

Were Adam and Eve Real People?

Consider the following:

Moses believed that they were real (Genesis 5, etc.)

The author of Chronicles believed that Adam was real: 1 Chronicles 1:1

Luke believed that Adam was real: Luke 3:38

The Lord Jesus believed that they were real: Matthew 19:4-5

Paul believed that Adam was real: Romans 5:12ff, 1 Cor. 15:22,45, 1 Timothy 2:12-14

Jude believed that Adam was real: Jude 14

Consider also:

All the above authors were inspired by the Holy Spirit in what they wrote and believed about Adam and Eve (2 Peter 1:21 and 2 Timothy 3:16).

Therefore:

If we believe that Scripture is the inspired Word of God, we must believe that Adam and Eve were real, historical people.

Furthermore:

What are the consequences if we deny that they were real people?

- 1) We deny the inspiration of Holy Scripture and contradict what Scripture teaches about itself and therefore also what the church confesses about Scripture in Belgic Confession Article 3.
- 2) We say that the Lord Jesus (in Matthew 19) was lying, crazy or mistaken. Whatever we might say, such a man cannot be our Saviour for he shows himself to be just another man.
- 3) If there was not really one man and one woman who sinned in the beginning, the teaching of Paul in Romans 5 about Jesus Christ is nonsense.
- 4) The teaching about original sin, found in several places in Scripture (and repeated in the confessions of the church), is not true.
- 5) Man can therefore contribute something to his salvation.
- 6) God is robbed of glory.