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NLT 50 Minutes

# Ape-Men: The Grand Illusion

Title

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**Topic:** Man’s Nature

**Subject:** Do science and the Bible support our descent from ape-men or Adam?

**Complement:** You are a special creation of God in his image.

**Purpose:** The listeners will see themselves as special creations of God.

# Introduction

Ape-Men

(6 slides)

### Interest: We are continually told that we evolved from ape-like ancestors.

AiG & Tree
(3 slides)

### Need: Is the idea of ape-men scientific? Is it biblical?

### Subject: Do science and the Bible support our descent from ape-men or Adam?

Austral…
(16 slides)

Neander
(2 slides)

Faces

(6 slides)

Spear/Cave

(4 slides)

Subject Glasses

### Preview: Today we will evaluate the claims of evolutionary scientists and contrast them with the claims of creation scientists.

(Let’s first look at how many evolutionary scientists seek to support their view. We will see that…)

# I. Evolution’s hominid tree is faulty.

MP

[Each of the so-called “evidences” for an ape-to-man descent falls apart.]

## Australopithecus (e.g., “Lucy”): a chimp-like ape

## Neanderthal Man

### Changing faces of Neanderthals

### But they lived in caves!

#### The Bible speaks of **cavemen**, but not **ape-men** (Heb. 11:38).

#### Sarah, Jacob and Lazarus were **buried** in a cave.

#### Lot, Elijah and David **lived** in a cave for awhile.

### Evidence that Neanderthals were **100**% human

Neander = Human

#### Made sophisticated spears, needles & stone tools

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#### Hunted dolphins and seals

#### Had controlled use of fire to cook food, make glue, etc.

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## “Piltdown Man” (1912, exposed as hoax in 1953)

Piltdown

(5 slides)

## “Nebraska Man,” etc. (1922, reclassified as extinct pig in 1927!)

Nebraska

(4 slides)

## How can you make an ape-man?

How Made

(7 slides)

### A few human bones + imagination = ape-man

• Human

### A few ape (or pig?) bones + imagination = ape-man

• Ape

• Both

### A few human bones and a few ape bones + imagination = ape-man

• Grind

### Grind or file bones + imagination = ape-man

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(What does the Bible say?)

# II. Man was created supernaturally and is unique from all other creatures.

MP

Stott

(4 slides)

[God made us directly and differently from any other animal.]

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Four Views

MP again

## *Four Views on the Historical Adam* (2013) continues to raise doubts on human origins.

## But Scripture is clear on the origin of man.

### Genesis 1:27—Man was made in God’s image, not the image of apes.

### Genesis 2:7

2:7

1:27

#### God made **man**, added the divine breath and he became a **living** creature.

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#### Adam was made from dust—not from pre-existing “hominids.”

### Genesis 3:19—Adam came from dust and returns to dust.

3:19

(2 slides)

3:20 & 15:45

### Genesis 2:22—Eve was also a miraculous creation of God from Adam’s rib.

Rib

(2 slides)

### Genesis 3:20—Eve was the mother of all the living, so no living people preceded her.

### 1 Cor. 15:45—Adam was the first man, not so pre-existent “hominid.”

Gen. 4

### Gen. 4—People built cities and worked with metals very early.

Racism

(6 slides)

One Race

(10 slides)

## Evolution theory is inherently racist.

## Scripture sees but one race—the human race (Acts 17:24, 26)!

Dispersion
(4 slides)

## Dispersion from Babel explains the various ethnic groups (Gen. 11).

### This produced people groups called Caucasian, Negroid, Mongoloid, Cro-Magnon, Homo erectus, Neanderthals, etc.

### All descended from Adam through Noah and his family.

So What”

(3 slides)

(So what? Do science and the Bible support our descent from ape-men or Adam?)

# Conclusion

### Is man any different from the animals? If so, how? Who are you, after all?

Man Zoo

(4 slides)

### [You are a special creation of God in his image (Main Idea).]

Stott

(2 slides)

200-year

#### Man has a different flesh from animals.

1 Cor. 15:39

7 Cs

#### The 7 Cs of history shows God’s plan from Creation to Consummation.

#### The 200-year slippery slide has clouded man’s real identity.

#### Even godly men like John Stott have been fooled.

#### The evolution of man is an illusion from which we should repent.

Evolution

(4 slides)

#### You are a special creation of God in his image (Main Idea).

MI

(2 slides)

### Many DVDs can help us understand this better.

DVDs

### Prayer

Prayer

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# Preliminary Questions

**Verses Questions**

# Context: What did the author record just prior to this passage?

# Purpose: Why is this passage in the Bible?

# Background: What historical context helps us understand this passage?

# Questions

# Tentative Subject/Complement Statements

Text

# Possible Illustrations

### Text

# Possible Applications

### Text

# Original Answers in Genesis Notes

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			4. Had controlled use of **fire** to cook food, make glue, etc.
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		4. **Grind** or file bones + imagination = ape-man
1. What does the Bible say?

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***Genesis 1:26-27***

**Exegetical Outline (Steps 2-3)**

# *Exegetical Idea*:

# I.

# II.

# III.

**Purpose or Desired Listener Response (Step 4)**

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**Homiletical Outline** (Cyclical inductive form)

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