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Adam's Gene and the Mitochondrial Eve: Evolution Based on the Epics of Hinduism, the Bible and the Quran.

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Three Stars (out of Five)

The lengthy subtitle of *Adam's Gene* may cause readers to approach the book warily and with possible scorn. But those who dare to open the cover will soon discover that Dr. Ahamed V.P. Kutty has meticulously researched subjects including the Epics of Hinduism, the Bible, and the Qur'an, as well as an array of scientific studies like physics, archeology, paleontology, anthropology, and astronomy. Religion and science are usually portrayed as bitter enemies; when one trusts the scientific method and empirical evidence over morality and faith, it can be hard to believe in a god and easier to explain religious epiphany as chemical reactions in the brain. Kutty's revolutionary approach is a marriage of science and religion that supports and benefits both disciplines. He does not scoff at the idea of a god or greater being, nor does he try to discredit scientific theories like evolution. Instead, he uses text from holy books and scriptures of the world's religions to reinforce scientific discovery and theory.

The author's primary concern is to prove that Adam and Eve and their offspring did not have to resort to incest to populate the earth. As the first and only "humans" on earth it has been theorized that Adam and Eve were perfect creations, God's "Vicegerent" (rulers) on earth. Since fossil evidence shows that a series of hominids existed before the rise of Homo sapiens, Kutty postulates that Adam and Eve and their descendents probably mated with some of these lower hominids to propagate humanity. He writes, "Adam and Eve were originated from the pre-'Adamic race' (hominids) of Homo sapiens by mutation and evolution. It is important to keep in mind that Adam and Eve did not suddenly get evolved from the then existing ape species, but

from the existing human race —the Cro-Magnons."

Qur'an:7:189 states that man and woman were created, "out of one living entity." Kutty writes that this excerpt "could mean, out of the primordial unicellular organism (one living entity) that appeared on earth 3.5 billion years ago, and from all living forms including man evolved both male and female (the mates)."

Ideas in this book are sure to raise the eyebrows of any curious reader. While most of the prose is succinct, it does contain some errors in grammar and syntax, and the author tends to repeat himself. This redundancy could be a stylistic choice used to reiterate ideas, but it is still be a distraction.

It is refreshing to see a man of high intelligence admit faith in a supreme power that allowed man to explore and define his role in the known universe.