

## The Virgin Birth

In conducting some interviews recently for a class project, I found that many Christians turn to the Bible for answers in times of distress. Yet I also found out that many Christians have a hard time with many basic theological issues, one of which is the Virgin Birth. I came across this side note in Lee Stroble's The Case for Christmas.

*Though 79% of Americans believe the virgin birth, it was a stumbling block for philosopher William Lane Craig when he was young. "I thought it was absurd," he said. "for the virgin birth to be true, a Y chromosome had to be created out of nothing in Mary's ovum, because Mary didn't possess genetic material to produce a male child."*

*Still, he became a Christian. "You don't need to have all your questions answered to come to faith," he told me. "You just have to say 'the weight of the evidence seems to show this is true, so even though I don't have answers to all of my questions, I'm going to believe and hope for the answers in the long run.'"*

*Craig, who became an expert on scientific evidence for a Creator, later resolved his issue. "If I really do believe in a God who created the universe," Craig said, smiling, "then for Him to create a Y chromosome would be child's play!"*

So many of us want to believe that the Creator can grant us anything we want, but we don't want to believe the essential truths that are in the Word of God. *John 17:17 (NIV) Sanctify them by the truth; **your word is truth*** (emphasis added). We as Christians must maintain that all of our beliefs must flow out of the Bible because it is the standard of TRUTH. Once we understand that, our issues will also be resolved, including the truth of the Virgin Birth.

Further scripture study:

- Hebrews 11:1-12:3
- Psalm 19
- Job 38-40
- Psalm 22
- Romans 1