



Truth Appears As We Wrestle It Out

Round 2

Scripture

Literal

2 Timothy 3:15-17

15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

VS.

Cultural

The description of how Adam was created is certainly figurative. The question is open as to whether there was an actual person named Adam who was the first human being or not. Perhaps there was a first man, Adam, and a first woman, Eve, designated as such by God at the right time in his development of human beings. Or perhaps Adam, whose name after all means "Human," is himself figurative of humanity in general. ~Tremper Longman

Somewhere In The Middle

Is this background information really all that important?

Only if we want to genuinely understand what we're reading in Scripture! Here's a principle worth remembering:

The Bible can never mean what it never meant.

Scripture can't have some unique, esoteric meaning to me personally that is completely divorced from its historical and cultural setting. It can't mean something to us now that it never meant to them then. ~Curt Parton

Ask 4 Questions:

- 1. What Am I Reading?**
- 2. What Does It Say?**
- 3. What Does It Mean?**
- 4. How Do I Respond?**

John Calvin commenting on proper application wrote that...

"We must observe that the knowledge of God which we are invited to cultivate is not that which, resting satisfied with empty speculation, only flutters in the brain; but a knowledge which will prove substantial and fruitful whenever it is duly perceived and rooted in the heart."

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