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## EVOLUTION

**Paradigms on Pilgrimage: Creationism, Paleontology, and Biblical Interpretation.** By J. Godfrey and Christopher R. Clements (2005. Clements Publishing (1894667328). 208 pp. Paper \$19.95.

Written by a scientist and a theologian, **Paradigms on Pilgrimage** reflects on the histories of two groups: Young Earth Creationists who, in their own professional studies, have at last to understand and accept the factuality of Earth's evolutionary history—without losing their religious faith.

The first section, by paleontologist Stephen J. Godfrey, is a profound personal description of how the discoveries in the field forced him to accept that the Flood of Noah did not have been responsible for the fossil record, the Earth is indeed very old, and that living things have in fact changed over time. His own experiences before and after his Ph.D. studies at the University of Toronto were constantly contrary to what he would have expected under a literal understanding of Genesis. In his words, "I dreaded the discovery of fossils, fearing that they might come to fill the gaps." The journey was not easy, but Godfrey ultimately discovered his acceptance of evolution as liberating, both professionally and personally, regarding his religious faith. This book characterizes his effort in writing the book as "an attempt to mine the struggle of others who might find themselves on the same rocky road."

Part Two of **Paradigms**, by Pastor Christopher R. Smith,

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