



God's Grand Design

Exploring Origins in Science and Scripture

Part 4

**Did humans
evolve from
primates?**

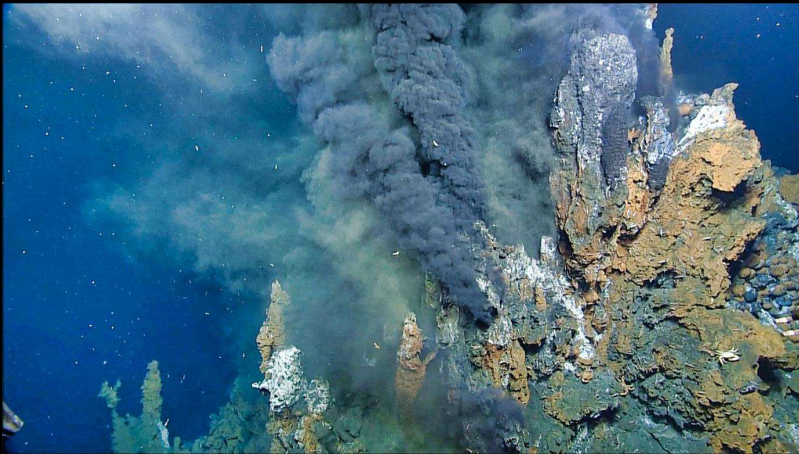
Two Theories of Origins

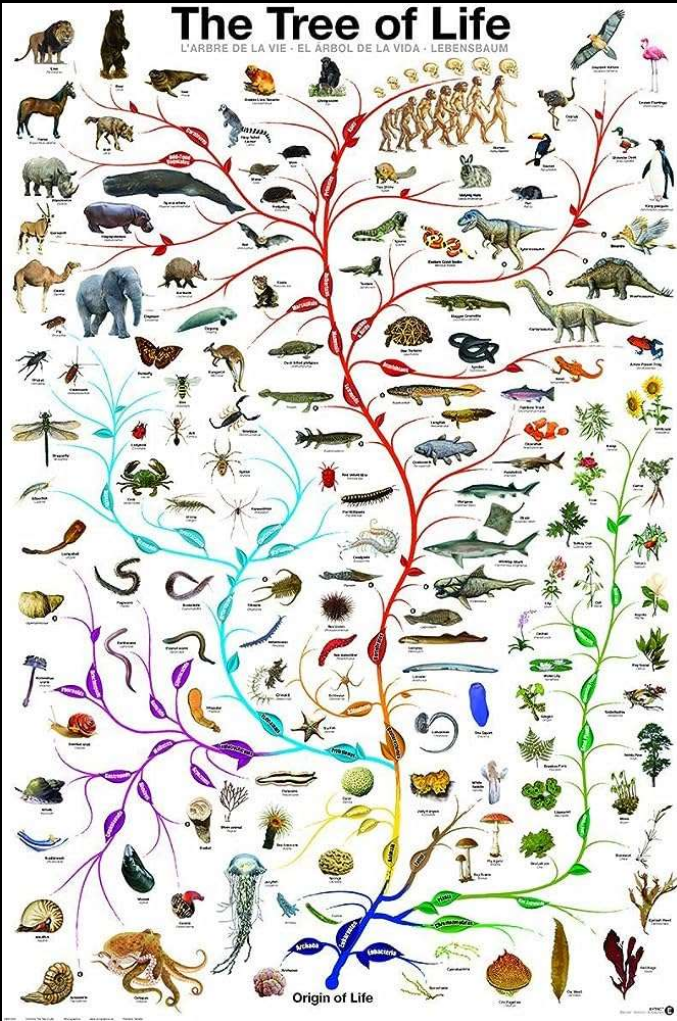
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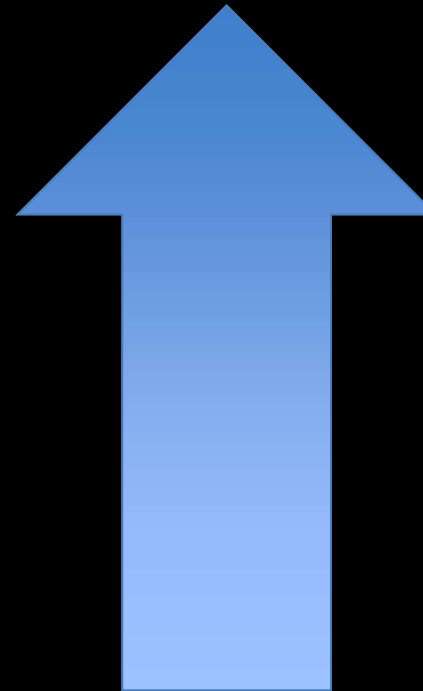
According to the conventional hypothesis, the earliest living cells emerged as a result of chemical evolution on our planet about 3.7 billion years ago in a process called abiogenesis.

Smithsonian Natural History





Today



3.7 billion years ago

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65
Million
Years Ago

Farsiers

Lemurs
Carpolestes



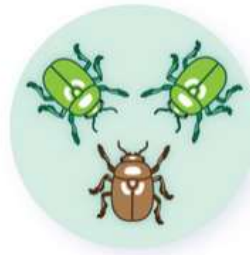
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Mutation

Migration

Genetic Drift

Natural Selection



Natural selection (survival of the fittest):

a mechanism of evolution where organisms that are more adapted to their environment are more likely to survive and pass on the genes that aided their success.

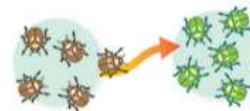
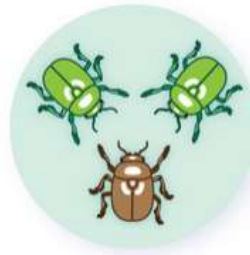


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Science: the study of the natural world through observation, experimentation, and the testing of theories against the evidence obtained.

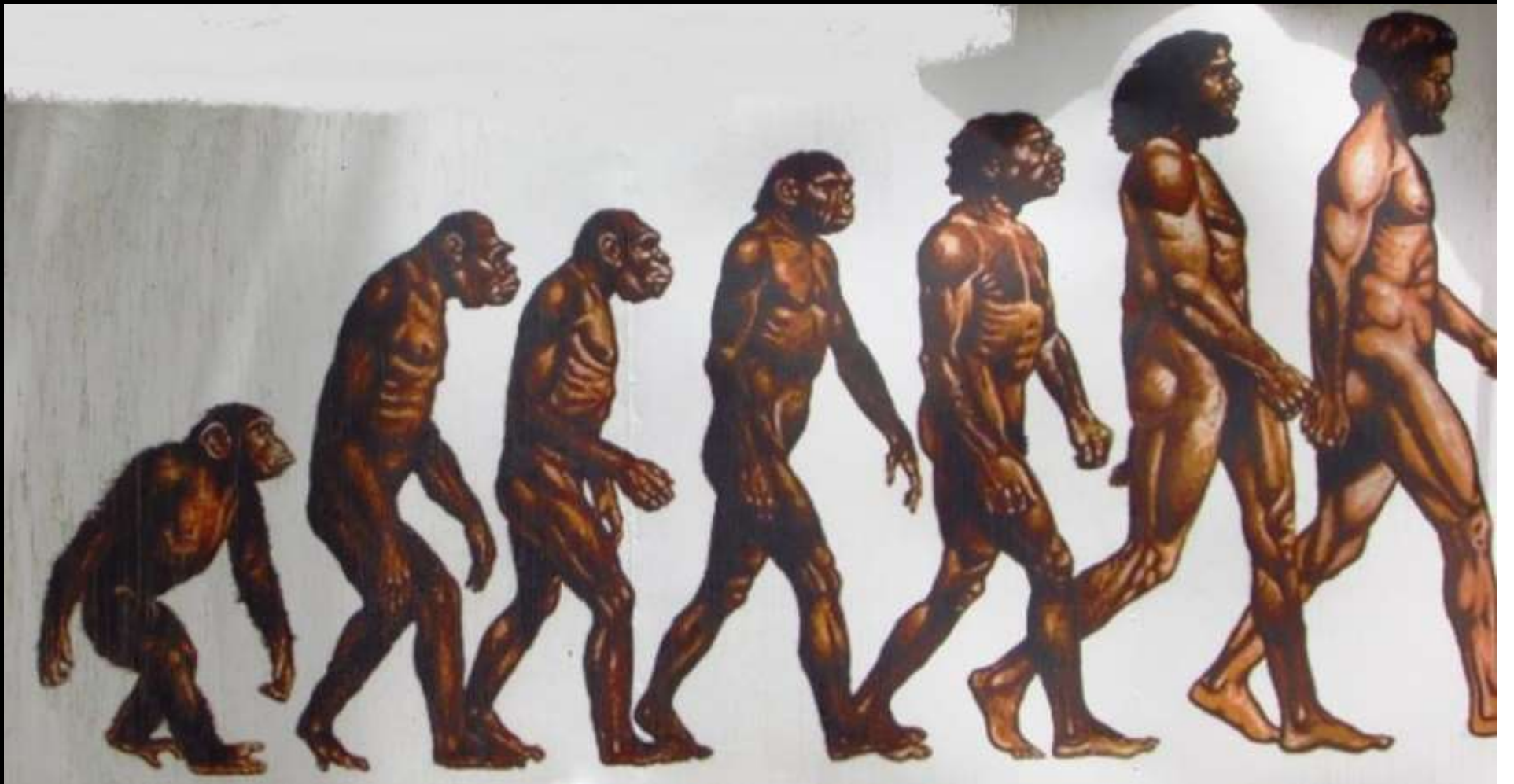


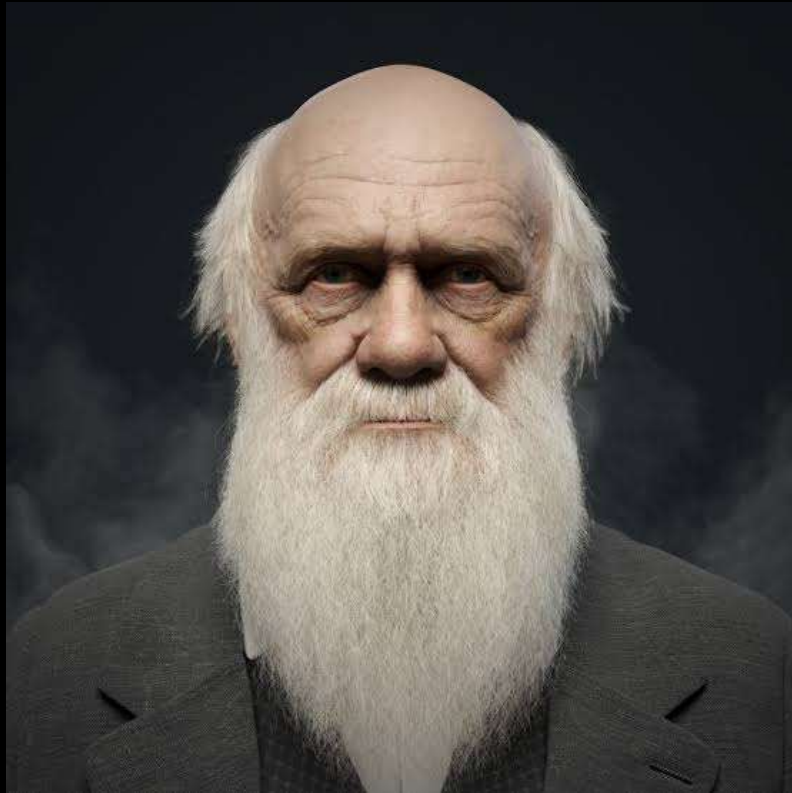
Operational (Experimental) Science



Historical (Forensic) Science

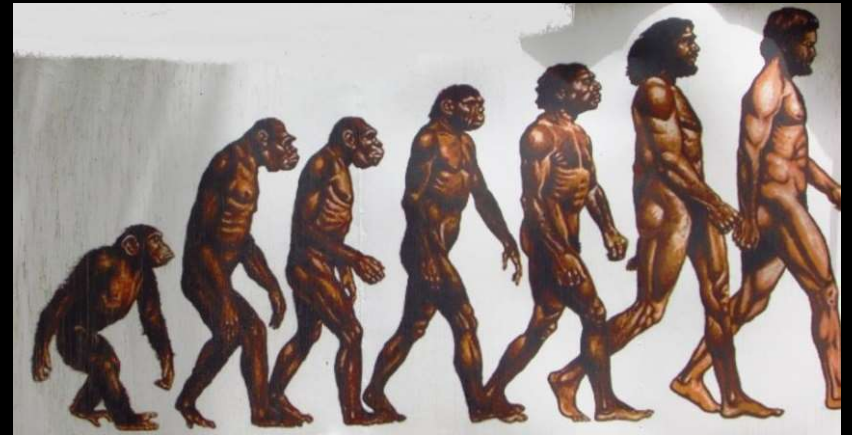






The difference between man and the higher animals, great as it is, certainly is one of degree and not of kind.
Charles Darwin

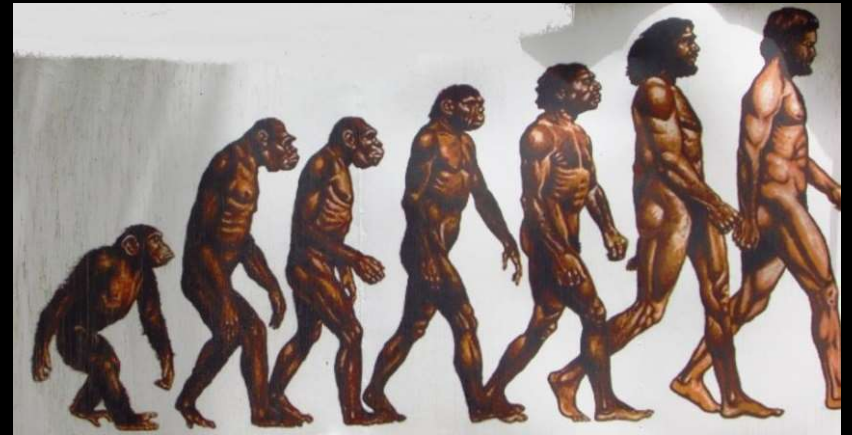
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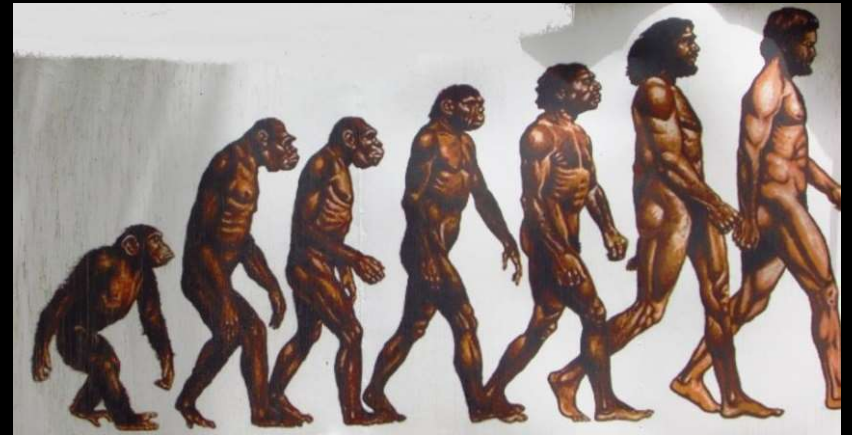


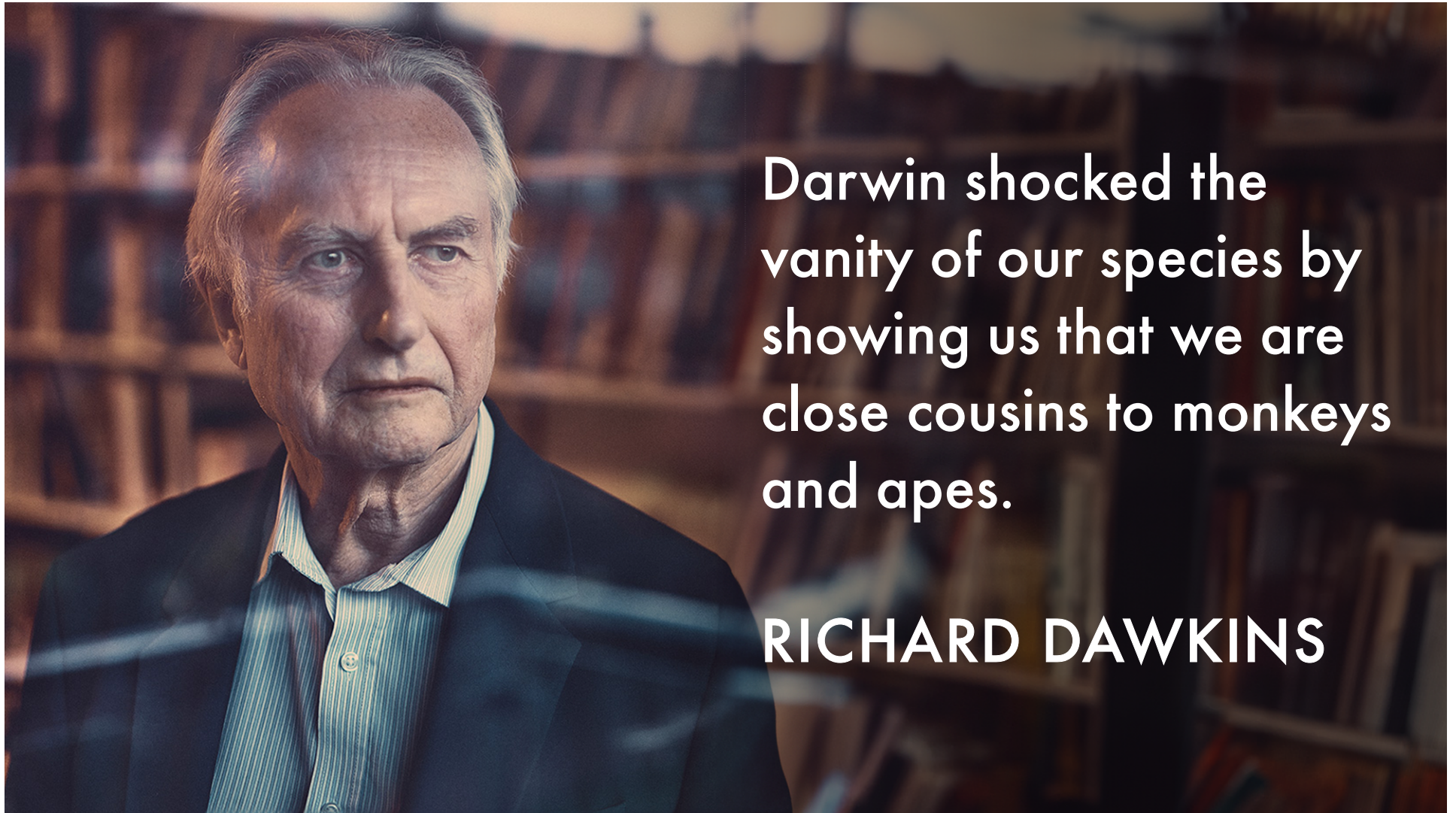
Common evolutionary source or common designer(s)?

2. Did humans acquire these features through evolution and natural selection from animal ancestors?



3. Are humans just animals?





Darwin shocked the vanity of our species by showing us that we are close cousins to monkeys and apes.

RICHARD DAWKINS



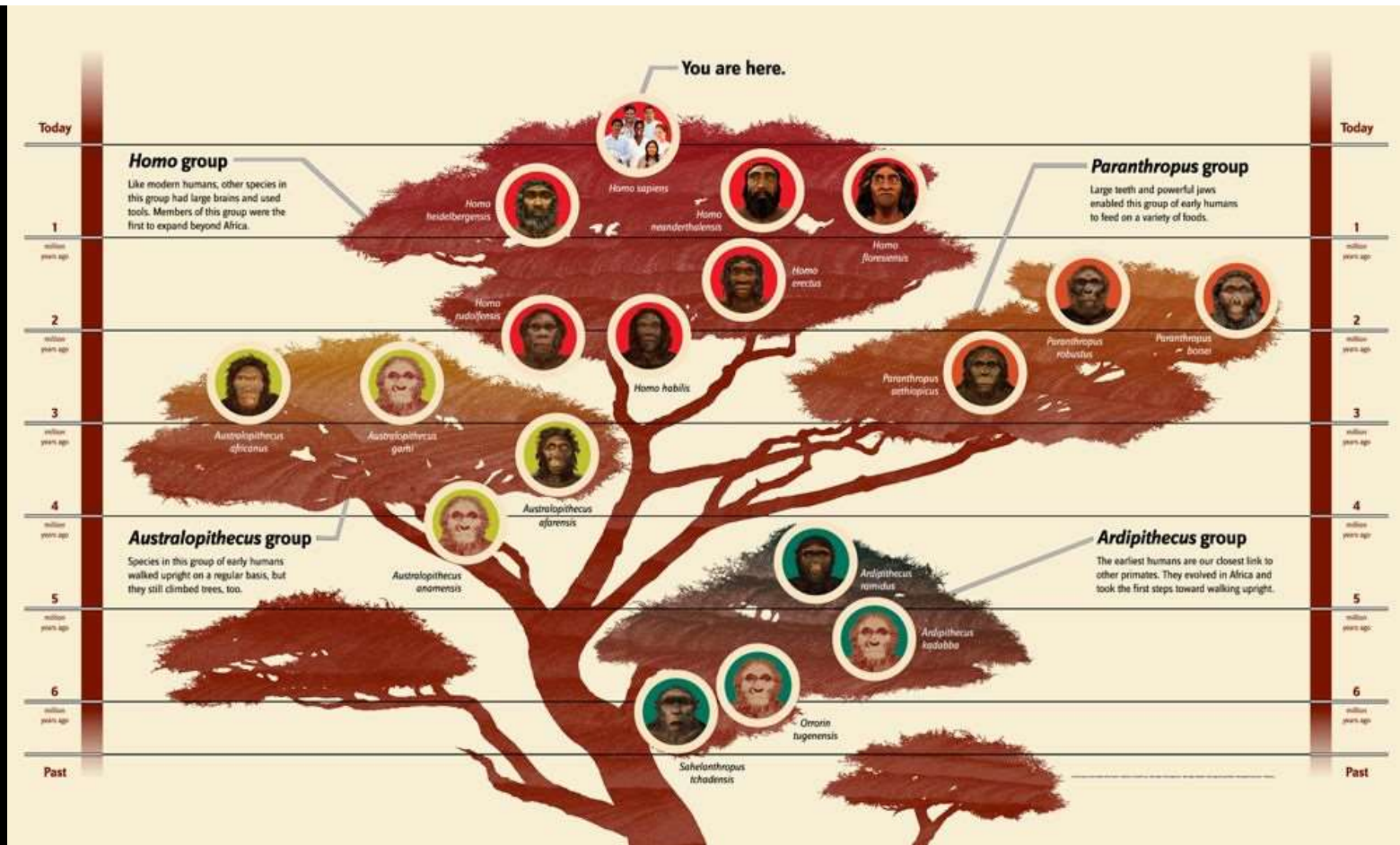
There would be no rational ground for doubting that man might have originated by the gradual modification of a man-like ape. Man is, in substance and in structure, one with the brutes.

Thomas Huxley

| | View #1 – God created the heavens and the earth. (in 6 days, thousands of years ago) | View #2. The heavens and earth evolved without God. (millions and billions of years ago) |
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| 2. Did human beings acquire these features through evolution / natural selection from animal ancestors? | NO | YES |
| 3. Are humans beings just animals? | NO | YES |

Paleoanthropology: the study of human evolution through the fossil and archaeological records.





7,000,000 years ago



250,000 years ago

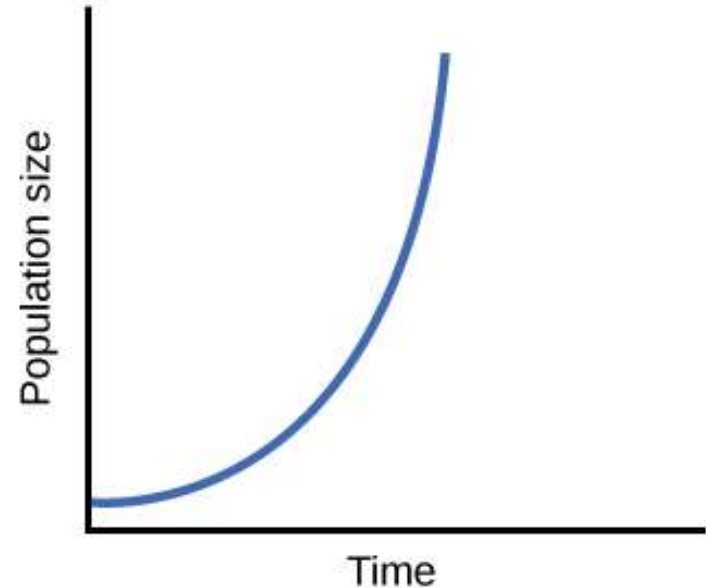
Exponential Growth Formula

$$x_t = x_0 \times (1 + r)^t$$



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Exponential Growth



t 250,000 years ago
X₀ 2 people
r 0.468% growth rate
X_t Infinity people now

4,500 years ago
6 people
0.468% growth rate
8 billion people now



The total world archive of
hominid and early human
bones could fit into the
back of a pickup truck.

Bill Bryson





One could confidently expect that as more hominid fossils were found the story of human evolution would become clearer. Whereas if anything, the opposite has occurred.

**Niles Eldredge /
Ian Tattersall**



The primary scientific evidence is a pitifully small array of bones from which to construct man's evolutionary history.

Constance Holden



All the evidence for human evolution between 10 and 5 million years ago – several thousand generations of living creatures – can be fitted into a small box.

Henry Gee

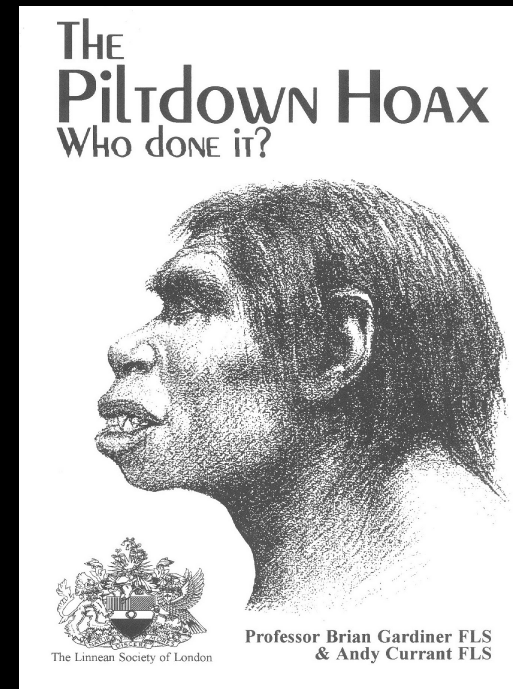




To take a line of fossils and claim that they represent a lineage is not a scientific hypothesis that can be tested, but an assertion that carries the same validity as a bedtime story, amusing, perhaps even instructive, but not scientific.

Henry Gee

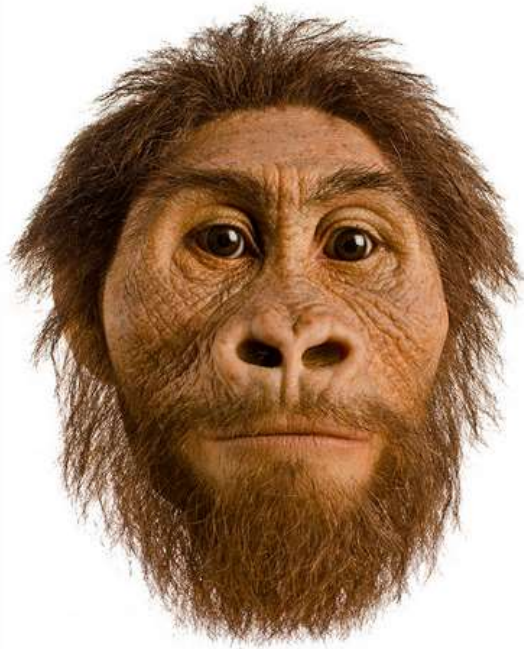
Infamous Frauds:
Nebraska Man
Pittdown Man
Peking Man
Montana Man
Java Man





You could hold the upper jaw forward, and give it a long face, or you could tuck it in, making the face short. How you held it really depended on your preconceptions. It was very interesting watching what people did with it.

Alan Walker



Lucy as an Ape-Man



Lucy with Light Skin



Lucy as an Orangutan

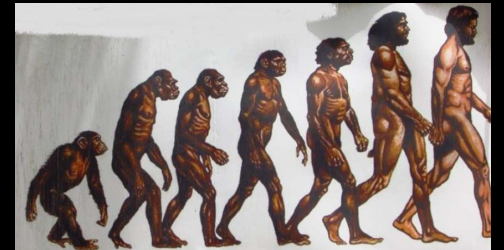


Calvin Smith: AIG Canada

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Owa1Qq6x8D8&ab_channel=AnswersinGenesisCanada

The Consequence of Ideas:

- People are evolved animals.**
- There are people groups that are more evolved/superior than other groups.**
- There is a 'survival of the fittest' battle between different people groups/races.**



Creation: The Creation of the universe came about just as the Word of God described; it was a six-day Creation event. The true age of the earth (and all of the physical universe) is measured in thousands (not billions) of years (Genesis 1-11). Mankind began with two individuals who came into being through a special, personal, creative act of God (Genesis 2).

trc.life/flood

Day 1



**Light
and
earth**

Day 2



**Separate
waters
above
and
below**

Day 3



**Dry land
and plants**

Day 4



**Sun,
moon,
planets,
and stars**

Day 5



**Flying
and sea
creatures**

Day 6



**Land
animals
and man**

6 Days of Creation

GENESIS 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

GENESIS 1:27-29

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

GENESIS 2:7-8

Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

GENESIS 2:15-17

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

GENESIS 2:18-20

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

GENESIS 2:21-22

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

GENESIS 2:23-25

Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 2 Lessons:

1. Adam and Eve were made in the image of God, unlike the animals.
2. Adam and Eve were given authority and dominion over creation.
3. Adam and Eve found companionship with each other and not the animals.

First Homo Sapiens:

About 250,000 years ago

larger brains

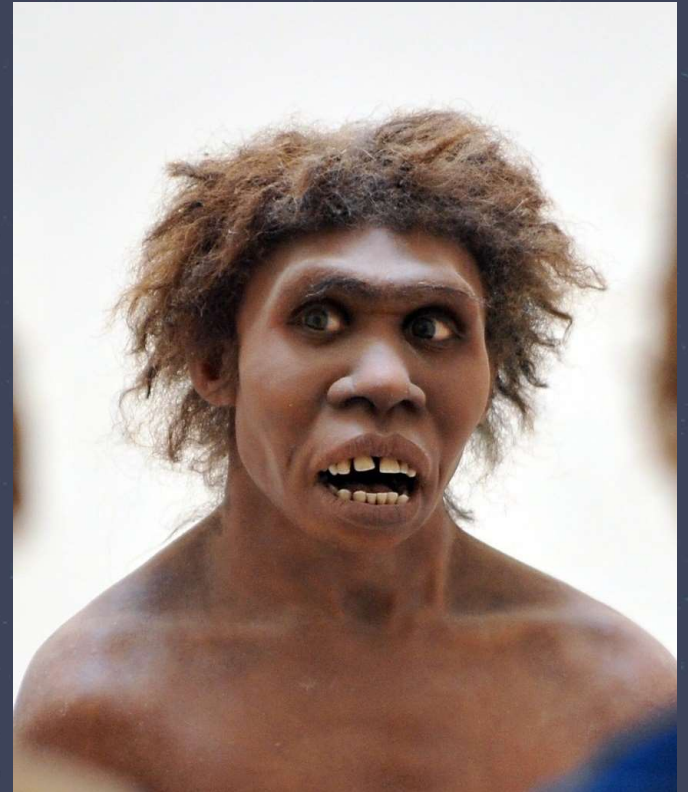
smaller teeth

made simple stone tools

stood upright

started hunting

communicated with simple grunts and gestures



Adam & Eve and their descendants:

About 6,000 years ago

Gen. 2:15 - Adam worked the garden

Gen. 2:20 - Adam named animals and had language skills

Gen. 4:2 - Adam's sons: Abel was a shepherd & Cain was a farmer

Gen. 4:17 - Cain built a city

Gen. 4:20 - Adam's early descendants played musical instruments

Gen. 4:22 - Adam's early descendants also forged metals







GENESIS 2 SUMMARY:

God made humans in his image as rational creatures who are charged with investigating and maximizing the usefulness of God's creation.

ACTS 17:24-27

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.

Discussion Questions:

1. When did you first hear the idea of 'monkey to man' evolution? And what were your initial reactions to this idea?
2. What did you learn tonight? Any observations on the various ideas and thoughts presented?
3. Any comments on the idea of scientific racism as presented in the video? Is it fair to attach scientific racism to Darwinism?
4. According to Genesis 2, how do human beings differ from other parts of creation? How can we better understand and fulfill our role as stewards and sovereigns over the Earth?
5. Have a few people pray.



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