

# Creation Truths

## The *CURSE* of the Missing Link!

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**H**as man been on the earth for only 6,000 years? Was Adam the FIRST MAN? Herbert Armstrong certainly thought so! In his book, *Mystery of the Ages*, Mr. Armstrong wrote, "Adam was the FIRST MAN ... There was no other race prior to Adam and Eve."

But surely Herbert Armstrong was in error? Doesn't scientific evidence prove otherwise? Hasn't science produced *fossil evidence* showing that human beings have lived on this earth for hundreds of thousands of years ... even *millions* of years? Surely EVOLUTION shows that man is descended from some ape-like creature that wandered the earth millions of years ago?

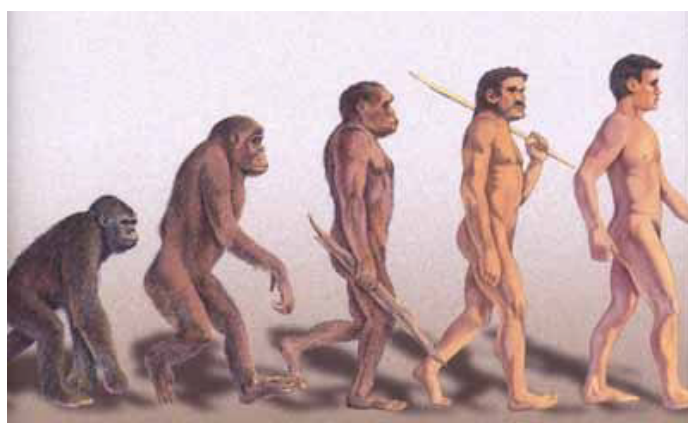
Even the school textbooks given to our children talk confidently of the lives of our ape ancestors, with many graphic illustrations.

In the early days of the theory of evolution, say 150 years ago, these fossils hadn't been discovered, and scientists were busy looking for the MISSING LINKS. If ape-like creatures had evolved into human beings, there must have been millions of part-ape, part-man creatures — gradually transforming over millions of years into modern man. But no such links between apes and men were known. Scientists knew that, if evolution was true, such missing links must exist. But where were they?!

For those who believe in the Word of God, there is no problem. Adam was created a PERFECTLY FORMED MAN — in the very form and shape of the Creator God Himself. Adam was *not* descended from any ape-like creature. He was not just a super-intelligent ape. He was a supreme creation, modeled ON GOD — not an ape! As Mr. Armstrong often expressed it, man is made after the God-kind, not after the animal-kind!

So let's take a closer look at some of these so-called *missing links*. Just how much *proof* is there of man's descent from the apes?

One of the first "amazing discoveries" that evolutionists trumpeted to the world was called *Java Man*.



**This is a commonly seen picture showing how man allegedly ascended from an ape-like creature millions of years ago. Fact — or WISHFUL THINKING by evolutionists?**

## Java Man

Around 1890, Eugene Dubois, a Dutch anatomist went hunting for missing links in the Far East. On the island of Java, he found an ape's skull cap. A year later, and about 50 feet away, he found a human thigh bone. Dubois claimed they were *from the same individual*, and that he had found a walking ape — an early ancestor of man! He had found a missing link! However, he locked the bones away, and would not allow them to be examined. He called this creature *Pithecanthropus Erectus* (upright ape-man). Many scientists were suspicious of the evidence, and doubted that the skull cap and leg bone were from the same creature.



Nonetheless, Java Man was duly included in text books as “proof” of man's evolution from the apes. However, later studies showed Java Man was in fact simply AN APE. Dubois himself admitted in 1937, “Pithecanthropus was *not a man*, but a gigantic genus allied to the Gibbons”.

The hopes of the evolutionists were dashed! Still — surely they would find the missing link if they just kept looking?

## Nebraska Man

There was somewhat of a race between scientists to be first to find the missing link. America entered the race in 1922, with the discovery of *Hesperopithecus* (also known as Nebraska man). *Hesperopithecus* was an exciting find. According to the director of the American Museum of Natural History, it was half-way between ape and man! Incredible! Just what evolutionists wanted! On 24 June 1922, the London Illustrated News even published a *full page picture* of how Nebraska man would have looked, stating that it was an “astounding discovery”.

**A typical example of the wishful thinking of evolutionists. This highly imaginative illustration shows the lifestyle of ancient NEBRASKA MAN. Clever stuff? Especially when you find out that the ONLY evidence for this “ancestor” of man was a SINGLE TOOTH — which later turned out to be the tooth of an extinct PIG!**

Astounding indeed. And a good example of how evolutionists engage in wishful thinking, rather than careful science. Because the remains of Nebraska man consisted only of ONE TOOTH! That's all! And later study showed it was, in fact, the tooth of an EXTINCT PIG!

So much for that missing link! The only thing missing here was the honesty of the scientists!

## Neanderthal Man

*Neanderthal man* was discovered in the Neander Valley in Germany, back in 1875. Probably most people have heard about Neanderthal man. From the fossil evidence, scientists could tell that he

was stooped over, brutish looking, sham-  
bled along uncomfortably on bent legs  
like an ape, and was barely human.  
Proof that man was descended from  
dumb ape-like creatures.

Whoops. Later studies showed that the  
first specimen of Neanderthal man was,  
in fact, an individual who was *badly de-  
formed* from OSTEO-ARTHRITIS!  
Healthy specimens of Neanderthal man  
were later shown to have *walked upright*  
just as we do. Neanderthal man sewed  
clothes, cooked with fire, built shelters  
and buried his dead (and put flowers in  
the graves). Neanderthal man was fully  
man! If he had a shower, and was put in  
a business suit, he could come into Sab-  
bath services and no one would notice  
anything unusual!

### **Australopithecus**

The search for a true missing link contin-  
ued. As we know, hope springs eternal  
in the human breast!

In the 1920's, South Africa produced its  
fossil version of an ape-man. This fossil  
appeared to have a more complex brain  
structure than any ape ... and seemed to  
have some human-like features. Surely  
the missing link? As always, many evo-  
lutionists were keen to agree that *this*  
was indeed the link. He was named *Aus-  
tralopithecus*.

However, the zoologist Sir Solly Zucker-  
man established in the mid 1950's that  
Australopithecus was just an extinct APE!  
He wrote, "The safest inference that can  
be drawn from the facts which have been  
discussed here is that the Australop-  
ithecinae were predominantly ape-like,  
and NOT man-like creatures".

Oops! Yet another missing link goes  
missing!

### **Zinjanthropus**

Probably the most famous name to ap-  
pear in newspaper headlines over the  
past thirty years has been that of the  
Leakey family. Louis Leakey, his wife  
Mary, and son Richard, have made a  
number of "significant" discoveries in  
East Africa, around the area of the Oldu-  
vai Gorge. In 1959, Mary Leakey found  
an almost complete fossil skull of a crea-  
ture said to be very man-like. It was  
named *Zinjanthropus* — meaning East  
Africa Man. (It was also said to be about  
1.75 million years old! But we see in  
another of our articles, *The Mystery of  
Modern Dating*, just how wildly inaccur-  
ate such dates are.)

Within half a dozen years, the University  
of Witwatersrand officially announced  
that the fossil was, in fact, just another  
variety of Australopithecus — an APE!  
So the graveyard of missing links collects  
yet *another* inhabitant!

And so on it goes. Scientists continue to  
travel the world, digging out all sorts of  
bones and fragments of skulls, looking  
for the missing link. Every so often, a  
new candidate is revealed with a great  
amount of fanfare to the media, and  
makes the newspaper headlines. Within  
a very few years, the new candidate is  
always shown to be *either* human or ape.  
No intermediate specimen can be found.  
There is no part-ape, part-man.

The Bible records that Adam was the first  
human being, made directly *in the image*  
of his Maker.

**There are NO APE-MEN!**