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And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
(Ge 1:14-19)

We have already explained why the Book of Genesis tells us that light was created in the first day of the creation and that the sun and the stars were created on the fourth day. The sun and the stars when God created them were hidden in a cloud of dense dust that surrounded them, which made an observer on earth unable to discern their shape, but rather to see diffuse light. Scientists tell us that it took a billion years for the dust to settle down, and only then could the sun and the

stars be visible. The Book of Genesis tells us the same thing in a simplified way that we can understand, without using scientific jargon.

Not only were these stars created to give life, but also to be “for signs and for seasons, and for days” because the revolution of these heavenly bodies is the means by which man will be able to compute time.

The creation of light was very essential for life to start on earth. Plants depend on the light for their metabolism using Photosynthesis, a complicated biochemical process by which plants, bacteria and other simple organisms use carbon dioxide and water to produce sugar and starch.

Like a good scientist, God created the world in good order, first the light, then after the earth which was without shape became formed through the creation of dry land, plants were created. Plants used the energy of the sun to form nutritive materials to help them grow. God also put in the plants the power to recreate or reproduce themselves, but only according to their kind.

God allowed this process to take its time until the earth became populated with tree, herbs and other plants. Only then did God create animal life. You see, every thing proceeded according to God’s own scientific plan: First light which will be needed for plants to produce their nutritional material. Plants were needed as food for animals, and only when plants filled the earth did God create animals:

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. (Ge 1:20-23)

Verse 20 tells us that on the fifth day, God created aquatic creatures and birds. Aquatic creatures include fishes, amphibians, crustaceans and possibly reptiles, as well as all kinds of birds.

In verse 21, the Book of Genesis expands and explains this. We are

told that God created the “great whales”. The Hebrew word that was translated as “whales” is *tenin* , which literally means “dragon” and can be understood to include land and sea monsters as well as whales. You see, Hebrew is not a rich language and often one word can mean many things.

The Bible tells us that the waters brought abundantly “every living creature that moveth ... after their kind”. That means that all the kinds of aquatic animals, amphibians, birds, dinosaurs and sea monsters were created simultaneously, with their various species, phyla and families. Once again we are told that each creature was created “after their own kind”, there is no room here for the bankrupt theory of Darwin that claims one species can evolve from another.

In verse 22, we are told that God blessed what He had created and gave them permission to multiply. That means after the initial creation, these creatures were given permission to go on multiplying according to the order that God had appointed: After his kind. Every kind to reproduce its own kind. That means a reptile’s egg cannot hatch a chicken! God put this mechanism of reproduction in plants and animals so that He does not need to keep on creating, but rather after everything was created according to God’s own perfect plan, God can “rest” on the seventh day.

THE CREATION OF LAND ANIMALS:

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. Ge 1:24-25

Here we are told that God created all the land based animals, both domesticated (cattle) and wild (beasts) as well as “every thing that creepeth”. This last category includes rodents, insects and reptiles.

Once again, each was created after his own kind, created once and for all with no possibility of one species turning into another.

What does science tell us about this? Well, let us look into what scientists call:

THE CAMBRIAN EXPLOSION:

The Cambrian explosion is the **geologically sudden appearance in the fossil record of the ancestors of familiar animals**, estimated to take around 10 million years from 530 to 520 million years ago. It is accompanied by a similar pattern of diversification in organisms such as phytoplankton and the various colonial calcareous microfossils grouped together as calcimicrobes. The base of the Cambrian 542 million years ago is marked by an explosion of diversity in burrows, and strong geochemical perturbations, including excursions in carbon and sulfur isotopes.

The Cambrian explosion has generated extensive scientific debate. Darwin saw it as one of the principal objections that could be lodged against his theory of evolution by natural selection, as have modern-day Creationists. Scientists have also long been puzzled by its **abruptness, and the apparent lack of obvious predecessors to the Cambrian fauna.**¹

What this means is the appearance of almost all types of animals suddenly in the fossil record, without any evidence of obvious predecessors. Darwin knew this and he knew that this is a major obstacle against his theory of evolution. Here is what he wrote:

On the sudden appearance of groups of Allied Species in the
lowest known fossiliferous strata

Consequently, if my theory be true, it is indisputable that before the lowest Silurian stratum was deposited, long periods elapsed, as long as, or probably far longer than, the whole interval from the Silurian age to the present day; and that during these vast, yet quite unknown periods of time, the world swarmed with living creatures. To the question why we do not find records of these vast primordial periods, I can give no satisfactory answer.²

¹http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambrian_explosion

²Darwin, Charles: *On the Origin of Species*, 1st edition
Harvard Univ. Press, facsimile reprint, 1964, p. 307

Scientists are still puzzled by this phenomenon. Here are what they say about this:

Most families, orders, classes, and phyla appear rather suddenly in the fossil record, often without anatomically intermediate forms smoothly interlinking evolutionarily derived descendant taxa with their presumed ancestors.¹

The Cambrian explosion established virtually all the major animal body forms -- Bauplane or phyla -- that would exist thereafter, including many that were 'weeded out' and became extinct. Compared with the 30 or so extant phyla, some people estimate that the Cambrian explosion may have generated as many as 100. ... Why, in subsequent periods of great evolutionary activity when countless species, genera, and families arose, have there been no new animal body plans produced, no new phyla?²

Evidence of gradualism between phyla, classes and even orders is either non-existent or is much disputed. Certainly, no pervasive pattern of gradualism exists. This is true of all thirty-two orders of mammals...The earliest and most primitive known members of every order already have the basic ordinal characters, and in no case is an approximately continuous sequence from one order to another known. In most cases the break is so sharp and the gap so large that the origin of the order is speculative and much disputed... This regular absence of transitional forms is not confined to mammals, but is an almost universal phenomenon, as has long been noted by paleontologists. It is true of almost all classes of animals, both vertebrate and invertebrate...it is true of the classes, and of the major animal phyla, and it is apparently also true of analogous

¹Eldredge, N. and Tattersall, I.: The Myths of Human Evolution
Columbia University Press, p. 59 (1982)

²Lewin, R. Science, vol. 241, 15 July, p. 291 (1988)

categories of plants.¹

The gaps in the fossil record are real, however. The absence of a record of any important branching is quite phenomenal. Species are usually static, or nearly so, for long periods, species seldom and genera never show evolution into new species or genera but replacement of one by another, and change is more or less abrupt.²

You see, the fossil record agrees with what the Book of Genesis says, both animals and plants were created in a great variety of different forms from the beginning. There was no Universal Common Ancestor except in the sick imagination of Darwin. There was never an evolution from one species to another, all forms of animals and plants that we see today and even the ones that became extinct, came into being suddenly and with no predecessors. The thing that amazes me is that the bankrupt Theory of evolution is still taught in our schools today.

THE CREATION OF MAN:

And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Ge 1:26-27

When God said “let us” in the plural, it was not the “royal” plural but rather to give us an indication of the Trinity.

Man’s creation was different from the creation of other animals. Man was created **in the image and likeness of God**. Man was created to have dominion over *the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and*

¹ Simpson, G. G. *Tempo and Mode in Evolution*
Columbia University Press, New York, p. 105, 107 (1944)

²Wesson, R., *Beyond Natural Selection* MIT Press, Cambridge,
MA, p. 45 1991

over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. You see, God has dominion over the universe, and to man, created in God's image, He gave dominion over the earth. That is why, in the Liturgy of Saint Gregory, we are told: "Thou hast wrought in me the image of Thine authority." Note that God created both man and woman in His own image.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (Ge 1:28-31)

Again, after creating man and woman in His image, God blessed them, and ordered them to be fruitful and to multiply, that is to procreate, and continue God's work of the creation. God also told them that He has given them dominion or authority over all His creation.

Then God told them that they can eat plants only, that means God created Adam and Eve vegetarians. God also made the animals vegetarians. Animal cannot eat animal, man cannot eat animal and of course animal cannot eat man, because man is the master of all animals. What a peaceful and orderly world God had created.

Every time God finished one stage in the process of creation, God saw that it was Good, but after He created man, the crowning of His creation, God saw everything was very Good. God created the whole Earth for the sake of man, and it was not perfect until man was created.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. (Ge 2:1-2)

Chapter 2 begins by summarizing what was said earlier and then gives us some more details. On the seventh day God ended His work which He had made, which means God finished the work of the creation. All the matter and all the energy needed for the physical world was already there. No more matter or energy would be created. The physical laws that govern matter and energy were also put there with great precision, so that the universe can go on for as long as God allows it to. Also living creatures were all completed, no other creatures were to be made after man was created. This is actually proved by science, for after man appeared on Earth, no fossils of new species were discovered. God finished His work in the creation, but was still there working as Pantocrator or governor of all, ready to step in if and when intervention in history became necessary.

These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. (Ge 2:4-6)

The word “generations” used here means the beginnings of the heavens and the earth. *And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew ...* What this means is that God created the plant as full grown plants, and not from seeds. God gave the Earth to Adam fully furnished! Man did not have to do anything, just enjoy it.

Then we are told that there was no rain when God created the Earth, but there was a mist that watered the ground. Remember what we said about the Canopy theory? that the flood was the first time that rain came upon the Earth, and the first time man saw the rainbow.

DETAILS OF THE CREATION OF MAN:

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Ge 2:7)

God did not order the Earth to bring forth man like He did with the rest of the creation, but rather formed him or shaped him. In the rest of the creation God might have used natural forces to effect the creation, but when it came to creating man, God personally formed him. When we are told that God formed man from the dust of the ground, that means God used the matter that He already created on day one of the creation to form Adam. This is actually very scientific, for the human body contains all the elements that are found in the Earth, Carbon, Nitrogen, Sulfur, Phosphorus, iron Magnesium, you name it, it is found in the human body.

But God gave man something else that no other creature was given, the breath of life, a rational soul that has in it immortality. No other creature has anything like this, because no other creature was created in the image of God.

And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (Ge 2:8-9)

God also furnished for Adam a paradise to live in and filled that paradise with trees that not only brought out delicious fruits but were also beautiful to look at. God wanted Adam to be very happy, That is why we say in the Liturgy of Saint Gregory: “Thou hast subjected all things under my feet. Thou hast not left me in need of anything of the works of Thine honour.”

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Ge 2:15-17)

God created the garden for mankind, but He expected mankind to *dress it and keep it*. That means mankind became responsible for keeping the

earth the way God created it and not exploit and pollute it.

God also gave man a commandment not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, for in the day that he eats of it, man will lose his gift of immortality given to him freely by God.

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. (Ge 2:18-20)

In spite of the fact that everything that God created was very good, there was something missing, Adam needed a companion. And God decided that He will make him such a companion, but first one more thing had to be done. God brought all the animals to Adam so that he names them. That means that God created Adam with the ability to speak, and understand speech, also he had a rational mind and a power to understand nature and the creatures around him, so that he can give names to every creature that God brought to Adam. God gave Adam the right of naming animals so that the animals know that he has authority over them.

THE CREATION OF EVE:

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. (Ge 2:21-22)

Had God created woman from the Earth and brought her to Adam, he would have thought that she is just another animal that needed a name! God wanted Adam to know that Eve was a part of him, so God performed surgery on Adam, under anaesthesia! For we are told that

God caused a deep sleep upon Adam, and then took one of his ribs. God is a scientist like we said before, and he does things scientifically. But, perhaps you will say: “come on Abouna, is that scientific to take a rib and make a woman out of it?” Well, if a biologist can take some cells from a sheep and make them into another sheep and call her Molly, can’t God do the same? You could say that God performed the first case of human cloning!

And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. (Ge 2:23-25)

God’s plan actually worked! Adam realized that Eve was part of him, and not just another creature. God then declared to them the rule of marriage: one man and one woman becoming one flesh. Please note that God gave His blessing to the human **heterosexual** marital relation, between a man and a woman. Adam and Eve were both innocent, and even though both were naked, they had no guilt. For guilt and shame came into the world only after the fall.

WHEN WAS ADAM CREATED?

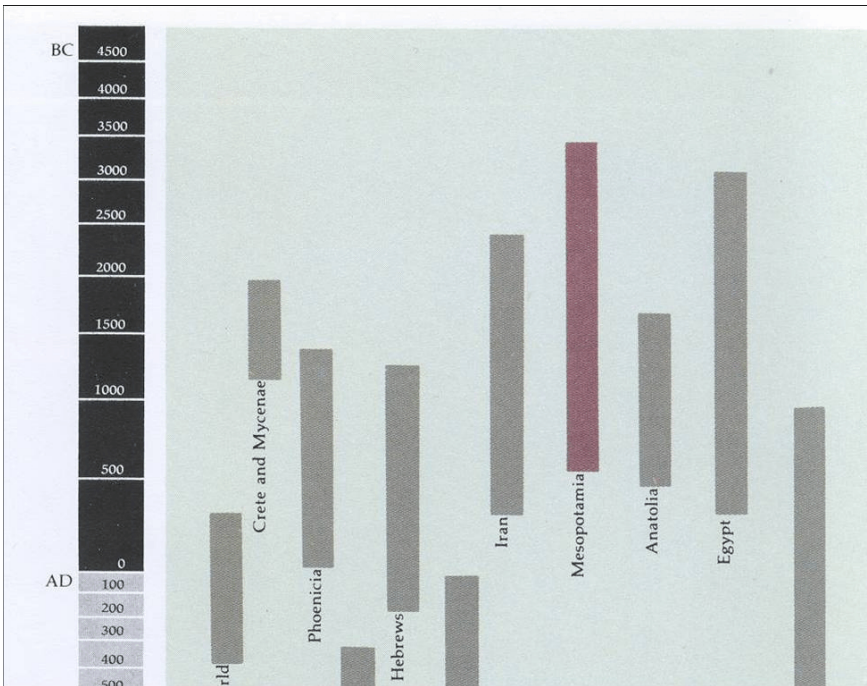
Scientists tell us that the age of the universe is about 15 billion years and that the age of the earth is about 5 billion years. We can accept these figures. But the age of man on earth is **less than ten thousand years**. How can we assert this? First, according to the Biblical chronology, Adam was created 5,000 years before Christ. You can add the days of Adam and when his sons were born and go on to reach that figure. Although using this method to calculate this date is not very accurate, yet it is very plausible. Stephen Hawking, the greatest mathematician alive, tells us this in his book *A Brief History of Time*:

St. Augustine accepted a date of about 5000 BC for the Creation of the universe according to the book of Genesis. (It is interesting that this is not so far from the end of the last Ice Age, about 10,000 BC, which is when archaeologists tell us that civilization

really began.)¹

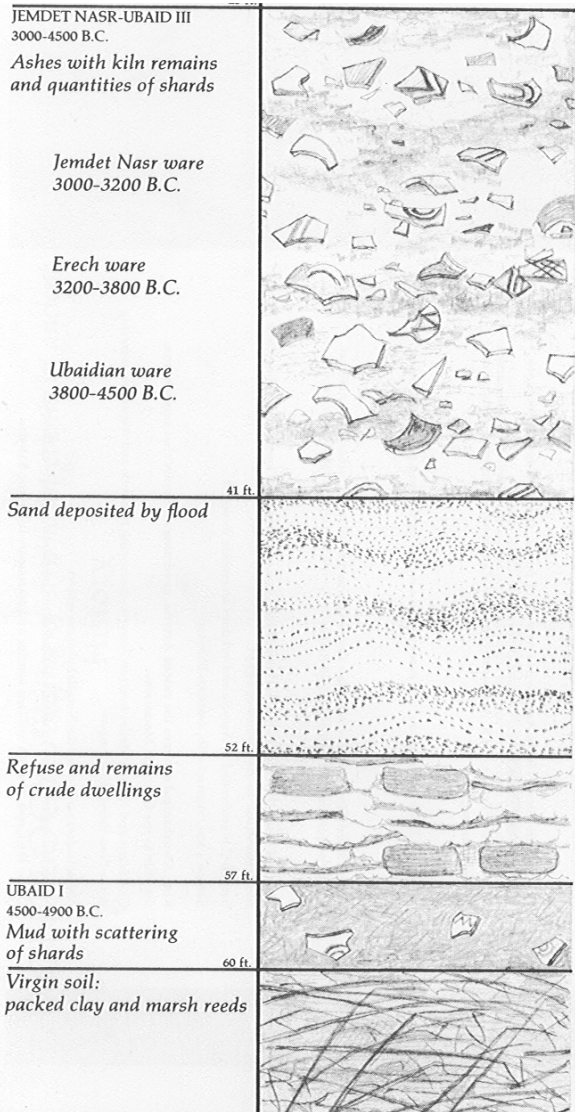
Notice that archaeologists tell us that civilization started 10,000 years BC, that means rational man could not have existed on earth for more than 12,000 years. I have no problem with an ancient Universe, as a matter of fact there are many verses that tell us that the Universe is ancient, but man's history on Earth is not ancient!

The graphic below depicts the most ancient civilizations. The Mesopotamian civilization marginally precedes the Egyptian civilization. This agrees with the Biblical account of creation since the Garden of Eden is acknowledged by all to be situated in Mesopotamia. According to the chart, Mesopotamian civilization couldn't have started more than 4,000 years BC.



¹Stephen Hawking: A Brief History of Time page 4

Since civilization started in Mesopotamia, archeologists went into the site of the ancient city of Ur (birthplace of Abraham the patriarch) and dug until they found virgin soil. On top of the layer of virgin soil, they found mud with scattering of shreds. Shreds indicate the existence of pottery and this in turn indicates rational beings (man). The date given to this layer was 4500-4900 BC, remarkably close to the figure given by



Biblical mathematicians for the creation of Adam (5,000 years BC).

The next layer contained refuse and remains of crude dwellings. This was topped by a large layer of “sand deposited by a flood.” On top of this, civilization resumes (3,800-4,500 BC).

In spite of this, text books are filled with ape-like depictions of the “ancestors of man”. So what are these? Let us find out.

PILTDOWN MAN:

The "Piltdown Man" consists of fragments of a skull and jawbone collected in 1912 from a gravel pit at Piltdown, a village near Uckfield, East Sussex. The fragments were thought by many experts of the day to be the fossilised remains of a hitherto unknown form of early human. The Latin name *Eoanthropus dawsoni* ("Dawson's dawn-man") was given to the specimen.

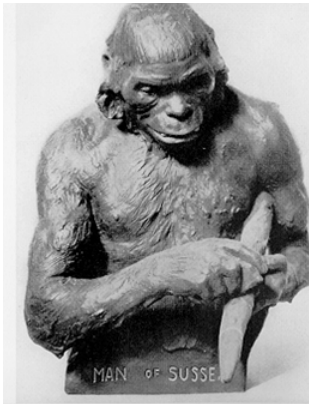
The significance of the specimen remained the subject of controversy until it was exposed in 1953 as a forgery, consisting of the lower jawbone of an orangutan combined with the skull of a fully developed, modern man. It has been suggested that the forgery was the work of the person said to be its finder, Charles Dawson, after whom it was named. The Piltdown hoax is perhaps the most famous archaeological hoax in history.¹

Notice that from the fragments of the skull, an artist created an ape-like creature that scientists taught as the ancestor of man for 40 years before it was exposed as a hoax.



RAMAPITHECUS:

Fossils of *Ramapithecus* were discovered in North India and in East Africa, beginning in 1932. Although it was generally an apelike creature, *Ramapithecus* was considered a possible human ancestor on the basis of the reconstructed jaw and dental characteristics of fragmentary fossils. A complete jaw discovered in 1976 was clearly nonhominid, however, and *Ramapithecus* is now regarded by many as a member of *Sivapithecus*, a genus



¹http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piltdown_Man

considered to be an ancestor of the orangutan.¹

Once again, scientists took fragments of a jaw and created from them an ape-man, and between 1932 and 1976 they deceived us into believing that Ramapithecus is an ancestor of man!

NEBRASKA MAN:

It was originally described by Henry Fairfield Osborn in 1922 on the basis of a tooth found in Nebraska by rancher and geologist Harold Cook in 1917. William K. Gregory and Milo Hellman, the specialists in teeth at the American Museum of Natural History, identified it as from of species closer to man than ape. An illustration of *H. haroldcookii* was done by artist Amedee Forestier, who modelled the drawing on the proportions of "Pithecanthropus" (now *Homo erectus*), the "Java ape-man". Anatomist Grafton Elliot Smith, who had previously been involved with the Piltdown Man scandal, prompted The Illustrated News of London to publish an artist's rendering of Nebraska Man. This, along with a diagram of Nebraska man's tooth, was published in The Illustrated London News on June 24, 1922.

Further field work on the site in 1925 revealed that the tooth was falsely identified. Other parts of the skeleton were also found. According to these newly discovered pieces, the tooth belonged neither to a man nor to an ape. It was realized that it belonged to an extinct species of wild American pig called *Prosthennops* and its identification as a missing link was retracted in the journal Science in 1927.²

Once again a pig's tooth is transformed into an "ancestor of modern man". ... Another hoax.



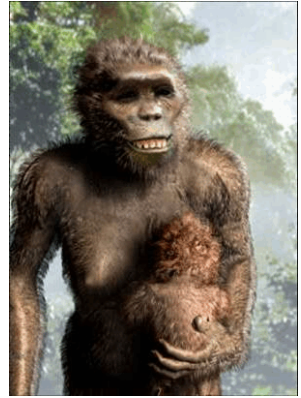
¹Columbia Encyclopaedia

<http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1E1-E-Ramapith.html>

²http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Man

AUSTRALOPITHECUS AFARENSIS (LUCY):

On Christmas Eve 1974 Donald Johanson and his colleague Tom Gray suddenly saw a piece of a hominid arm-bone sticking out of a rocky slope in Hadar, Ethiopia. Other fragments were also found in the area. They soon realised that they had made a remarkable discovery. After another three weeks of searching, about two fifths of a female hominid skeleton were stored.



This appeared to be one of the most remarkable discoveries about the human origin. This hominid and her congeners got the scientist name *Australopithecus afarensis* (southern anthropoid from Afar) in 1978, which at first gave occasion to many disagreements. Generally, she is better known under her nickname 'Lucy', descended from "Lucy in the Sky with the Diamonds", a number of the Beatles, which was played a lot in the camp.¹

Extensive research done on various *Australopithecus* specimens by two world-renowned anatomists from England and the USA, Lord Solly Zuckerman and Prof. Charles Oxnard, showed that these creatures did not walk upright in human manner. Having studied the bones of these fossils for a period of 15 years thanks to grants from the British government, Lord Zuckerman and his team of five specialists reached the conclusion that australopithecines were only an ordinary species of ape, and were definitely not bipedal, although Zuckerman is an evolutionist himself.² Correspondingly, Charles E. Oxnard, who is another evolutionary anatomist famous for his research on the subject, also likened the skeletal structure of australopithecines to that of modern orangutans.³

¹<http://library.thinkquest.org/26070/data/eng/2/4.html>

²Solly Zuckerman, *Beyond The Ivory Tower*, Toplinger Publications, New York, 1970, pp. 75-94.

³Charles E. Oxnard, "The Place of Australopithecines in Human Evolution: Grounds for Doubt," *Nature*, vol. 258, 4 December 1975, p. 389.

As usual, from skeletal remains, artists forged a picture of yet another “ancestor of man”.

PEKING MAN:

Peking Man (sometimes now called Beijing Man), also called *Sinanthropus pekinensis* (currently *Homo erectus pekinensis*), is an example of *Homo erectus*. The remains were first discovered in 1923-27 during excavations at Zhoukoudian (Choukoutien) near Beijing (Peking), China. The finds have been dated from roughly 250,000-400,000 years ago.



By 1929, Chinese archaeologists Yang Zhongjian and Pei Wenzhong, and later Jia Lanpo, had taken over the excavation. Over the next seven years, they uncovered fossils of more than 40 specimens including 6 nearly complete skullcaps.

Excavation ended in July 1937 when the Japanese occupied Beijing. Fossils of the Peking Man were placed in the safe at the Cenozoic Laboratory of the Peking Union Medical College. Eventually, in November 1941, secretary Hu Chengzi packed up the fossils so they could be sent to USA for safekeeping until the end of the war. They vanished en route to the port city of Qinghuangdao.¹

Because of the disappearance of the remains, research done on them was only speculative like the picture that was created from the lost remains.

Just looking at the pictures, I think if they have a shower and put on some clothes they will pass for normal *Homo sapiens*.

NEANDERTHAL MAN:

In 1856 workers quarrying for limestone in the Neander Valley near Duesseldorf, Germany came across a skull and bones. In the succeeding years many other specimens were found, not only in the Neander Valley, but in countries such as France, England, Italy, Iraq and as far south as Israel.

¹http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peking_Man

Controversy surrounded the interpretation of these fossils. German Anatomist Rudolf Virchow examined the first discovery and concluded that it was a Homo sapien with rickets, caused by a Vitamin D deficiency. He also theorized that his flattened head was due to powerful blows.

In the early 1900s, after many skeletons were found, the French paleontologist Marcellin Boule, determined that Neanderthals could not fully extend their legs, walked stooped over, and had his head thrust forward. This notion would be the popular image for about fifty years.

In 1957 researchers re-examined the skeleton Boule had examined and concluded that Neanderthals walked upright and that the stooped posture suggested by Boule's specimen was due to a case of arthritis.

More evidence from various digs have shown that Neanderthals "wielded simple tools, wore body ornaments, had religious rites and ceremoniously buried their dead" (Time, 3/14/94, p. 87). Today he is classified as totally human - Homo sapiens.¹

CRO MAGNON:

Cro-Magnon man is one of the main types of Homo sapiens of the European Upper Paleolithic. It is named after the cave of Crô-Magnon in southwest France, where the first specimen was found.

Cro-Magnons lived from about 40,000 to 10,000 years ago in the Upper Paleolithic period of the Pleistocene epoch. Cro-Magnon were anatomically modern, only differing from their modern day descendants in Europe by their more robust physiology and slightly larger brain capacity.

When they arrived in Europe about 40,000 years ago, they brought with them sculpture, engraving, painting, body ornamentation, music and the painstaking decoration of utilitarian objects. They had a diet of meat, grain, wild carrots, beets, onion, turnip and other foods. All together they had a very balanced diet.

Surviving Cro-Magnon artifacts include huts, cave paintings, carvings and antler-tipped spears. The remains of tools suggest that they knew

¹<http://emporium.turnpike.net/C/cs/emnh.htm>

how to make woven clothing. They had huts, constructed of rocks, clay, bones, branches, and animal hide/fur. These early humans used manganese and iron oxides to paint pictures and may have created the first calendar around 15,000 years ago.

An Italo-Spanish research team, lead by David Caramelli, published in 2003 a study on Cro-Magnon and Neanderthal mitochondrial DNA that concluded that Neanderthal man was far outside the modern human range, while Cro-Magnon people were not just inside but well in the average of modern Europeans.¹



THE PROBLEM IS IN DATING:

Most of these supposedly human ancestors that are thought to be pre-historical are actually not so. They are normal humans! Carbon dating for most of these were done by a German Prof von Zieten, who has a penchant for large Havana cigars and Porsche cars, and has been considered an expert in carbon-dating techniques since the 1970s. He has tested hundreds of prehistoric bone finds from Europe and Africa over the past 30 years.

Concern about Prof von Zieten's carbon-dating estimates arose last year following a routine investigation of German prehistoric remains by the German and British anthropologists Thomas Terberger and Martin Street.

"We had decided to subject many of these finds to modern techniques to check their authenticity so we sent them to Oxford for testing," Mr Street told The Sunday Telegraph. "It was a routine examination and in no way an attempt to discredit Prof von Zieten."

¹<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cro-Magnon>

In their report, though, both anthropologists described this as a "dating disaster".

Calculations on skeletal remains found at Hahnofersand, near Hamburg, stated they were 36,000 years old. Yet recent research at Oxford University's carbon-dating laboratory has suggested that they date back a mere 7,500 years.

Important remains that Oxford scientists no longer believe are prehistoric include the female "Bischof-Speyer" skeleton, found near the south-west German town of Speyer with unusually good teeth. Their evidence suggests that she is 3,300 years old, not 21,300.

Another apparent misdating involved an allegedly prehistoric skull discovered near Paderborn in 1976 and considered the oldest human remain ever found in the region. Prof von Zieten dated the skull at 27,400 years old. The latest research, however, indicates that it belonged to an elderly man who died around 1750.

The scandal engulfing Prof von Zieten goes further. Police are investigating allegations that he tried to sell 280 chimpanzee skulls from his university to buyers in America for \$70,000.¹

You see, the "oldest human remains" thought to be 27,400 years old turned out to be less than 300 years old. And those thought to be 36,000 years old are only 7,500 years old, Just like the Bible tells us!

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