF SCRIPTURE

Zondervan Academic Living God's Word is your pathway to read the Bible as it was meant to be read: as God's Great Story. Many Christians resolve to study the Bible more fervently, but often struggle to grasp the progression of Scripture as a whole. They encounter various passages each week through unrelated readings, studies, and sermons and it all feels disconnected. But once they see the Bible as God's Great Story, they begin to understand how it all fits together and they start see how their own lives fit into what God has done and is doing in the world. In Living God's Word, Second Edition, New Testament scholar J. Scott Duvall and Old Testament expert J. Daniel Hays help Christians consider how their lives can be integrated into the story of the Bible, thus enabling them to live faithfully in deep and important ways. Living God's Word explores the entire Bible through broad themes that trace the progression of God's

redemptive plan. Each section deals with a certain portion of Scripture's story and includes: Reading/listening preparation Explanation Summary Observations about theological significance Connections to the Great Story Written assignments for further study These features--combined with the authors' engaging style--make Living God's Word an ideal book for those who want to understand the Bible better, for introductory college courses, Sunday school electives, or small group study. Readers can further enhance their learning experience with the Living God's Word WORKBOOK (sold separately) which contains additional questions and exercises to help them reflect on what they are reading in Living God's Word.

(MIS)INTERPRETING GENESIS

HOW THE CREATION MUSEUM MISUNDERSTANDS THE ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN CONTEXT OF THE BIBLE

Scarab Press Contents by chapter: What was Leviathan? Was Behemoth a Dinosaur? King James' Unicorns Making Sense of Isaiah's Flying Serpents Does Genesis 1:1 Describe the Absolute Beginning? Ancient Hebrew Heavenly Cosmology The Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Earth Eden: The Cosmic Mountain of God The Meaning of the Seven Days of Creation The Numerological Lifespans of the Patriarchs Animal Death Before the Fall Why the Holy Spirit isn't Your Bible Commentary How Popular Views of Inspiration Protect Readers from Their Bible False Artifacts, Hoaxes, and Misinterpretations: Young-Earth Creationism's Use of Dragon Legends Misuse of Flood Legends Cosmology and Traditional World Cultures Praise for (Mis)interpreting Genesis: "Stanhope's scholarly, multi-pronged critique...helped me to see the biblical narrative as holding far deeper, more significant meaning than what these Christian materialists seem bent on forcing the text to say. The text itself, in its ancient context, is far more interesting than what these eisegetes want to make it say." - John Holzmann, Co-Founder, Sonlight Curriculum Ltd.; Manager, Holzmann Family Enterprises LLC "Stanhope has dedicated many years to combatting the misinformation circulated by young-earth creationists in print and online. In this book, we see the fruit of his labors and a clear demonstration of his love for the Bible and dedication to understanding it in its historical and cultural context. The result is a monumental work.... The book offers a positive and remarkably thorough survey of the relevant biblical texts (both the ones young-earth creationists twist and the ones they conveniently ignore) as well as of relevant archaeological data.... In short, the book offers a compelling case for how to interpret the biblical material about creation that is more honest and more genuinely biblical in character than what one finds in the homeschooling and other literature promoted by the Creation Museum and other organizations like it. All those concerned not only about the state of science education in the United States, but also the decline in biblical literacy, owe Stanhope a debt of gratitude." - James F. McGrath, Clarence L. Goodwin Chair in New Testament Language and Literature, Butler University. Author of *The Only True God: Monotheism in Early Judaism and Christianity* "Stanhope relies on the most up-to-date scholarship to explain many concepts in the biblical texts that have been misunderstood by many people in today's world. This book is necessary for anyone to dive deeper into the biblical texts. I cannot recommend it enough." - Michael Jones, Founder and Director of the Inspiring Philosophy Christian research video library Ben Stanhope has served as a Garrett Fellow in the Department of Literature and Culture of Boyce College, holds a certificate in Worldview from Biola University, a B.A. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and an M.A. in Manuskriptkulturen from the Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures at the German University of Hamburg, where he was educated in archaeometric techniques under Dead Sea Scroll scientists. His research thesis *First Temple Hebrew Seals and Bullae Identifying Biblical Persons* synthesizes archaeological and museum catalog data to present novel discoveries in the interpretation of Egyptian icons on biblical period papyrus seals. He has authored a work on first century Roman philosophy entitled, *The Golden Sayings of Epictetus: In Contemporary English*.

THE LIBERATING IMAGE

THE IMAGO DEI IN GENESIS 1

Brazos Press Offers a deeply informed take on a key Christian doctrine and its interpretation and relevance today.

ACROSS THE SPECTRUM

UNDERSTANDING ISSUES IN EVANGELICAL THEOLOGY

Baker Books This accessible yet comprehensive primer helps readers understand the breadth of viewpoints on major issues in evangelical theology, with chapters using the popular multiple-views format. This third edition of a well-received textbook (over 60,000 copies sold) has been updated and revised throughout. It examines positions taken by evangelical scholars on seventeen seminal issues. In addition, it offers end-of-chapter "For Further Reading" sections, an extensive glossary, and an appendix that addresses contrasting views on fifteen additional issues in contemporary evangelicalism.

QUESTIONING THE BIBLE

11 MAJOR CHALLENGES TO THE BIBLE'S AUTHORITY

Moody Publishers The Bible is the most influential book in human history. But what are we supposed to do with it in the 21st century? And even more importantly, can it still be trusted as the Word of God? Confusion and doubt about the Bible are becoming as common inside the church as they are outside. Questions come from all sides: Is the Bible anti-intellectual? Has the biblical text been corrupted over the centuries? Who really chose the books of the Bible and

why? Which interpretation of the Bible is correct? Are the gospels full of contradictions? There are an unprecedented number of sophisticated attacks on the origin, credibility, and reliability of the Bible today. Secularism has tried to undercut even the possibility of spiritual or moral knowledge. Skepticism toward institutional religion is at an all-time high. Yet, the Bible claims that truth is knowable and God is actively involved in our world. What are we to do? Pray for wisdom. Think clearly. Pick up your Bible. Read through the 11 major challenges presented in these pages. And be ready.

"I WILL WALK AMONG YOU"

THE RHETORICAL FUNCTION OF ALLUSION TO GENESIS 1-3 IN THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

Penn State Press The well-known parallels between Genesis and Leviticus invite further reflection, particularly in regard to the rhetorical and theological purpose of their lexical, syntactical, and conceptual correspondences. This volume investigates the possibility that the final-form text of Leviticus is an indirect reference to Genesis 1-3 and examines the rhetorical significance of such an allusion. The face of Pentateuch scholarship has shifted dramatically in the last forty years, resulting in the questioning of many received truths and the employment of a host of new, renewed, and often competing methodologies by biblical scholars. This study sits at the intersection of these recent interpretive trends. G. Geoffrey Harper uses insights from the fields of intertextuality, rhetorical criticism, and speech act theory to create a methodological framework, which he applies to three Leviticus pericopes. Chapters 11, 16, and 26 are examined in turn, and for each the assessment of potential parallels at lexical, syntactical, and conceptual levels reveals a complex web of interconnected allusion to the creation and Eden narratives of Genesis 1 and 2-3. Moreover, Harper probes the theological and rhetorical import of these intertextual connections and explores how Leviticus ought to be understood in its Pentateuchal context. This comprehensive study of the connections between these two sections of the Hebrew Bible sheds light on both the literary artistry of these ancient texts and the persuasive purposes that lie behind their composition.

THE GOSPEL IN THE DOCK

IS THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST GOOD FOR THE CHURCH, HUMANITY, AND THE WORLD?

Wipf and Stock Publishers C. S. Lewis famously penned the phrase "God in the Dock" and proposed that there was a "great divide" between ancient and modern humans, in that our ancestors would have rightly seen themselves "in the dock" before God, while we moderns have placed God there before us. But what if what God's love most desires for us, the gospel or "good news" of the only way of life for humanity, has been "in the dock" before us from the time of Adam and Eve? And what if it is also the case that the gospel is often "in the dock" as though it is not good—even for the church? This book builds upon and expands the "life and death" stakes Lewis proposed by demonstrating that the gospel way of faith itself has been placed in the dock by us and in many ways ruined our relationships with God, with our own selves, with one another, and even with the natural world itself which we are meant to "steward" for its good. In these pages the reader will discover why the gospel that requires faith is good news, but why we so tragically default to our divisive and self-destructive ways.

DICTIONARY OF CHRISTIANITY AND SCIENCE

THE DEFINITIVE REFERENCE FOR THE INTERSECTION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH AND CONTEMPORARY SCIENCE

Zondervan Academic The definitive reference work on science and Christian belief How does Christian theology relate to scientific inquiry? What are the competing philosophies of science, and do they "work" with a Christian faith based on the Bible? No reference work has covered this terrain sufficiently--until now. Featuring entries from over 140 international contributors, the Dictionary of Christianity and Science is a deeply-researched, peer-reviewed, fair-minded work that illuminates the intersection of science and Christian belief. In one volume, you get reliable summaries and critical analyses of over 450 relevant concepts, theories, terms, movements, individuals, and debates. You will find answers to your toughest questions about faith and science, from the existence of Adam and Eve to the age of the earth, evolution and string theory. FEATURES INCLUDE: Over 450 entries that will help you think through some of today's most challenging scientific topics, including climate change, evolution, bioethics, and much more Essays from over 140 leading international scholars, including Francis Beckwith, Michael Behe, Darrell Bock, William Lane Craig, Hugh Ross, Craig Keener, Davis Young, John Walton, and many more Multiple-view essays on controversial topics allow you to understand and compare differing Christian viewpoints Learn about flesh-and-blood figures who have shaped the interaction of science and religion: Augustine, Aquinas, Bacon, Darwin, and Stephen Hawking are just the beginning Fully cross-referenced, entries include references and recommendations for further reading Advance Praise: "Every Christian studying science will want a copy within arm's reach." --Scot McKnight, Northern Seminary "This is an invaluable resource that belongs in every Christian's library. I will be keeping my copy close by when I'm writing." --Lee Strobel, Elizabeth and John Gibson chair of apologetics, Houston Baptist University "Sparkles with passion, controversy, and diverse perspectives."--Karl Giberson, professor of science and religion, Stonehill College "An impressive resource that presents a broad range of topics from a broad tent of evangelical scholars."--Michael R. Licona, Houston Baptist University "I am certain that this dictionary will serve the church for many years in leading many to demonstrate that modern science can glorify our Creator and honor his creation." --Denis O. Lamoureux, University of Alberta "'Dictionary' is too humble a label for what this is! I anticipate that this will offer valuable guidance for Christian faithfulness." --C. John Collins, Covenant Theological Seminary Get answers to the difficult

questions surround faith and science! Adam and Eve | the Age of the Earth | Climate Change | Evolution | Fossil Record | Genesis Flood | Miracles | Cosmology | Big Bang theory | Bioethics | Darwinism Death | Extraterrestrial Life | Multiverse | String theory | and much, much more

HOW (NOT) TO READ THE BIBLE STUDY GUIDE PLUS STREAMING VIDEO

MAKING SENSE OF THE ANTI-WOMEN, ANTI-SCIENCE, PRO-VIOLENCE, PRO-SLAVERY AND OTHER CRAZY SOUNDING PARTS OF SCRIPTURE

HarperChristian Resources In this six-session video study (video streaming code included) bestselling author Dan Kimball guides you step-by-step through making sense of the most misunderstood, difficult, and disturbing Bible passages. This study guide has everything you need for a full Bible study experience, including: The study guide itself—with discussion and reflection questions, video notes, and a leader's guide. An individual access code to stream all six video sessions online (you don't need to buy a DVD!). For centuries, the Bible was called "the Good Book," a moral and religious text that guides us into a relationship with God and shows us the right way to live. Today, however, some people argue the Bible is outdated and harmful, with many Christians unaware of some of the odd and disturbing things the Bible says or how to understand them. Whether you're a Christian, a doubter, or someone exploring the Bible for the first time, Dan Kimball is your guide to understanding and contextualizing passages in Scripture that seem backward on topics related to women, science, violence, slavery, and world religions. Filled with stories, visual illustrations, and memes reflecting popular cultural objections, How (Not) to Read the Bible is a lifeline for individuals who are confused or discouraged with questions about the Bible. Sessions include: Never Read a Bible Verse Stranger Things Boys' Club Christianity Jesus Riding a Dinosaur My God Can Beat Up Your God Rated NC-17 This study can be done in youth groups, single's groups, small groups, Sunday classes, and by individuals. *Access code subject to expiration after 12/31/2026. Code may be redeemed only by the recipient of this package. Code may not be transferred or sold separately from this package. Internet connection required. Eligible only on retail purchases inside the United States. Void where prohibited, taxed, or restricted by law. Additional offer details inside.

EVIDENCE THAT DEMANDS A VERDICT

LIFE-CHANGING TRUTH FOR A SKEPTICAL WORLD

Thomas Nelson Equip yourself to present and defend the claims of the Christian faith. The truth of the Bible doesn't change, but its critics do. Now with his son Sean McDowell, Josh McDowell has updated and expanded the modern apologetics classic for a new generation. Evidence That Demands a Verdict provides expansive defense of Christianity's core truths and thoughtful responses to the Bible's most difficult and extraordinary passages. It invites readers to bring their doubts and doesn't shy away from the tough questions. Topics and questions are covered in four parts: Evidence for the Bible Evidence for Jesus Evidence for the Old Testament Evidence for Truth Serving as a go-to reference for even the toughest questions, Evidence that Demands a Verdict continues to encourage and strengthen millions by providing Christians the answers they need to defend their faith against the harshest critics and skeptics. Evidence That Demands a Verdict was the winner of the 2018 ECPA Christian Book award for Bible Reference Works.

RETIRING RETIREMENT

Hendrickson Publishers In Retiring Retirement Rodney Macready doesn't believe retirement is a biblical concept, especially the way it's practiced in today's Western culture, with a sense of entitlement. His aim is to challenge readers to think about retirement and what the Bible has to say in relation to it. He encourages retirees to continue to be productive and contribute to the Kingdom, and challenges us to evaluate our current concept of "retirement" by exploring what the Bible says about it.

CREATION AND FALL

A THEOLOGICAL EXPOSITION OF GENESIS 1-3

Fortress Press Creation and Fall originated in lectures given by Dietrich Bonhoeffer at the University of Berlin in the winter semester of 1932-33 during the demise of the Weimar Republic and the birth of the Third Reich. In the course of these events, Bonhoeffer called his students to focus their attention on the word of God the word of truth in a time of turmoil.

THE BIBLE & ANCIENT SCIENCE

PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION

URBAN LEGENDS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

40 COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

B&H Publishing Group Urban Legends of the Old Testament surveys forty of the most commonly misinterpreted passages in the Old Testament. These "urban legends" often arise because interpreters neglect a passage's context, misuse historical background information, or misunderstand the original language of the text. With a pastoral tone and helpful explanations of where the error originally occurred, authors David A. Croteau and Gary E. Yates tackle

legendary biblical misinterpretations of topics like the origin of evil or the purpose of Mosaic food laws, as well as common misconceptions about dinosaurs, or NASA discovering Joshua's long day. Urban Legends of the Old Testament will help readers avoid missteps in the interpretation of key biblical texts while modeling interpretative techniques that can also be applied to other Old Testament passages.

GENESIS 1 AS ANCIENT COSMOLOGY

Penn State Press The ancient Near Eastern mode of thought is not at all intuitive to us moderns, but our understanding of ancient perspectives can only approach accuracy when we begin to penetrate ancient texts on their own terms rather than imposing our own world view. In this task, we are aided by the ever-growing corpus of literature that is being recovered and analyzed. After an introduction that presents some of the history of comparative studies and how it has been applied to the study of ancient texts in general and cosmology in particular, Walton focuses in the first half of this book on the ancient Near Eastern texts that inform our understanding about ancient ways of thinking about cosmology. Of primary interest are the texts that can help us discern the parameters of ancient perspectives on cosmic ontology—that is, how the writers perceived origins. Texts from across the ancient Near East are presented, including primarily Egyptian, Sumerian, and Akkadian texts, but occasionally also Ugaritic and Hittite, as appropriate. Walton's intention, first of all, is to understand the texts but also to demonstrate that a functional ontology pervaded the cognitive environment of the ancient Near East. This functional ontology involves more than just the idea that ordering the cosmos was the focus of the cosmological texts. He posits that, in the ancient world, bringing about order and functionality was the very essence of creative activity. He also pays close attention to the ancient ideology of temples to show the close connection between temples and the functioning cosmos. The second half of the book is devoted to a fresh analysis of Genesis 1:1-2:4. Walton offers studies of significant Hebrew terms and seeks to show that the Israelite texts evidence a functional ontology and a cosmology that is constructed with temple ideology in mind, as in the rest of the ancient Near East. He contends that Genesis 1 never was an account of material origins but that, as in the rest of the ancient world, the focus of "creation texts" was to order the cosmos by initiating functions for the components of the cosmos. He further contends that the cosmology of Genesis 1 is founded on the premise that the cosmos should be understood in temple terms. All of this is intended to demonstrate that, when we read Genesis 1 as the ancient document it is, rather than trying to read it in light of our own world view, the text comes to life in ways that help recover the energy it had in its original context. At the same time, it provides a new perspective on Genesis 1 in relation to what have long been controversial issues. Far from being a borrowed text, Genesis 1 offers a unique theology, even while it speaks from the platform of its contemporaneous cognitive environment.

THE CREATION DAYS OF GENESIS

WERE THE CREATION DAYS LITERALLY 24 HOURS LONG?

Christian Publishing House How long were the creative days? When was "the beginning"? Does science contradict the Genesis account? What does fit the facts? As has been the case with many other doctrines that have been misrepresented or misunderstood, all we ask is that the reader of this book gives the Andrews a fair hearing. He will lay out the biblical interpretation concerning the creative days of Genesis. There are over a dozen different interpretations concerning the creative days of Genesis. In **THE CREATION DAYS OF GENESIS**, Andrews will consider the main four in an effort to make his point. Within, we will get the Bible's answer to these questions, i.e., God's Viewpoint. Moreover, Christians find real meaning and purpose in life, based on an accurate knowledge of the Creator and his creation activity, as was/is revealed in the Bible.

GENESIS FOR NORMAL PEOPLE

A GUIDE TO THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL, MISUNDERSTOOD, AND ABUSED BOOK OF THE BIBLE (SECOND EDITION W/ STUDY GUIDE)

Given the fever-pitched controversies about evolution, Adam and Eve, and scientific evidence for the Flood, the average person might feel intimidated by the book of Genesis. But behind the heady debates is a terrific story—one that anyone can understand, and one that has gripped people for ages. If you are not a Bible scholar but want to be able to read Genesis and understand its big picture, this brief, witty book is the guide you've been waiting for. Clear summaries and thought-provoking questions provide direction for personal reflection and group discussion. Peter Enns, a Biblical Studies professor, and Jared Byas, an Old Testament professor, summarize the book's key themes and help us see Genesis as an ancient story, one with continued relevance for human experience today. **Genesis for Normal People** illuminates the characters that fill the book of Genesis, causing us to resonate with their choices and struggles even as we marvel at their distant world. And that's what you'll find here—not scientific proof texts or simple moral tales, but a distant world made available, and a story that is often strange, sometimes dangerous, and always filled with rich possibilities. **WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT GENESIS FOR NORMAL PEOPLE:** "This book is a welcome antidote to the mystification about the book of Genesis that goes around. It is accessible for readers who want to take the plunge into this old text. It is gentle in leading readers to a critical sense of the text in response to a "late" trauma in Israel. It is imaginative in its articulation of a book that might otherwise be off-putting. The convergence of accessibility, gentleness, and imagination make this a very fine read." - Walter Brueggemann, Professor Emeritus, Columbia Theological Seminary "Genesis for Normal People is the perfect starting point for Christians who want to read the book of Genesis more faithfully and honestly. Enns and Byas break down the history, genre, culture, and context of this fascinating book of the Bible, so that "normal people"—you know, those who can't read ancient Hebrew—can get a

better sense of its purpose, meaning and relevance. The authors manage to simplify without dumbing down, challenge without confusing, and dig for deep truth without compromising their intellectual integrity. A must-read for anyone who care enough about the Bible to want to read and understand it on its own terms."- Rachel Held Evans, author of *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*"The stories in the book of Genesis are among the most well known in the Bible--so much so that it's easy to lose sight of the fact that Genesis is an ancient document from a cultural setting very different from our own. Enns and Byas have provided a highly readable volume that reminds readers of its reality while explaining the meaning and significance of Genesis in light of its ancient context. An ideal book for individual and study groups interested in understanding Genesis on its own terms."- John R. Franke, General Coordinator for The Gospel and Our Culture Network"Evangelical Old Testament scholarship has come of age and is now coming out from behind the shadows of suppression and secrecy. No one represents this fresh coming of age more than Peter Enns, who, with co-author Jared Byas, makes available to any Bible reader a fresh engagement with Genesis--readable, responsible, and recognizably fresh."- Scot McKnight, Professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary

UNDERSTANDING GENESIS

HOW TO ANALYZE, INTERPRET, AND DEFEND SCRIPTURE

New Leaf Publishing Group There are many opinions and subsequent interpretations on the Book of Genesis. What did the author of Genesis intend and how can we possibly know, or is the important thing only what the Bible "means to you"? In this book, Dr. Jason Lisle answers questions such as: What are the most common mistakes people make in trying to understand Genesis? What are the necessary rules of biblical interpretation, and what is the proper role of science in understanding the Bible? How does one identify the various types of biblical literature, and how do the rules of interpretation handle each type - poetic, prophetic, historical, etc.? Is there one correct interpretation of the Bible, or are there many? Discover why alternative positions are rationally impossible. Unlock a powerful understanding of God's Word and equip yourself with a reasoned defense against those who distort the Word of God.

A GUIDE TO INTERPRETING THE BIBLE CORRECTLY 2

NYBookz We, as a civilization, were not the first to invent and detonate a nuclear weapon. You would not know that weapons of mass destruction—WMD—information is contained in the Old Testament texts because the evidence is not clear-cut and, therefore, not in-your-face type. The Bible interpreters usually employ unnecessary religious iconography to describe events that are simply irreligious. We fail to interpret the Bible according to the authors' intended meaning. Today, it has become the fad to dismiss the well documented events in the Bible as mythological fairy tales. They do this to show that they are "woke." However, they lack understanding of plain sight knowledge. We fail to see all the technologies in the Bible, so much so, many people believe the stories are make-believe, and, on the other hand, at best, people claim to believe by faith. Facts are facts and will remain factual at all times when we start interpreting based on the authors' intended meaning. Faith is unnecessary once you get it. The question we should be asking is: Who or what was using those advanced weapons, and why? Today, we can't even figure out how the pyramids were built and the purpose of why they were built, so how much more figuring out the stories of the Bible? Here is a work leading to the road of no more worries. Don't let a strategy so simple as distract, deceive and yell continue to wear you down in the various places you listen to the Bible get interpreted. This work: *A Guide to Interpreting the Bible Correctly*, will explain all the keys you will need for interpreting the Bible easily and correctly. The scales will fall off your eyes, and the Old Testament will come alive. However, for you to understand the events in the Old Testament, you have to push the boundaries harder than what you are used to hearing and learning. You have to unlearn and relearn a lot of misunderstood information. I have also pushed the boundaries harder than I am used to, to bring you part one of this work.

FOUR VIEWS ON CREATION, EVOLUTION, AND INTELLIGENT DESIGN

Zondervan Academic Evolution--or the broader topic of origins--has enormous relevance to how we understand the Christian faith and how we interpret Scripture. *Four Views on Creation, Evolution, and Intelligent Design* presents the current "state of the conversation" about origins among evangelicals representing four key positions: Young Earth Creationism - Ken Ham (*Answers in Genesis*) Old Earth (Progressive) Creationism - Hugh Ross (*Reasons to Believe*) Evolutionary Creation - Deborah B. Haarsma (*BioLogos*) Intelligent Design - Stephen C. Meyer (*The Discovery Institute*) The contributors offer their best defense of their position addressing questions such as: What is your position on origins - understood broadly to include the physical universe, life, and human beings in particular? What do you take to be the most persuasive arguments in defense of your position? How do you demarcate and correlate evidence about origins from current science and from divine revelation? What hinges on answering these questions correctly? This book allows each contributor to not only present the case for his or her view, but also to critique and respond to the critiques of the other contributors, allowing you to compare their beliefs in an open forum setting to see where they overlap and where they differ.

INTERPRETING EDEN

A GUIDE TO FAITHFULLY READING AND UNDERSTANDING GENESIS 1-3

Crossway "No interpreter of the creation narratives can avoid interacting with this book." —Derek W. H. Thomas Christians have long discussed and debated the first three chapters of the Bible. How we interpret this crucial section

of Scripture has massive implications for how we understand the rest of God's Word and even history itself. In this important volume, biblical scholar Vern Poythress combines careful exegesis with theological acumen to illuminate the significance of Genesis 1-3. In doing so, he demonstrates the sound interpretive principles that lead to true understanding of the biblical text, while also exploring complex topics such as the nature of time, the proper role of science, interpretive literalism, and more.

COMING TO GRIPS WITH GENESIS

BIBLICAL AUTHORITY AND THE AGE OF THE EARTH

New Leaf Publishing Group Fourteen theological scholars address key topics related to the age of the earth, which is the crucial issue of debate in the church today regarding origins. Bringing to bear rigorous biblical, theological, and historical arguments in favor of a six-day creation, the global Flood, and a young earth, they also provide much-needed critiques of a number of contemporary old-earth interpretations of the book of Genesis. This fresh defense of the literal history of Genesis 1-11 nicely complements other studies which focus more on the scientific evidence of young-earth creationism. As such, this book can serve as a versatile supplement to other works, but is also designed to be used as a standalone text for seminary and Bible college professors and students, pastors, missionaries, and others who want in-depth apologetic resources. **Coming to Grips with Genesis: Biblical Authority and the Age of the Earth** includes: Forewords by Dr. John MacArthur, President of the Master's Seminary and Senior Pastor of Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA; and the late Dr. Henry Morris, Founder and President Emeritus, Institute for Creation Research Detailed analysis of the verbs of Genesis 1 A defense of the Genesis 5 & 11 genealogies as strict chronologies Reasons for rejecting millions of years of death and natural evil before Adam's sin Careful reflection on Jesus' teachings regarding a young earth

THE EVOLUTION OF ADAM

WHAT THE BIBLE DOES AND DOESN'T SAY ABOUT HUMAN ORIGINS

Brazos Press Can Christianity and evolution coexist? Traditional Christian teaching presents Jesus as reversing the effects of the fall of Adam. But an evolutionary view of human origins doesn't allow for a literal Adam, making evolution seemingly incompatible with what Genesis and the apostle Paul say about him. For Christians who both accept evolution and want to take the Bible seriously, this can present a faith-shaking tension. Popular Old Testament scholar Peter Enns offers a way forward by explaining how this tension is caused not by the discoveries of science but by false expectations about the biblical texts. In this 10th anniversary edition, Enns updates readers on developments in the historical Adam debate, helping them reconcile Genesis and Paul with current views on evolution and human origins. This edition includes an afterword that explains Enns's own theological evolution since the first edition released.

GENESIS, SCIENCE, AND THE BEGINNING

EVALUATING INTERPRETATIONS OF GENESIS ONE ON THE AGE OF THE EARTH

Wipf and Stock Publishers Christian apologist Ben Smith believes that the creation account in Genesis 1 can be read literally and historically as a real week of seven normal days without contradicting modern astronomy and geology regarding the age of the universe and Earth. Many Christians are divided over how to reconcile Genesis with modern science, and this book evaluates all of the major options, ultimately concluding that the Bible allows for an old universe and Earth in a way that is also scientifically accurate. A former Young Earth creationist, Smith now believes that the age of creation is not specified in the Bible, and therefore scientists are free to answer the question. He believes that Christians should not hide from the controversy over the age of the Earth, but should take a fresh look at the text and be impressed with its accuracy.

THE BOOK OF JOB

Princeton University Press The life and times of this iconic and enduring biblical book The book of Job raises stark questions about the meaning of innocent suffering and the relationship of the human to the divine, yet it is also one of the Bible's most obscure and paradoxical books. Mark Larrimore provides a panoramic history of this remarkable book, traversing centuries and traditions to examine how Job's trials and his challenge to God have been used and understood in diverse contexts, from commentary and liturgy to philosophy and art. Larrimore traces Job's reception by figures such as Gregory the Great, William Blake, and Elie Wiesel, and reveals how Job has come to be viewed as the Bible's answer to the problem of evil and the perennial question of why a God who supposedly loves justice permits bad things to happen to good people.

DECISION MAKING AND THE WILL OF GOD

A BIBLICAL ALTERNATIVE TO THE TRADITIONAL VIEW

Multnomah Does God Have a Perfect Will for Your Life? Does God have a perfect will for each Christian? Can you be absolutely certain of God's specific will for your life? In this expanded twenty-fifth anniversary edition of his highly acclaimed work, Garry Friesen examines the prevalent view on God's will today and provides a sound biblical alternative to the traditional teaching of how God guides us. This new edition includes these helpful resources: • Study

guide for small groups • Responses to Frequently Asked Questions • Guide to painless Scripture memorization Friesen tackles the very practical issues of choosing a mate, picking a career, and giving in this fresh and liberating approach to decision making and the will of God. Story Behind the Book Most Christians have been taught how to find God's will, yet many are still unsure whether they've found it. God does guide His people, but the question is, "How does He guide?" After "putting out a fleece" to decide which college to attend, Garry Friesen began pondering why it was so hard to find God's will when he had so sincerely sought it. Was he the only one who did not have 100 percent clarity for every decision? Then a new possibility struck—perhaps his understanding of the nature of God's will was biblically deficient. Maybe there was a better way to understand HOW God guides.

READING GENESIS 1-2

AN EVANGELICAL CONVERSATION

Hendrickson Pub Seven Old Testament scholars from a variety of different perspectives come together to offer a critical and comparative assessment of the early Genesis narratives.

THE BEGINNING AND THE END

REREADING GENESIS'S STORIES AND REVELATION'S VISIONS

Wipf and Stock Publishers Have you ever wondered if there might be more to Genesis than fodder for anti-evolutionism? Or have you ever thought, "Revelation has to be more than simply a roadmap for the future of the Middle East"? You're not alone. In *The Beginning and the End* Michael Pahl surveys the opening chapters of Genesis and the concluding chapters of Revelation, taking seriously both their historical and literary features as ancient texts and their theological purposes as inspired Scripture. The result is a reading of the first and last books of the Bible that sketches out, from beginning to end, a story of God, humanity, and all creation--a grand narrative in which we are placed in the middle, and which calls us to live in a particular way as our identity and our values are shaped in light of our origins and our destiny.