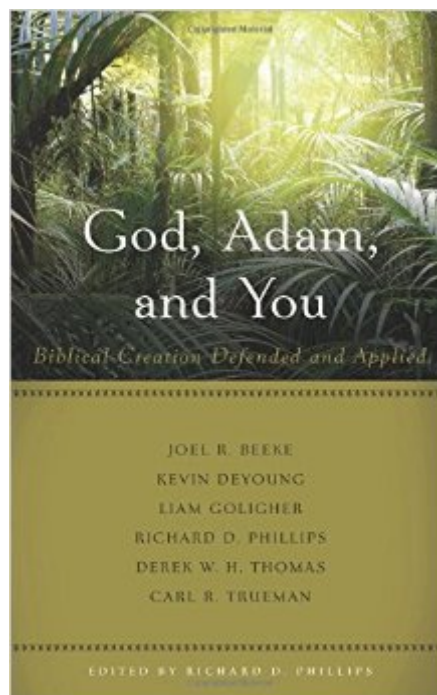


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# God, Adam, And You: Biblical Creation Defended And Applied (Best Of Philadelphia Conference On Reformed Theology)



## Synopsis

Questioning the truth of Genesis 1-3 puts more than just Adam in jeopardy; the repercussions are enormous. Noted pastor-scholars Joel R. Beeke, Kevin DeYoung, Liam Goligher, Richard D. Phillips, Derek W. H. Thomas, and Carl R. Trueman argue for the inerrancy and infallibility of Scripture, unpacking the implications of Genesis 1-3 for human nature, original sin, the gospel, God's intent for human sexuality, redemption, and more.

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Does it matter if Adam was a historical being? Many Christians today think Adam can be relegated to mythology or symbolism without compromising too much of the Christian faith. These authors disagree. They hold that Adam was a historical being and that his existence is necessary to our faith and witness. What one believes about Adam's existence makes a difference to how we understand God, mankind, the person and ministry of Jesus, the Bible, and the gospel. It is essential, they argue, to defend the Bible's teaching on creation and Adam. Derek Thomas writes on the essence of Genesis 1 in one essay and the views on the days of creation in another. Joel R. Beeke argues for a real, historical Adam, using the Bible alone. He also has an essay on Jesus as the second Adam. Kevin DeYoung explores whether man is here by chance or by design. Liam Goligher shares the spiritual ramifications of the first chapters of Genesis. Richard D. Phillips reveals the kind of theology we end up with if we incorporate evolution into it. He also writes on gender and marriage. His third essay is on what was lost in the Fall and when it will be regained. Carl R. Trueman writes

on original sin and how the doctrine has been changed by modern theologians. As is often the case with a variety of authors, the quality of the essays differ and there is some repetition. As a lay person, there were a few of the studies I greatly appreciated. Beeke pointed out the problems of rendering the Bible through the lens of science as well the importance of defending the historicity of Adam. "The denial of the historical Adam brings with it a host of ideas contrary to the Christian view of creation, human nature, human relationships, and the fall of man.

In recent days, many people have questioned whether Adam and Eve are really persons or not. Typically the people who question Adam and Eve also question whether the Bible is authoritative, inerrant and sufficient. Most of these people are scientists with no Bible or theological training and traditionally come to the Bible not to learn from its teachings but rather to impose their scientific findings upon the Bible. In 2013 there was a conference held by the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology under the title "God, Adam, and You" out of which comes the book *God, Adam, and You: Biblical Creation Defended and Applied*. The whole book explores one question, "What difference does Adam make?" The book takes a serious look at Genesis 1-3 with a view to defend the literal interpretation of the first three chapters of Genesis. Some people have abandoned Adam as a historical person who lived and died in real history. As the authors open the biblical text they help us understand not only how to respond to attacks on the first three chapters in the Bible but also what they mean. In chapter one Dr. Thomas looks at the Bible's first word. Chapter two by Dr. Joel Beeke considers the case for Adam. Kevin DeYoung looks at two views of the human person in chapter three. Chapter four by Liam Goligher looks at Adam's role in the Garden. Richard Phillips looks at the Bible and evolution. In chapter six Mr. Phillips also considers God's design for Gender, Marriage, and Sex. Dr. Thomas in chapter seven considers differing views on the days of creation. Chapter eight is where Dr. Beeke considers Christ, the Second Adam. Chapter nine looks at God's Garden to God's city by Richard Phillips. Carl Trueman in the final chapter looks at original sin and modern theology.

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