

Lewis Howes question: Do you view the bible literally or inspired? (I believe that Lewis meant literally or allegorically.)

Ms. Tippet response: The whole idea of a literal reading of the bible is kind of new. The early church fathers did not do this.

Response: This is a misleading and inaccurate answer. The bible is composed of different types of literature. Poetic and historical narrative are two examples of different forms of biblical literature. Serious biblical theologians of yesterday and today view poetic text as allegorical and historical text as literal. And yes, the Early Church Fathers knew and used these rules of biblical interpretation. So taking the bible literally where it was meant to be taken literally is not a new phenomena.

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