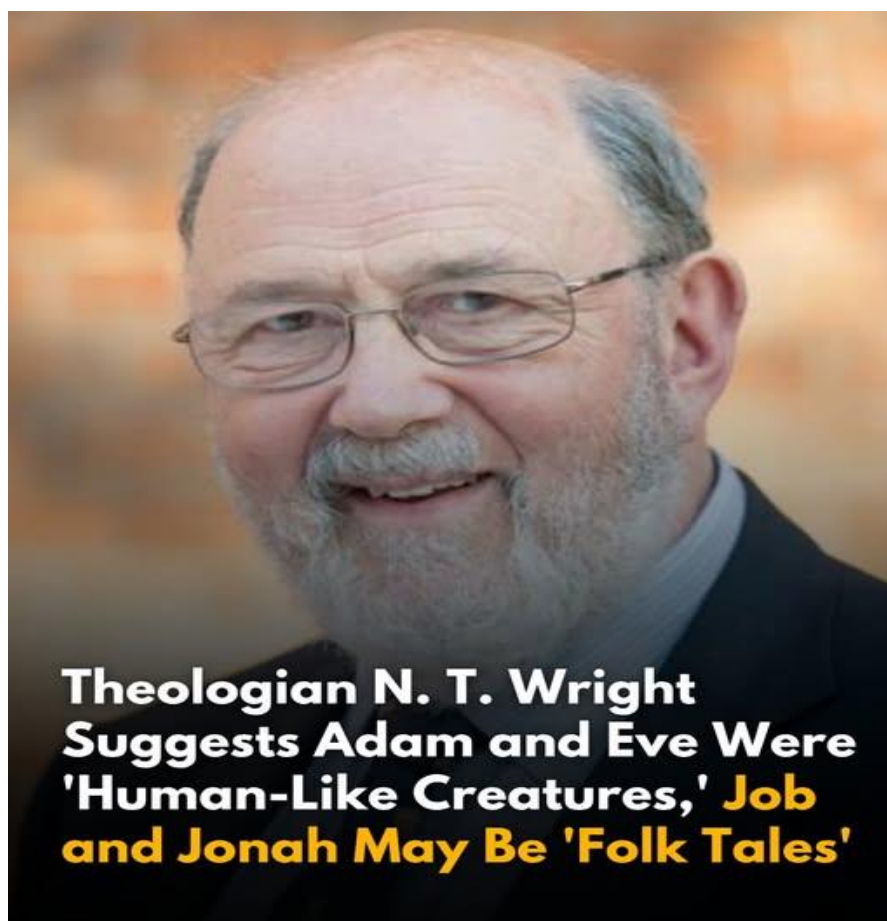


John Stott and N. T. Wright – BOTH WRONG!

On 17th April 2026 I posted the following on Facebook concerning N T Wright –

‘Mr Wright is in my view an unregenerate reprobate full of his own academic self-importance - see my article on <https://www.takeheed.info/.../May/nt-wright-is-nt-wrong.pdf>’ – my comments were linked to a photo and article posted by another source and which I shared to my Facebook timeline. This was the photo and article –



‘New Testament scholar N. T. Wright is facing backlash after saying he is unsure whether some famous Bible figures were historical individuals. On his podcast, **Wright suggested Adam and Eve may have been an original human pair chosen for a “special purpose,” while Job and Jonah could function more like “folk tales” or literary stories meant to teach truth. He said Christians should focus less on proving historicity and more on the message of each book.’**

There are further details of what he said to be found by reading the article beginning on <https://www.christianpost.com/news/theologian-nt-wright-adam-eve-were-human-like-creatures.html>

On page 2 of that article we read where Mr Wright claimed about Adam and Eve that they **‘were part of what he called "a very careful, layered ancient Middle Eastern story" in Genesis 1 ... Rejecting a literal 24-hour creation week, Wright said he is “inclined to see an original human pair” in the figures of Adam and Eve, referring to them as “HOMINIDS” and “humanlike creatures.” “We might even call them proto-humans for many generations, perhaps for many thousands of years before the time we're now talking about.”**

A ‘hominid’ is defined online as follows – **‘A hominid is a term used to describe a member of the hominidae family. The hominidae family consists of the great apes (gorillas, chimpanzees, bonobos and orangutans) and human beings.’**

An AI definition for ‘proto-humans’ reads – **“Proto-humans" are extinct, primitive predecessors in the human evolutionary lineage.’**

Quite simply, in the light of the testimony of God’s Word Mr Wright is utterly wrong with the Lord Himself affirming that **“he which made them AT THE BEGINNING made them male and female, and said, for this cause shall a MAN leave FATHER and MOTHER and cleave to his WIFE” (Matthew 19: 4-5).** No hint or indication here from the Lord of any ‘hominids’, or ‘humanLIKE creatures’ or ‘protohumans’.

Perhaps you’re asking yourself why I included the name of **JOHN STOTT** in the title of this article. Well, during the second week of May, Margaret and I were on holiday and I took with me a book that I had only previously briefly dipped into and I wanted to have a more thorough read at.

The book is **‘Ecumenism: Another Gospel: Lausanne’s Road to Rome’** by **Dr E S Williams**. Copies to purchase are available on <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ecumenism-Another-Gospel-Lausses-Road/dp/0954849388>

Chapter 3 is titled **‘John Stott – the political theologian’** and Dr Williams details many of the worrying aspects concerning **Mr Stott’s beliefs and practices** that I knew of. However, on pages 33-34, Dr Williams wrote –

“Stott’s method of interpreting Scripture allowed him to accept the theory of evolution as consistent with biblical revelation. Throughout most of his life as a theologian he believed and taught an evolutionary version of creation ... In an article in The Church of England Newspaper in 1968 he wrote – **It seems perfectly possible to reconcile the historicity of Adam with at least some (theistic) evolutionary theory ... To assert the historicity of an original pair who sinned through disobedience is one thing; it is quite another to deny all evolution and assert the separate and special creation of everything, including both subhuman creatures and Adam’s body. The suggestion (for it is no more than this) does not seem to me to be against Scripture and therefore impossible that when God made man in His own image what He did was to stamp His own likeness on one of the many HOMINOIDS which appear to have been living at that time ...**

In 1986, Paul Taylor, a high school science teacher ... In public ... asked Stott how he reconciled his belief in theistic evolution with his strongly stated conviction that Adam was a real historical figure ... Stott answered with his now-famous *homo divinus* analogy, claiming that **the ‘dust of the earth’ from which Adam was made, was the evolutionary process, guided by God, whereby man evolved from ape-like ancestors. It was his contention that Adam was basically the first evolved ape – or rather first evolved from the ape-like common ancestor. Into this ape-like Adam, God breathed his soul ...**

In *Understanding the Bible: Expanded Edition* (1999) Stott attempts to justify his evolutionary views **‘But my acceptance of Adam and Eve as historical is not incompatible with my belief that several forms of pre-Adamic HOMINID may have existed for thousands of years previously ... They made their cave-drawings and BURIED THEIR DEAD** (Cecil – so Mr Stott believed there was death BEFORE Adam sinned which contradicts Romans 5: 12 & 14) **It is conceivable that God created Adam out of one of them ... Adam was the first *Homo divinus* ... the first man ... ‘made in the image of God’ ... This tells us a lot about Stott’s view of Scripture, for he is prepared to disregard the clear teaching of Scripture when it does not support his worldview ... Undoubtedly Stott’s theistic evolution made him intellectually respectable in the eyes of the world.”**

Does it by any chance strike you my reader, as it struck me, that there is a **REMARKABLE SIMILARITY** in the language used by **Mr Wright** in his reported podcast and the language used by **Mr Stott** almost 60 years ago and then subsequently to express his view that Adam evolved from **HOMINIDS**. Could that be where **Mr Wright** got his 'insights' from?

Echoing the view of Dr Williams that **Undoubtedly Stott's theistic evolution made him intellectually respectable in the eyes of the world** I would venture to suggest that the same applies where **N T Wright** is concerned.

The world no doubt will view them both as being probably right, but on the authority of God's Word, I say they are **BOTH** definitely **WRONG**.

By way of closure, let me direct you to a helpful article on the **Answers in Genesis** web site that includes reference to **Mr Stott's** expressed views

<https://answersingenesis.org/theistic-evolution/god-and-evolution/should-christians-celebrate-evolution/?srsltid=AfmBOooLox1PZ5tdm8ZBCZtd0sQkW2e-Tgl2g07JAd4AFFcufL7n3yCM>

It was written in 2008 by a **Paul F Taylor** – the very man who posed the question publicly to John Stott back in 1986 that I referred to on page 3. Details of Mr Taylor can be viewed on <https://thecreationclub.com/author/paultaylor/>