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Paul returned to this same theme in 1 Corinthians 15:47, stating that "the first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven." And in 1 Timothy 2:13, he states that both Adam and Eve were created by God.

There is a serious theological problem if the Apostle Paul could have been mistaken about the historicity of Adam when he was writing his scriptural epistles under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Paul could not have got this wrong because to believe that undermines all the rest of his teaching.

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