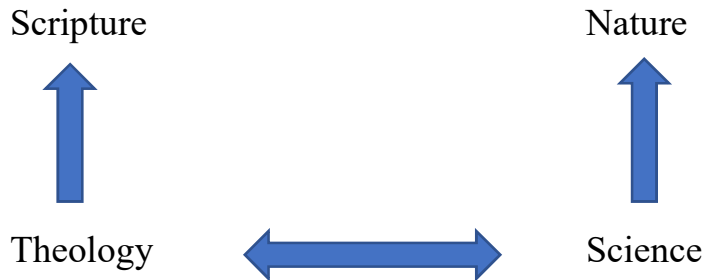


A. God's Two Books



B. Challenges from Science

1. Darwin: Our world evolved by an **unguided** process of **natural selection** from a single primordial form (**common ancestry**). No God, no Adam, no purpose.
2. Genetics: Humans and chimpanzees share a common ancestor (similar genes). Humans evolved as several thousand people about 200,000 years ago (diverse genes).

Watch this fascinating video on how genetic ancestry works. Its payoff for us is that it shows how Adam could be our genealogical ancestor even if his genes are no longer present in us. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fm0hOex4psA>

C. Why Adam Matters

See Philip Ryken's chapter in *Four Views on The Historical Adam* (Zondervan); Moreland and Meyer, eds. *Theistic Evolution* (Crossway); and Norman Nevin, *Should Christians Embrace Evolution?* (Presbyterian & Reformed).

1. Authority of Scripture: Is the Bible wrong? (Rom. 5:12-21; Luke 3:38; 1 Cor. 15:21-22)
2. God's presence and action in our world: Functional Deism? Does God ever intervene?

3. God's nature: Process theism?

4. Goodness of creation (Gen. 1; 1 Tim. 4:4)

5. Goodness of gender, sex, and marriage

Jesus: *Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9*

Paul: *1 Cor. 11:7-12; 1 Tim. 2:11-14*

6. Evil of racism (Acts 17:26)

7. Uniqueness of Humans: Are we special? (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:15)

8. Origin of sin: Did the Fall actually happen? (Rom. 5:12-21)

9. Need for Jesus: why does everyone sin if we aren't in Adam? (Rom. 5:12-21)
At stake: original sin and the heresy of Pelagianism

10. Salvation in Jesus: can we be in Christ if we aren't in Adam? (Rom. 5:12-21)

11. Evil of death: how to counsel someone who is dying? (Gen. 2:17; 1 Cor. 15:26; Rom. 8:19-23)

12. Resurrection of the body (1 Cor. 15:21-22, 44-49)

13. Return of Christ: If God did not intervene in the beginning, can we trust him to intervene in the end?