Beyond Galileo – to Chalcedon: Re-imagining the Intersection of Evolution and the Fall

The Colossian Forum on Faith, Science, and Culture (http://www.colossianforum.org/) has brought together a team of Christian scholars from a variety of academic disciplines charged with working on a three-year communal research program that addresses evolution, the Fall, and original sin.

The project, entitled “Beyond Galileo – to Chalcedon: Re-imagining the Intersection of Evolution and the Fall,” has received funding by the Biologos Foundation (http://www.colossianforum.org/2013/02/19/the-colossian-forum-receives-grant-for-project-on-evolution-and-the-fall/).

The team consists of scholars of the Bible, science, theology, philosophy, ethics, and history. Together their task is to explore a pressing question for the contemporary church:

*If humanity emerged from non-human primates—as genetic, biological, and archaeological evidence seems to suggest—then what are the implications for Christian theology’s traditional account of origins, including both the origin of humanity and the origin of sin?*

*The integrity of the church’s witness requires that it constructively address this difficult question. The team believes that cultivating an orthodox theological imagination can enable Christians to engage these tensions without giving up on confessional orthodoxy. So its confessional methodology is as central to the project as its topic.*

**Conference on Evolution and the Fall**

The research project will culminate in a major conference called “Re-imagining the Intersection of Evolution and the Fall” held at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary on the campus of Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, on March 26-28, 2015 (http://www.colossianforum.org/forums/evolution-christian-faith/ecf-conference/).

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