

# Examining the Cosmos

## Session 9

### *Origin of Humanity*

#### **Recommended Reading**

Fazale Rana and Hugh Ross, *Who Was Adam?: A Creation Model Approach to the Origin of Man*(NAV PRESS, 2005)

Hugh Ross, *The Genesis Question* , 2<sup>nd</sup> Expanded Edition (NAV PRESS, 2001)

Hugh Ross, *Creation as Science*, (NAV PRESS 2006)

In class Video: *The Journey of Man* (part 2)

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#### *The Leap to Two Feet:*

#### THE SUDDEN APPERANCE OF BIPEDALISM

We know from the fossil record that hominids existed maybe as far back as 6 million years ago.

My personal view of hominids has been enhanced because I can see more clearly that the forces of natural selection of only several hundred thousand years to generate bipedalism is too short a time, according to evolutionary biologists; to make the extensive anatomical changes necessary for a quadrupedalism-to-a-bipedalism transition: Hominids are a created species that have died out.

As text book, science writer, Roger Lewin has said." The popular notion of our forebears striding out of dense forests onto grassland savanna is likely to be more fiction than fact". This fact changes the evolutionary driving force that knuckle-walking apes changed into upright walking primates because of the environmental changes of East Africa. By the time East Africa became arid, bipedalism had already appeared.

The scientific evidence shows that humans are similar to other animals, anatomically, physiologically, and biochemically, and yet so very different. Humans are rational, volitional, relational, powerful to use natural events, and most important Spiritual.

The bible speaks clearly on the creation of humans in the likeness of God.

- Gen.1:26 God said" Let us make man in our image"

- Gen1:27 So God created man in His own image
- Gen2:7 The Lord God formed man from the dust of the Earth
- Gen2:22 Lord God made a woman
- Psalm8:4, 5 you made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

The scientific data indicates the sudden appearance of modern humans in the fossil record. The sudden appearance of human culture; sophisticated tools, art, and spiritual expression. The genetic evidence of Mt DNA, Eve-150,000 years ago, Y Chromosomal DNA, Adam-50,000 years ago. Thus traceable to a single man and women of recent origins from a single location, possibly East Africa, or Mesopotamia.

Only a Creator, making humans in the 'Image of God" could have achieved this miracle. "God breathed into his nostrils the neshama of life and Adam became a living soul:' Gen: 2:7.

The hominid fossil record may have had its fakes and frauds; however there is plenty of good scientific data to support the hominid existence as far back as 6-7 million years ago.

It seems that biologists are uncovering more and more evidence stating that the "Out of Africa" scenario showing that from a small population about 100,000 years ago modern humans; Homo sapiens sapiens; may have been created.. Biologist state that this group then migrated around the world to replace pre existing hominids. Their studies indicate that this group replaced Neanderthals and Homo erectus that by mitochondrial and Y-chromosomal DNA markers these hominids are dead ends. That Homo sapiens sapiens, humans, did not come from those hominids.

The genetic diversity pattern among people groups around the world show very similar gene origins and these markers trace humanity's origin back to a single man and women at or near the Middle East.

The evidence supports the Biblical account of human origins: and the scientific community is trying to force fit the data into an evolutionary framework.

Almost all paleoanthropologists agree that anatomically modern humans did not appear in the fossil record until less than 100,000 years ago. Modern humans appeared on Earth only recently as Scripture teaches.

Thus the existence of hominids adds credence to the Biblical claims, that God created humans.

I believe that God may have created hominids to demonstrate to humans what life would have been like-except for the grace of God.

We know we are anatomically, physiologically and biochemically very similar to hominids; our major difference is that we are made in the image of God

We are spiritual and have a religious nature. We pursue truth; have a conscience and a value system. Our cultural and intellectual traits separate us from hominids. We are uniquely inventive and have a time and reality consciousness.

Even though we are sinners, God has provided a pathway for us to rejoin His family and to live in His presence for all eternity

This is in my opinion why God created hominids; the Bible confirms that God created man in His own image: Gen1:27. How terrible would life be without a personal, loving God, as presented in His Word. supernaturally created. Our God did it all.