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The Science and Theology of Adam and Eve

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Abstract:

Do we all descend from a single couple? This is a deceptively simple question, with subtle complexity. We do not appear to genetically descend from a single couple. Instead, it seems we descend from a common ancestor with the great apes, and the population size of our ancestors never dips to a single couple. Genetic ancestry, however, is not genealogical ancestry. With this distinction in mind, the answer to the question changes. Entirely consistent with the genetic evidence, it is possible Adam and Eve, genealogical ancestors of us all, were de novo created less than 10,000 years ago in the Middle East. Evolutionary science, it seems, presses in a very limited way on our understanding of Adam and Eve, only suggesting (alongside Scripture) that their descendants eventually interbred with those outside the Garden. A genealogical rapprochement between evolutionary science and traditional theology of Adam is now possible.



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