



IS MAN A MONKEY?

Introduction:

“If the solar system was brought about by an accidental collision, then the appearance of organic life on this planet was also an accident, and the whole evolution of Man was an accident too. If so, then all our present thoughts are accidents - the accidental by-product of the movement of atoms. And this holds for the thoughts of the materialists and astronomers as well as for anyone else’s. But if their thoughts are merely accidental by-products, why should we believe them to be true? I see no reason for believing that one accident should be able to give me a correct account of all the other accidents.”
C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*, p. 52-53

<i>Ramapithicus</i>	First identified in 1932 as an important missing link between apes and humans but since 1976 no longer regarded as human at all.
Heidelberg Man <i>Homo heidelbergensis</i>	Reconstructed from a jaw bone found in 1907, now conceded by many to be quite human.
Nebraska Man <i>Hesperopithecus haroldcookii</i>	Scientifically built up from one tooth found in 1922 but retracted in 1927 when recognized as the tooth of an extinct pig.
Pitldown Man <i>Eoanthropus dawsoni</i>	"Found" in 1912 but exposed in 1953 as a forgery using the jawbone of an orangutan and the skull of a modern human.
Peking Man <i>Homo erectus pekinensis</i>	Reconstruction done with fossils from multiple skeletons discovered in 1923-27 (the evidence disappeared in 1941 while being shipped to the US).
Neanderthal Man <i>Homo neanderthalensis</i>	Now classified as <i>Homo sapiens neanderthalensis</i> , a “subspecies” of humans, the differences being easily explained by various bone diseases.
Cro-Magnon Man <i>Homo sapiens sapiens</i>	One of the earliest and best established fossils in the human evolutionary scale is equal in physique and brain capacity to modern man.
Homo sapiens	The product of God's infinite wisdom and intelligent design, created by His own hand, in His own image

I. GOD CREATED MAN TO REFLECT HIS IMAGE (vs. 26-27)

“image” (*tselem*)

“likeness” (*d^emut*)

“man” (*adam*)

“male and female”

What is the *imago Dei* in man?

A. A Personal Likeness

"We can only say that, although God Himself may have no physical body, He designed and formed man's body to enable it to function physically in ways in which He Himself could function even without a body. God can see, hear, smell, touch, and speak, whether or not He has actual physical eyes, nose, hands, and mouth. There is something about the human body therefore, which is uniquely appropriate to God's manifestation of Himself.... He knew, of course, that in the fullness of time even He would become a man. In that day, He would prepare a human body for His Son and it would be made in 'the likeness of men' (Phil. 2:7), just as man had been made in the likeness of God."

Henry Morris, *The Genesis Record* (p. 74-75)

Parenthesis: (di-, tri-, multi-chotomy)

What is the *imago Dei* in man?

- ❶ man is self-conscious
- ❷ man has moral sensitivity
- ❸ man has the elements of personhood
- ❹ man can communicate verbally
- ❺ man is able to appreciate beauty
- ❻ man has immortality
- ❼ man is creative

B. A Plural Likeness

plural pronouns for God in vs. 26 but singular verbs in vs. 27

relational likeness = ability to personally relate to others

C. A Positional Likeness

"be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over...every living thing"

II. GOD CROWNED MAN TO RULE OVER CREATION (vs. 28-30)

A. The Promise of Posterity

"be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth"

B. The Pride of Position

"subdue it and rule over...every living thing"

C. The Pleasure of Possession

"I have given you..."

"every green plant for food" (c.f. Gen. 9:3)

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Conclusion: (vs. 31)

"God saw all that He had made and it was very good"

Hebrews 1:3

Colossians 1:15-17

I Corinthians 15:49