

Evolution

- Our children learn about how things started at home, in Bible classes, and in sermons.
- In schools and colleges they hear an entirely different story.
- What happens when they are confronted with this challenge to their faith?

- Bible and science seem to be incompatible
- Reaction:
 - Bible is abandoned
or
 - Science is ridiculed.

- Result:
 - Some move from conservative to liberal religious convictions
 - Some are indifferent
 - Many become skeptics

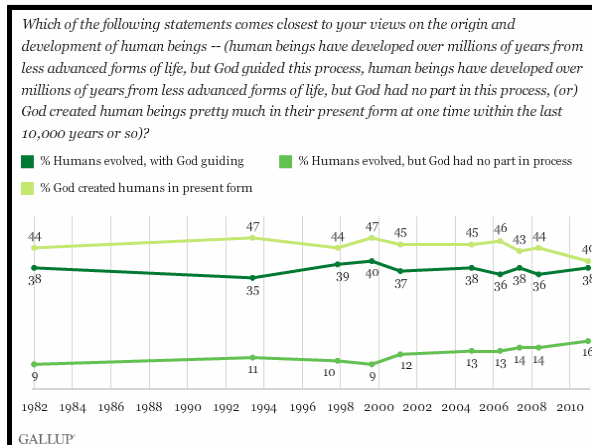
- Among intellectuals the theory of evolution is accepted as being most probable
- When religionists dare to categorically deny evolution they do so at the cost of a "marked loss of intellectual respect."

- Several ways of thinking:
 - Evolution may be completely or in part rejected as a fallacy.
 - Evolution and God may be accepted by either modifying the theory of Evolution or "modifying" God to accommodate the theory.
 - Evolution may be accepted without God
 - this is atheism.

- The teaching of evolution has made significant inroads in peoples' beliefs.

Recent Gallup Poll

- 1. 40% believe in God created humans in present form
- 2. 38% believe in a God-directed form of evolution
- 3. 16% believe in humans evolving without God in the process
- Note the trend changes



- Think about it:
 - Only 40% surveyed believe that what is recorded in Genesis is literally true.
- Complete survey shows that the wealthier you are or the more educated you are, the less likely you are to believe what the Bible says

• **1 Corinthians 1:19-24** For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

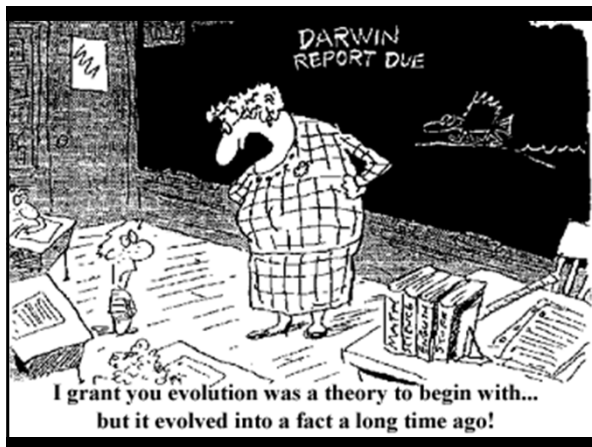
- For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

- For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

- Bible - book of religion, not science.
- 66 Books written over a period of about 1,500 years by over 40 authors
- Inspired writers developed the grand theme of salvation through Christ.
- References to science are usually secondary or incidental to the author's main objectives.
- Often speaks of things pertaining to the universe in scientifically accurate expressions indicating more advanced information than that available to the ancient world at the time of the writing.

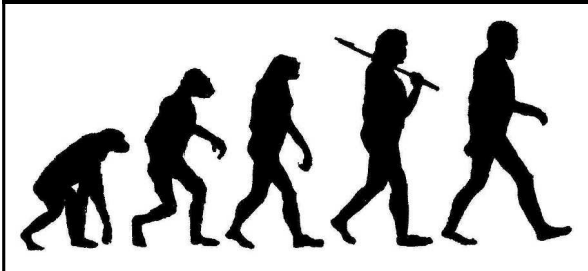
- Value of the Bible does not stand or fall on the basis of its scientific value.
- It is not a book of science!

- Unbiased scientists will admit, "Actually science proves nothing about first causes at all."
- Yet the public is led to believe that evolution is a fact that cannot be successfully disputed.
- Universal acceptance of a "fact" is created.



- Science is based on experimentation and observation, its truth is always on trial, always subject to revision, and never fully assured.
- Where both experimentation and observation are impossible, the scientist makes an intelligent guess, or hypothesis.

The Theory of Evolution



- Evolution is simply change.
- Definition:

"The theory that plants and animals now living are the modified descendants of somewhat different plants and animals which lived in times past. These ancestors, in their turn, are thought of as being the descendants of predecessors which differed from them, and so on, step by step, back to a beginning shrouded in mystery."


It is supposed that "millions of years ago lifeless matter, acted upon by natural forces, gave origin to one or more minute living organisms which have since evolved into all living and extinct plants and animals including man."

- Some gaps in the evolutionary chain:
 - The missing links between one-celled and multi-celled animals
 - No intermediate or transitional forms between the higher forms of mammals and their supposed ancestors
 - No transmutational forms from mineral to vegetable to animal to human

- Evolution cannot account for the origins of life, nor for the originating and sustaining forces which created and preserved the upward evolutionary trend.
 - There is no such thing as spontaneous generation of life. There is no example or proof of life arising from inanimate matter. There is no example or proof of one kind of life changing to another.

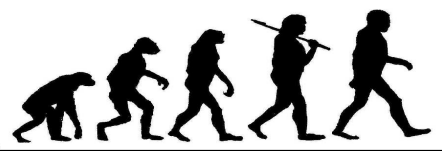
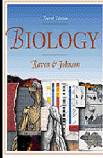
- There are no transitional forms of life between the kinds of life that are reproductively isolated from each other. "
- Or, as the Bible states it, "whose seed was in itself, after his kind" (Genesis 1:12, 24-25).

- Fossils and bones discovered and unearthed are fragmentary, intermediate forms
- Not complete and transitional.
- There is the presence of change, but not extreme changes asserted in the theory of evolution

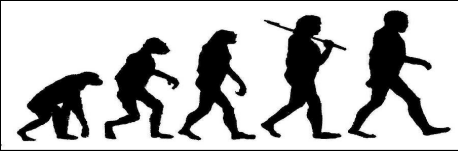
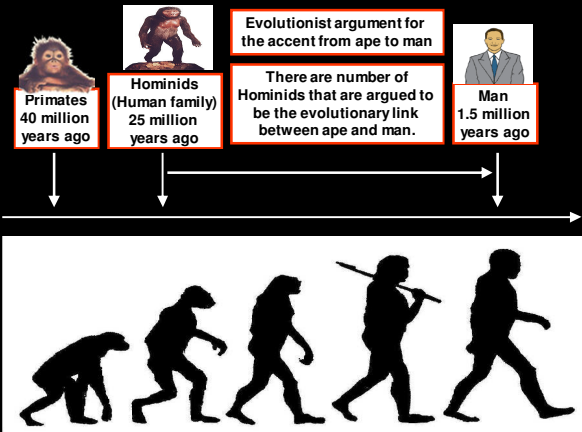
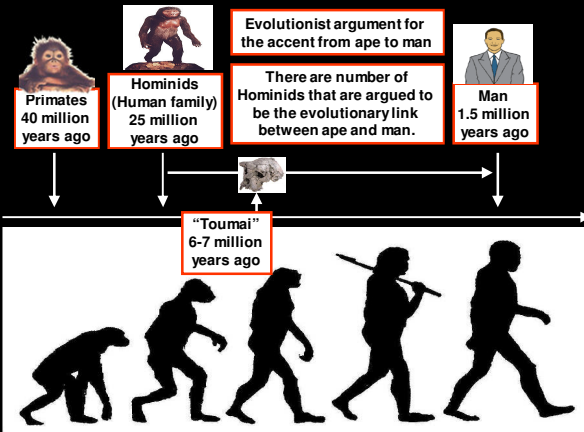


1859 Charles Darwin published "The Origin of Species" introducing the theory that populations evolve over the course of generations through a process of natural selection.


1871 Charles Darwin published "The Descent of Man" where he argues that man evolved over millions of years from African Apes.

Although little fossil evidence existed in 1871 to support Darwin's case, numerous fossil discoveries since Darwin's death strongly support his hypothesis. Human evolution is the part of the evolution story that most interests people and about which the most is known. - Fourth Edition Biology, Raven & Johnson pg. 516


July 19, 2001, a team of French and African scientists discovered a partial skull with three teeth in Chad (Africa). It is claimed to be the earliest hominid fossil ever found (6-7 million years) nicknamed "Toumai" (hope of life).




This find is claimed to be the true "missing link", the common ancestor between ape and man proving that man is a product of the evolutionary model taught and accepted by most of the scientific community.

According to the Science Channel, various scientists have determined (by this skull) that Toumai was a male, walked upright, was about 4ft high, weighed 60-100 pounds, was about 20 years old, lived within a family of about 6 individuals, and was the dominate male.

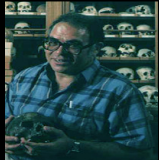
The big question is whether or not "Toumai" was bipedal (two feet). This is one of the major qualifications for being a hominid and the ancestor to humans.



The position and shape of the skull where the spine attaches is the major argument for this being the missing link. There was severe postmortem distortion of the cranium (i.e. the skull was not in good shape) and the hole at the base of the skull where the spinal cord goes had to be reconstructed by computer.




The case that "Toumai" is the "True missing link" is all just a matter of opinion. These computer models are all just a matter of speculation, not proof. Even those who are strong evolutionists argue that "It's an ape, not a human."



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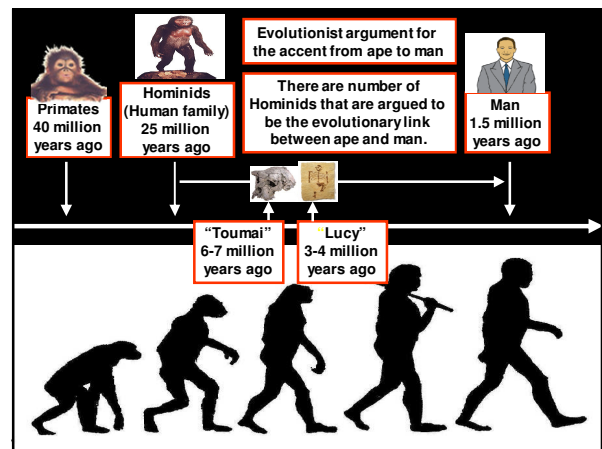
In October 2002, the journal published a letter from prominent anthropologist Milford Wolpoff from the University of Michigan. Wolpoff argued that the "Toumai" fossil was nothing more than an ape. In fact, he suggested that it may be an ancestor of a female gorilla.

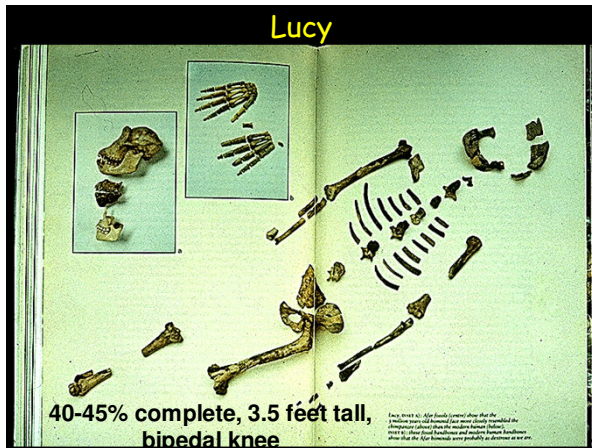

"It's an ape, not a human," said Wolpoff. "Toumai did not walk on two legs. And that is what is unique about humans that we didn't find in this specimen."



Milford Wolpoff


Wolpoff's team studied all the features that were claimed to show the fossil was a human ancestor, and found "nothing distinctly human about any of them." (CNN's report dated October 9, 2002.)




"Lucy" is the nickname given to the 40% complete fossil skeleton found on November 30, 1974, by anthropologist Donald Johanson in Hadar, Ethiopia.

The argument for "Lucy" is clearly seen in our modern text books, "The shape of the pelvis indicated that Lucy was a female and her leg bones proved she walked upright. Her teeth were distinctly humanlike, but the head shape resembled that of an ape, and the brain was not any larger than an ape's, about 400 cubic centimeters. For comparison, the average human brain today is about 1350 cubic centimeters. Apparently, hominids walked upright before they acquired large brains."
 - Fourth Edition Biology Raven & Johnson pg. 519-521.




The "pelvis" and "leg bones" are claimed as the proof that this find was the "missing link" between ape and man. But what the text books will not tell you is this is all a matter of interpretation and deception.

The "Pelvis" posed a problem, but in a 1991 PBS Nova series production entitled "In Search of Human Origins" an Anthropologist named Owen Lovejoy helped them out. "The ape that stood up was a revolutionary idea. We needed Owen Lovejoy's expertise again because the evidence was not quite adding up. The knee looked human but the shape of her hip didn't. Superficially her hip resembled the hip of a chimpanzee which meant that Lucy could not have possibly walked like a human.




But Lovejoy noticed something odd about the way the bones had been fossilized. "When I put the two parts together of the pelvis we had, this part of the pelvis was pressed so hard and so completely into this one that it caused it to be broken into a series of individual pieces which were then fused together... this has caused the two pieces to fit together so well that they are in an anatomically impossible position. The perfect fit was an illusion that made Lucy's hip bone seem to flare out like a chimpanzee's. But all is not lost. Lovejoy decided he could restore the pelvis to its natural shape. He didn't want to tamper with the original so he made a copy in plaster, he cut the damaged pieces out, put them back together the way they were before Lucy died.



It was a tricky job but after taking the chink out of the pelvis it all fit together perfectly like a three-dimensional jigsaw puzzle. As a result the angle of the hip looks nothing like a chimps but a lot like ours."

- "In Search of Human Origins" PBS Nova series 1991



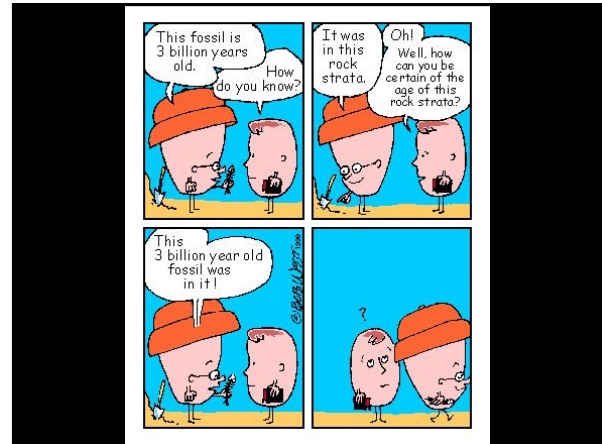
Dr. Johanson gave a lecture at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Nov. 20, 1986, on Lucy and why he thinks she is our ancestor. It included the ideas already mentioned and that Lucy's femur and pelvis were more robust than most chimps and therefore, "could have" walked upright.



After the lecture he opened the meeting for questions. The audience of approximately 800 was quiet so some creationists asked questions. Roy Holt asked; "How far away from Lucy did you find the knee?"

(The knee bones were actually discovered about a year earlier than the rest of Lucy). Dr. Johanson answered (reluctantly) about 200 feet lower (!) and two to three kilometers away (about 1.5 miles!).

- Lucy Fails Test As Missing Link
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God is sitting in heaven when a scientist says to Him, "God, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing - in other words, we can now do what you did in the beginning."

"Oh, is that so? Tell Me ." replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take plain dirt and form it into the likeness of you, and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's very interesting ... show Me," says God.

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil into the shape of a man.

"No, no, no ..." interrupts God, "Get your own dirt."

- Does it matter whether we accept the accounts in *Genesis* as literally true?

–1 Timothy 6:20,21
 "O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge— by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith."

- Evolution has given a "scientific," but false explanation for the origin of life.
- It has attacked man's moral fiber
- If the theory of evolution is right, then there is no God, no Bible, no law, no standard of behavior, and no order!

- Darwin believed that it was wrong to help the poor because it would interfere with natural selection, or survival of the fittest.
- Adolf Hitler and his "super race" or "master race"
 –Prime example of the moral breakdown caused by following evolution ("selective breeding" / "survival of the fittest").

- Evolution attacks man's concept of religion.
 –Bible teaches that religion was ordained of God
 –Genesis 4:3-5 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.⁴ Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

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–Evolution offers a total rejection of religion, or a toleration of all religions.

- Since religion, like man, evolved, it can be either completely rejected or tolerated

- It doesn't matter!

- Other related consequences:

- 1) since truth evolves, truth is relative, not absolute

- 2) Genesis 1-2 is viewed as mythological, not literal or inspired

- 3) a compromise is made between Creation and Evolution called "Theistic Evolution."

- Evolution attacks our concept of self.

- The Bible says we have self-worth

- Genesis 1:26-27 "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

- Genesis 9:6

- " Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man."

- Psalms 8: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.

You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet, all sheep and oxen— even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.
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–Evolution offers no sense of self worth.

- According to evolution, we are nothing more than sophisticated animals.

–Desmond Morris wrote The Naked Ape in 1967

–Phil Donahue wrote The Human Animal in 1985

No wonder that so many people have low self-worth and low self-esteem

leading to personal problems
within themselves
their families
their communities.

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Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Evolution attacks reality of our destiny.

- Bible says we are destined to one of two places: heaven or hell
- Mt.25:34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

- Mt. 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels'"
- Mt. 25:46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Evolution offers no destiny

- A sense of destiny brings hope, motivation, and endurance.
- 1 Corinthians 13:13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.
- **1 Corinthians 15:19** If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable

- Evolution offers nothing.
- It is no wonder that so many people are depressed, despondent and in despair.

- Guy N. Woods: "Convince a man that he came from a monkey and he'll act like one."

- Examples:

- Devaluation of human life.

- Approximately 1.4 million abortions annually in America and 42 million worldwide
- Euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide

- Sexual misconduct.

- High rate of heterosexual and homosexual fornication
- No question that the belief in evolution leads man to be immoral.

- Jeffrey Dahmer
 - Serial killer
 - Sexual crimes
 - Cannibalism

- "If a person doesn't think there is a God to be accountable to, then—then what's the point of trying to modify your behavior to keep it within acceptable ranges? That's how I thought anyway. I always believed the theory of evolution as truth, that we all just came from the slime. When we, when we died, you know, that was it, there is nothing..." - Jeffrey Dahmer, in an interview with Stone Phillips, *Dateline* NBC, Nov. 29, 1994.

This week's theme:

Evidences For Our Faith

My assignment:

Evolution

- By Faith We Understand
 - Hebrews 11:1-3 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

- Evolution is a theory with no sustainable evidence
- Therefore it is impossible for evolution to produce faith
 - Instead it does the opposite
 - Similar to the plagues given by God to Pharaoh
 - Magicians gave cause for doubt and Pharaoh's heart was hardened

- Job 38:1-11
- "I did it!"

- Matt 19 Jesus traced to beginning of creation
- Acts 4 Lord You made _____

- Bible gives definite statements regarding the origin of the world, such as that it came about by God's saying - Hebrews 11:3
 - It tells us how long it took, not only in *Genesis*, but see Exodus 20:8-11
 - Genealogies give us a close approximation to when these events occurred.

- Read Genesis 5:1-11 as an example
 - Is there any room to put thousands of years between the generations?
 - No! Why? Because we are told at what age in the previous generation the next came and the list goes all the way to the sons of Noah in Genesis 5:32 and other lists continue this method.
- You might argue plus or minus a year due to rounding, but not plus or minus 100,000 years.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. - *Genesis 1:1*.

6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

9 For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.
- Psalm 33:6-9.

Stand in awe of the Almighty God who holds our very existence in the palm of His hand and whom we will all fall before and give account of ourselves in that great day of judgment.

7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,
8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. - II Thessalonians 1:7-8.