
Welcome to Worship
Sanford church of Christ

OPERATION: CREATION

DEFENDING THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE UNIVERSE

A BIG “THANK YOU” TO ALL OF THOSE WHO MADE OUR VBS A SUCCESS!!!

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- Lesson 1: “Showdown in Space”
- Lesson 2: “The Time Twisters”
- Lesson 3: “The Planetary Pirates”
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- Lesson 1: “The Origins of the Universe”
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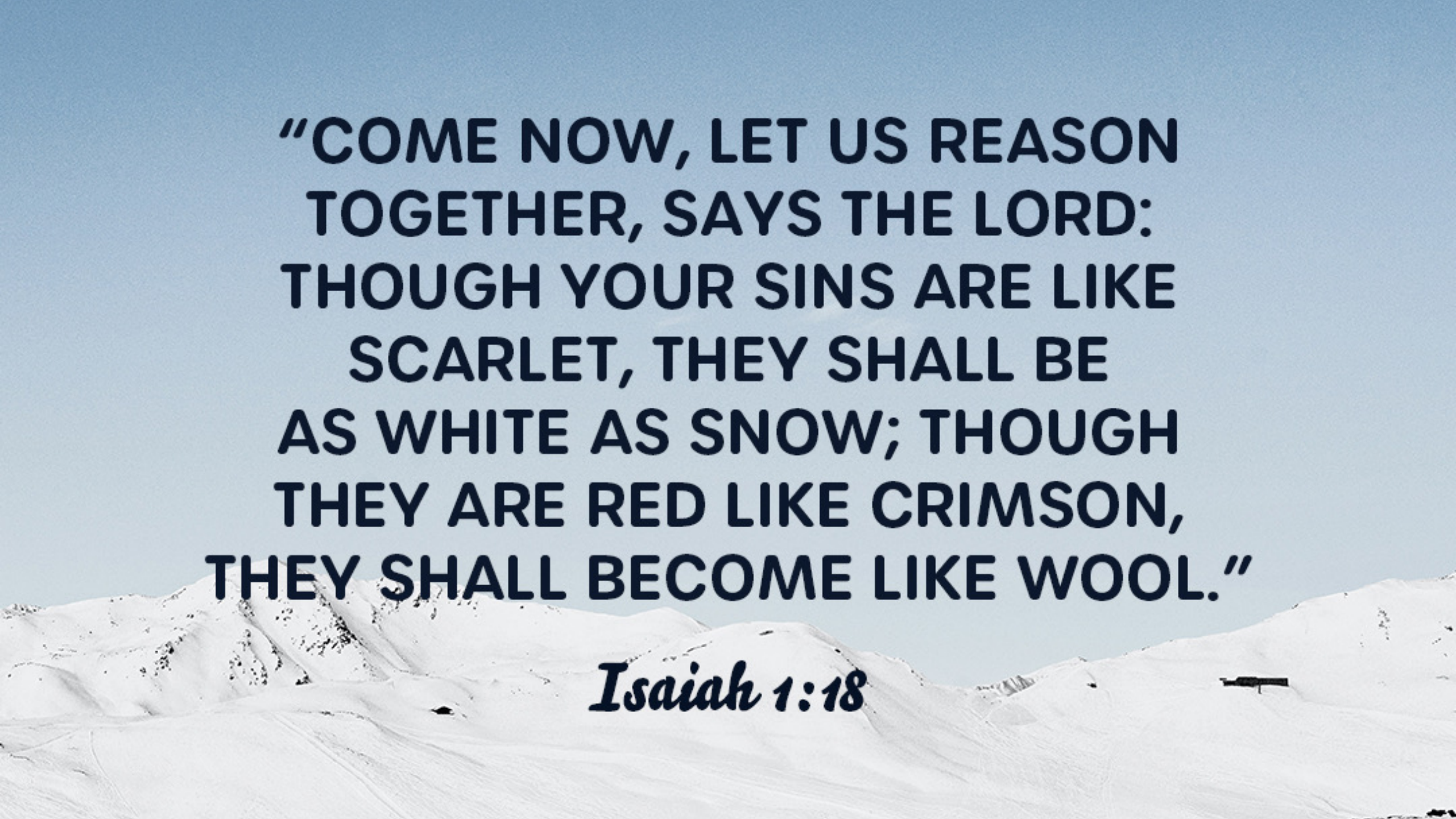
- Lesson 4: “Evolution in the Animal Kingdom”
- Lesson 5: “Human Evolution?

LESSON FIVE

HUMAN EVOLUTION?


In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1 (English Standard Version)


"COME NOW, LET US REASON
TOGETHER, SAYS THE LORD:
THOUGH YOUR SINS ARE LIKE
SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE
AS WHITE AS SNOW; THOUGH
THEY ARE RED LIKE CRIMSON,
THEY SHALL BECOME LIKE WOOL."
Isaiah 1:18

DOES THE EVIDENCE SUPPORT HUMAN EVOLUTION?


THE
FOSSIL
RECORD

3 CATEGORIES OF EVIDENCE FOR EVOLUTION:

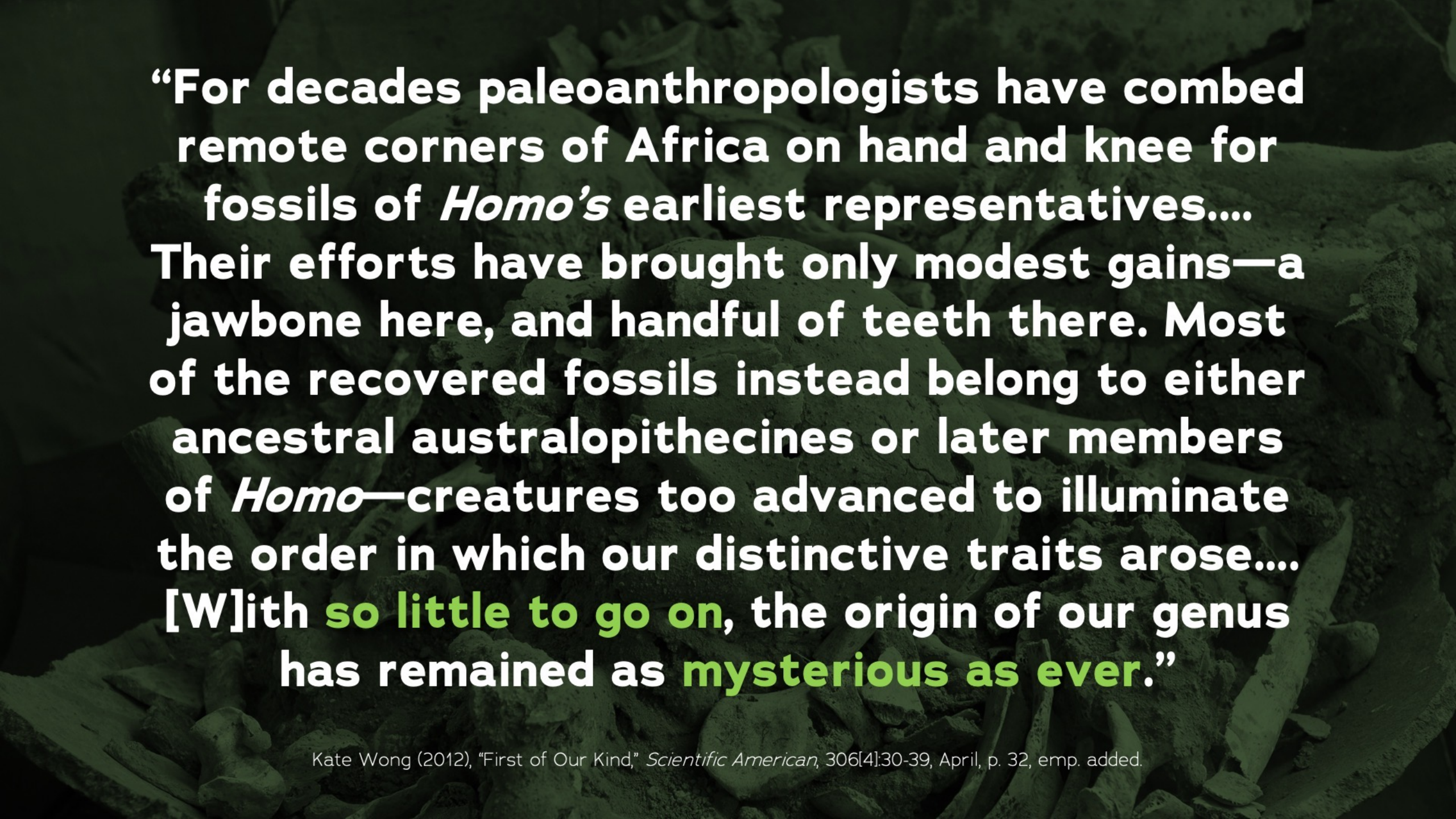
1. INADEQUATE EVIDENCES
2. ERRONEOUS EVIDENCES
3. IRRELEVANT EVIDENCES

CATEGORY #1: INADEQUATE EVIDENCES

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

"The origin of our genus, *Homo*, is one of the biggest mysteries facing scholars of human evolution. Based on the meager evidence available, scientists have surmised that *Homo* arose in East Africa...."

Kate Wong (2012), "First of Our Kind," *Scientific American*, 306[4]:30-39, April, p. 31, emp. added.



"For decades paleoanthropologists have combed remote corners of Africa on hand and knee for fossils of *Homo's* earliest representatives.... Their efforts have brought only modest gains—a jawbone here, and handful of teeth there. Most of the recovered fossils instead belong to either ancestral australopithecines or later members of *Homo*—creatures too advanced to illuminate the order in which our distinctive traits arose.... [W]ith **so little to go on**, the origin of our genus has remained as **mysterious as ever**."

Kate Wong (2012), "First of Our Kind," *Scientific American*, 306[4]:30-39, April, p. 32, emp. added.

MARIETTE DiCHRISTINA

"Pieces of our ancient forbears generally are hard to come by.... Scientists working to interpret our evolution often have had to make do with studying a fossil toe bone here or a jaw there."

Mariette DiChristina (2012), "The Story Begins," *Scientific American*, 306[4]:4, April, emp. added.

NewScientist

“part of a face here” or “a jawbone fragment there”....

“just a few fragments rather than complete skeletons.”

Colin Barras (2015), “New Species of Extinct Human Found in Cave May Rewrite History,” *NewScientist.com*, September 10, emp. added.

“The fossils that decorate our family tree are so scarce that there are still more scientists than specimens. The remarkable fact is that all the physical evidence we have for human evolution can still be placed, with room to spare, inside a single coffin.”

Lyall Watson (1982), “The Water People,” *Science Digest*, 90[5]:44, May, emp. added.

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LEE BERGER

“We really need a better record—and it’s out there.”

As quoted in Wong, p. 39, emp. added.

CATEGORY #2: ERRONEOUS EVIDENCES

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LEE BERGER

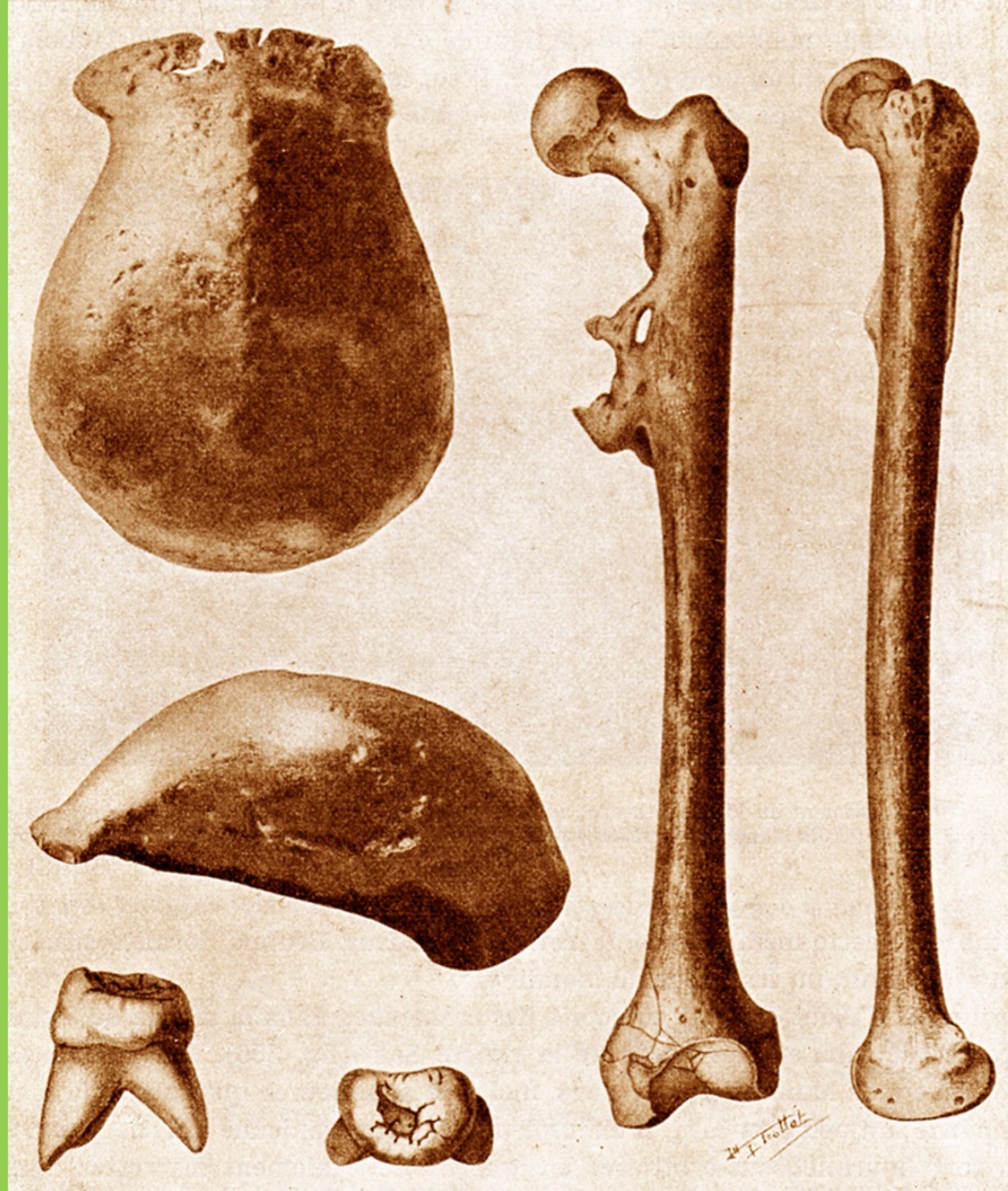
“one can no longer assign isolated bones to a genus.”*

“you can’t take a mandible [lower jaw], a maxilla [upper jaw] or a collection of teeth and try to predict what the rest of the body looks like.”**

*Wong, p. 34
**As quoted in Barras.

JAVA MAN

A supposed human ancestor later found to have been erroneously based on the skull cap of a gibbon and fossilized teeth and thigh bone of a modern human.

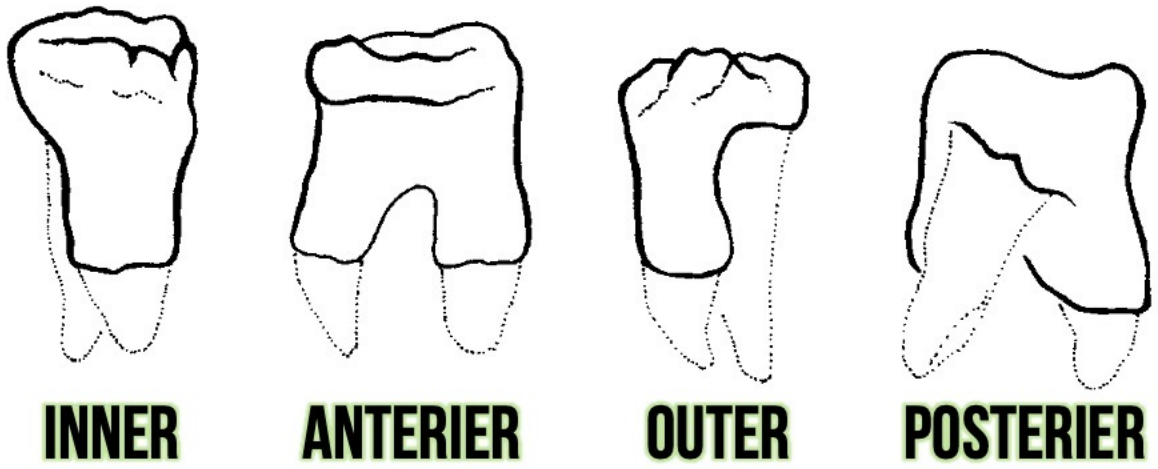


PILTDOWN MAN

Group portrait of the Piltdown skull being examined. Note the portrait of Charles Darwin on the wall. Painting by John Cooke, 1915.

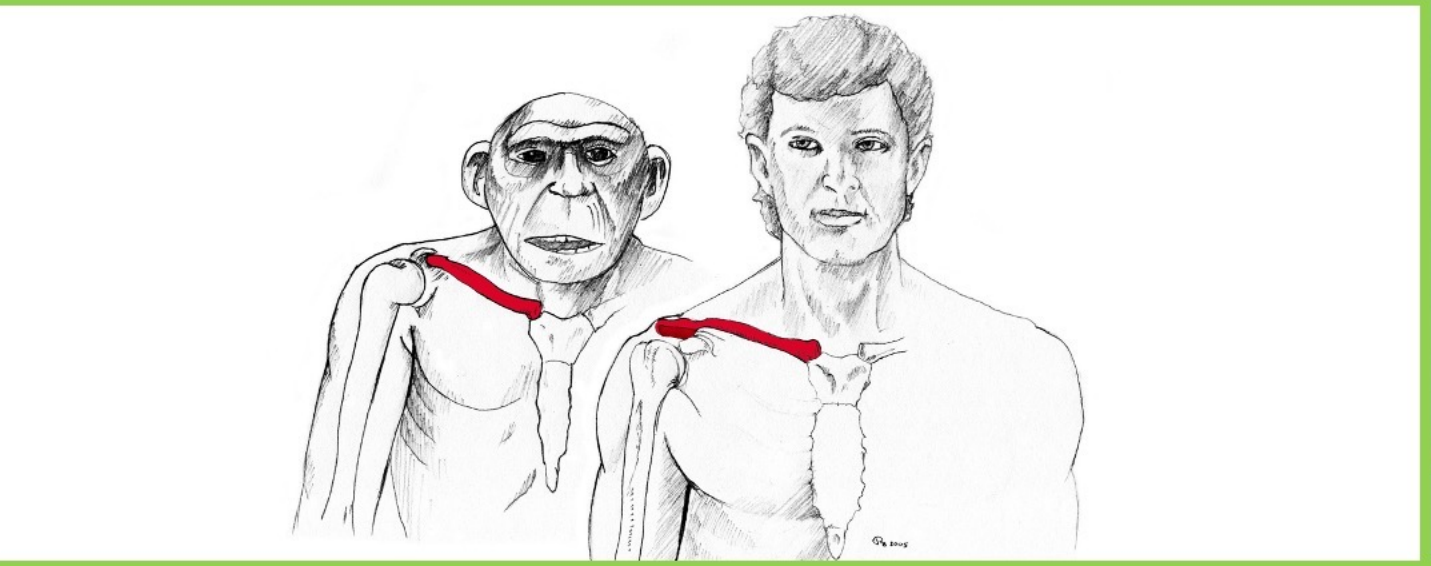
An alleged human evolutionary ancestor later found to be a forgery using a modified orangutan jawbone and a portion of a modern human skull.

NEBRASKA MAN



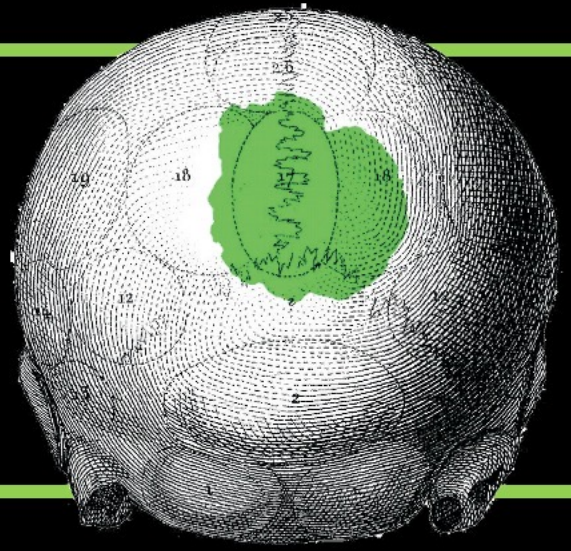
An alleged human ancestor based on a single tooth, later found to be from a wild pig.

FLIPPER MAN



Another alleged human evolutionary ancestor based on what was later acknowledged to be a fossilized rib of a dolphin.

ORCE MAN



An alleged ancestor based on a skull cap, later found to be from a donkey.

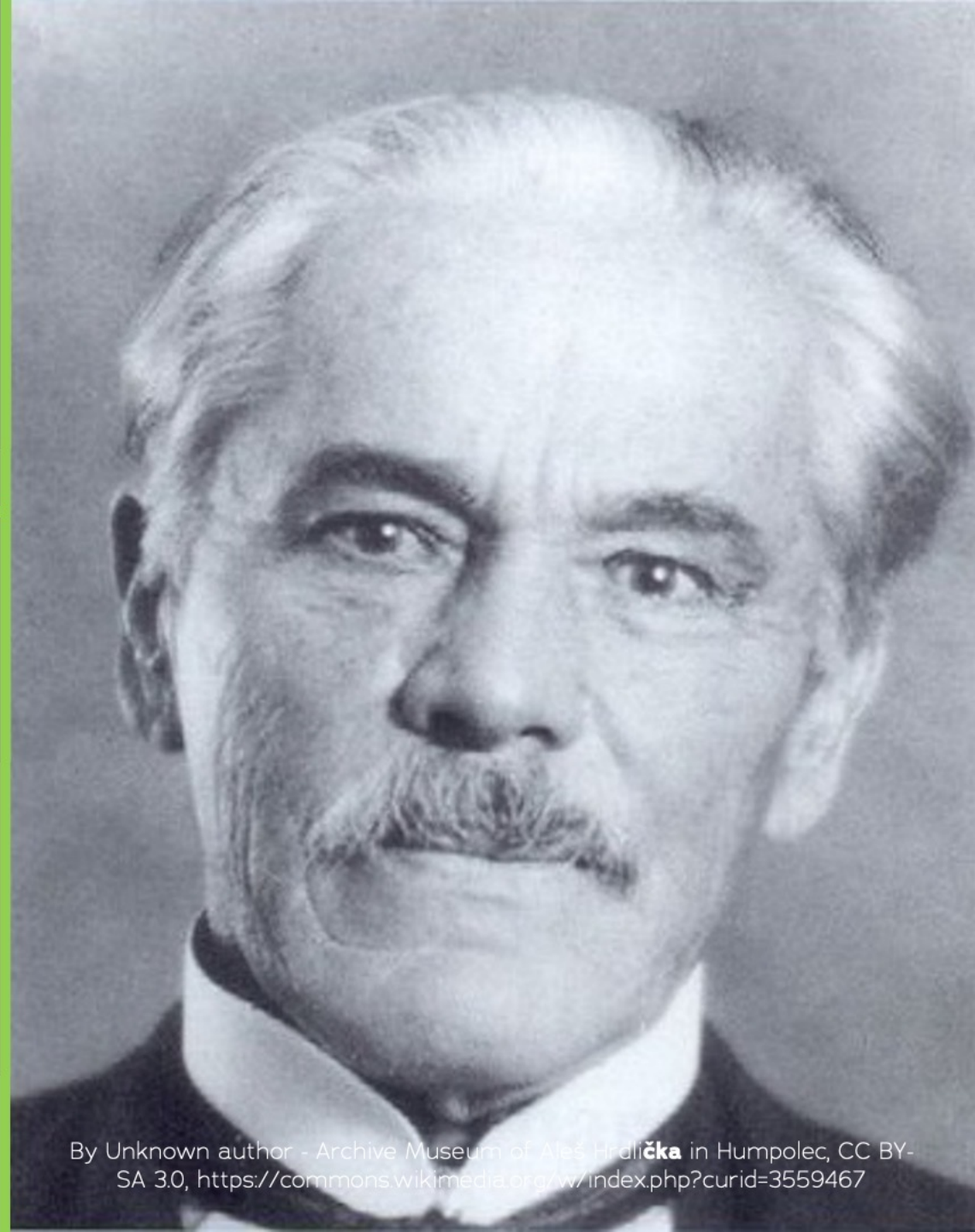
JAVA MAN 2

A few years after the Java Man find, but before the mistake had been discovered, in 1926, Professor Heberlein of the Dutch Medical Service, found what appeared to be a complete Java Man cranium in the same area that Java Man had been discovered. In 1927, the Smithsonian Institute said that the cranium was actually the kneecap of an elephant.

SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO MAN

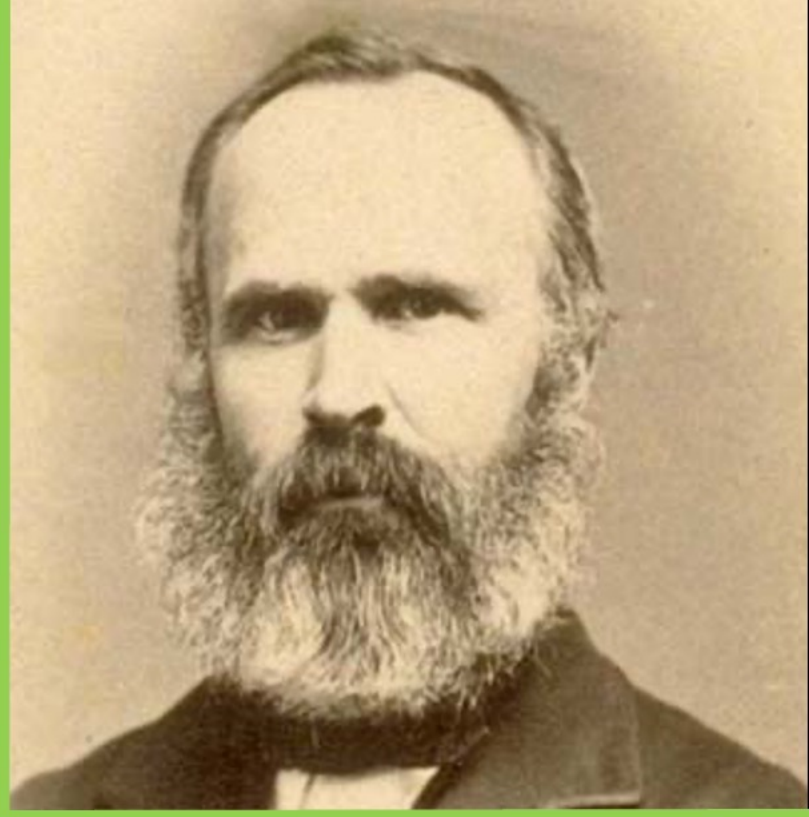
In the same Java Man 2 retraction, Dr. Ales Hrdlicka of the Smithsonian Institution noted that, "The 'Southwestern Colorado Man,' lately deduced from a set of Eocene teeth, was a myth, the teeth having proved to be those of an antique horse."

"Science: A.A.A.S." (1927), *Time*, January 10.



CALAVERAS MAN

In July of 1866, Josiah Whitney, the head of California's geological survey, unveiled his discovery of a skull that had been in Calaveras County. It was discovered in a mineshaft beneath volcanic deposits believed to be a million years old—making it, at the time, the oldest known human ancestor on the continent. Eventually, it was determined to be a hoax—planted by local miners in the mine. Carbon dating revealed that the skull was approximately 1,000 years old.



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MICHAEL SHERMER

"Hoaxes like Piltdown Man and honest mistakes like Nebraska Man, Calaveras Man, and *Hesperopithecus* are in time exposed. In fact, it was not creationists who exposed these errors, it was scientists who did so."

Michael Shermer (2007), *Why Darwin Matters: The Case Against Intelligent Design* (New York, NY: Henry Holt), Kindle edition, p. 85.

CATEGORY #3: IRRELEVANT EVIDENCES

WHAT ABOUT THE “SPECIES" THAT ARE NOT [YET] ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE HOAXES?

- *Homo erectus*
- *Homo neanderthalensis*
- *Homo habilis*
- *Homo naledi*
- *Homo florensiensis*
- *Homo heidelbergensis*
- *Homo rudolfensis*
- *Homo sapiens*
- *Homo ergaster*

- *Australopithecus africanus*
- *Australopithecus afarensis*
- *Australopithecus (or Paranthropus) robustus*
- *Australopithecus (or Paranthropus) boisei*
- *Australopithecus anamensis*
- *Australopithecus sediba*

CREATIONIST CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM:

BARAMINOLOGY

DESIGNED TO DETECT SIMILARITIES & DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN CREATURES

EVOLUTIONARY CLASSIFICAITON SYSTEM: CLADISTICS

ASSUMES ALL LIFE IS RELATED, SO ONLY DETECTS SIMILARITIES BETWEEN SPECIES

“KIND” ≠ SPECIES

ARK CANINE PROTO-SPECIES (???)

FOXES

WOLVES

JACKALS

COYOTES

DOGS

DINGOES

Apologeticspress.org

HOMO VARIETIES

≠

AUSTRALOPITHECINES

LORD SOLLY ZUCKERMAN

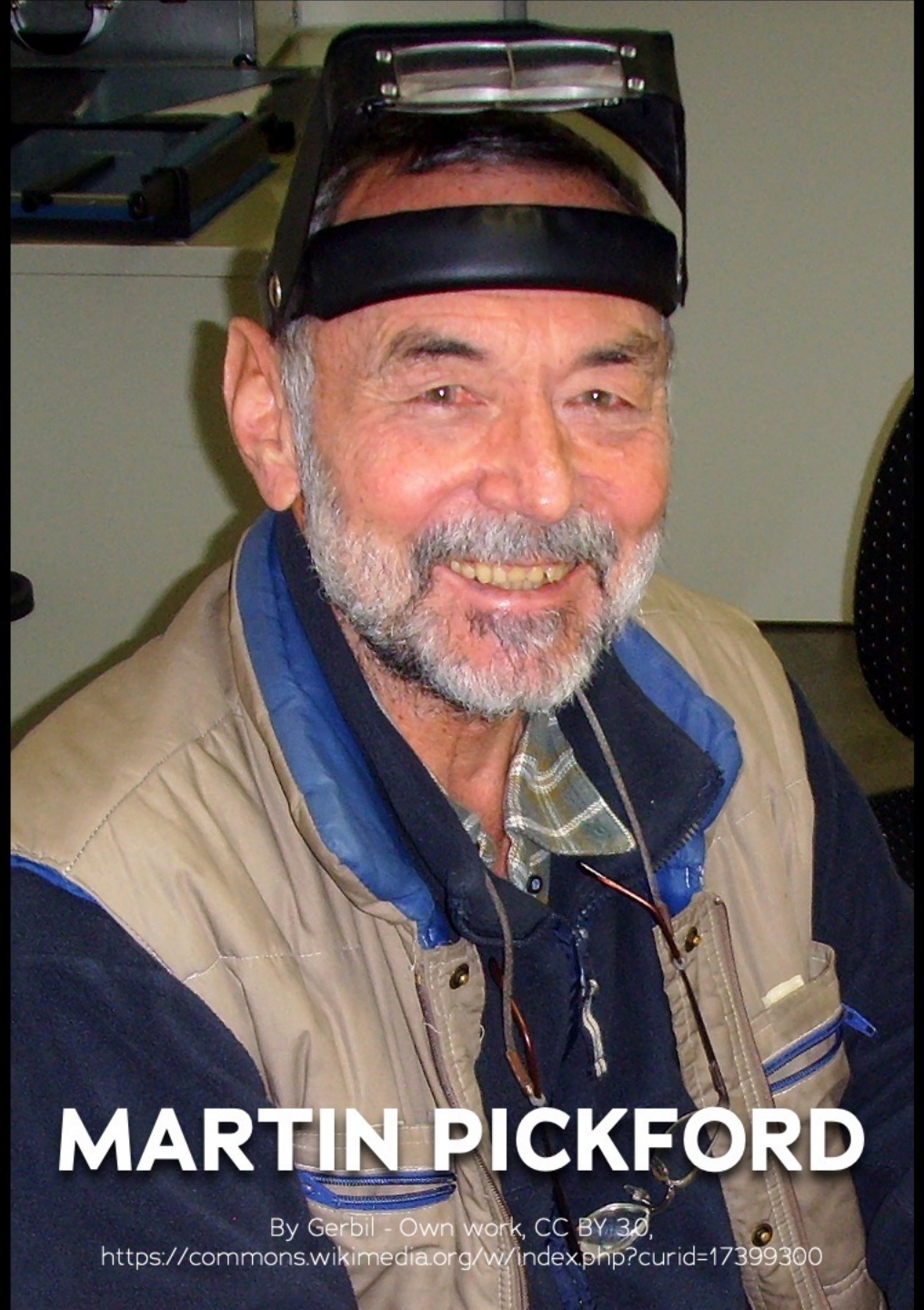
Concluded that if man did descend from an ape-like ancestor, he did so "without leaving any fossil traces of the steps of the transformation."

Solly Zuckerman (1970), *Beyond the Ivory Tower* (New York: Taplinger), p. 64.

ASHLEY MONTAGU

"[T]he skull form of all australopithecines shows too many specialized and ape-like characters to be either the direct ancestor of man or of the line that led to man."

Ashley Montagu (1957), *Man: His First Two Million Years* (Yonkers, NY: World Publishers), emp. added.



MARTIN PICKFORD

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BRIGITTE SENUT

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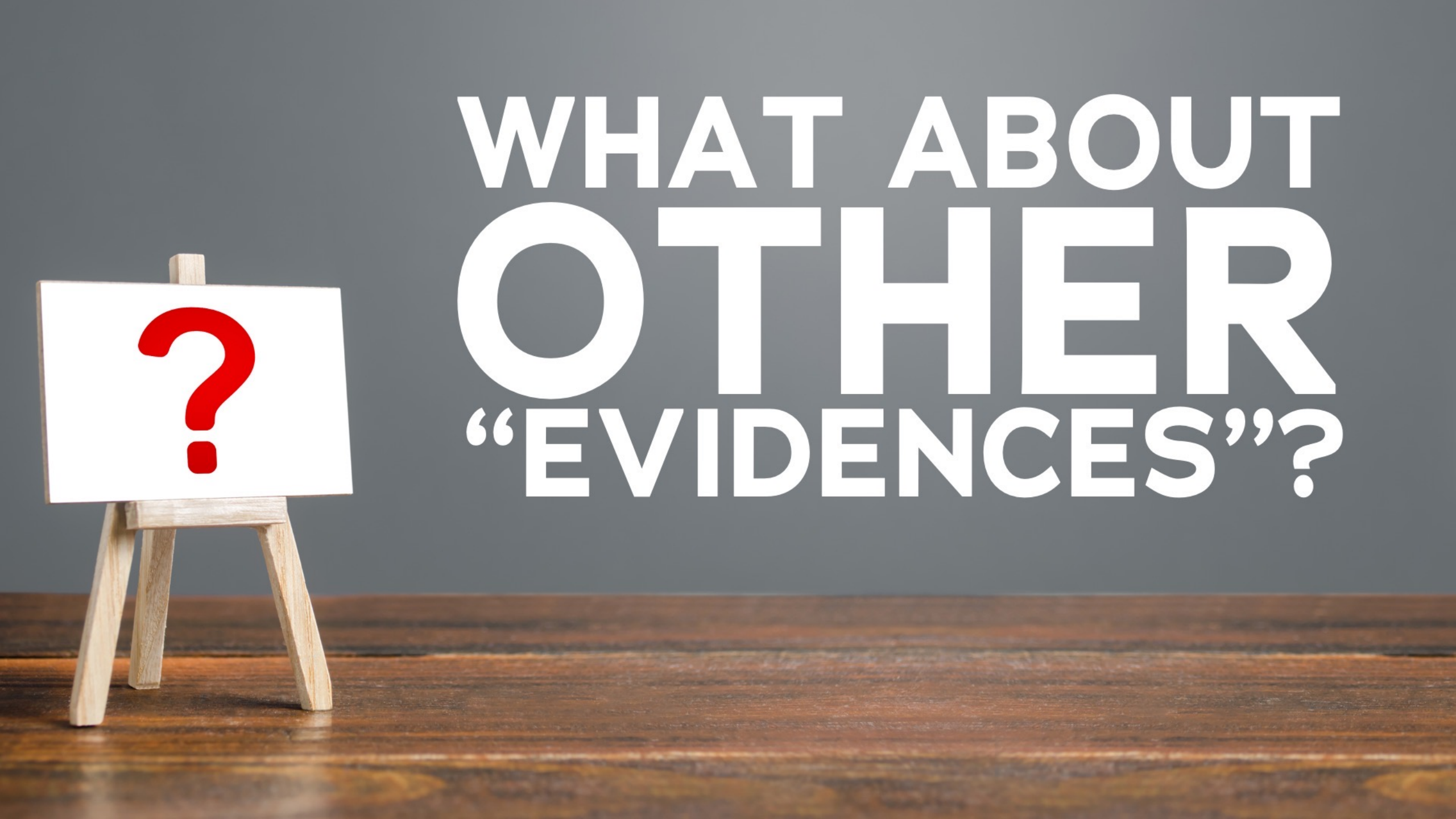
BOTTOM LINE:

MACROEVOLUTION
IS NOT THE SAME AS
MICROEVOLUTION


WHAT ABOUT
OTHER
"EVIDENCES"?
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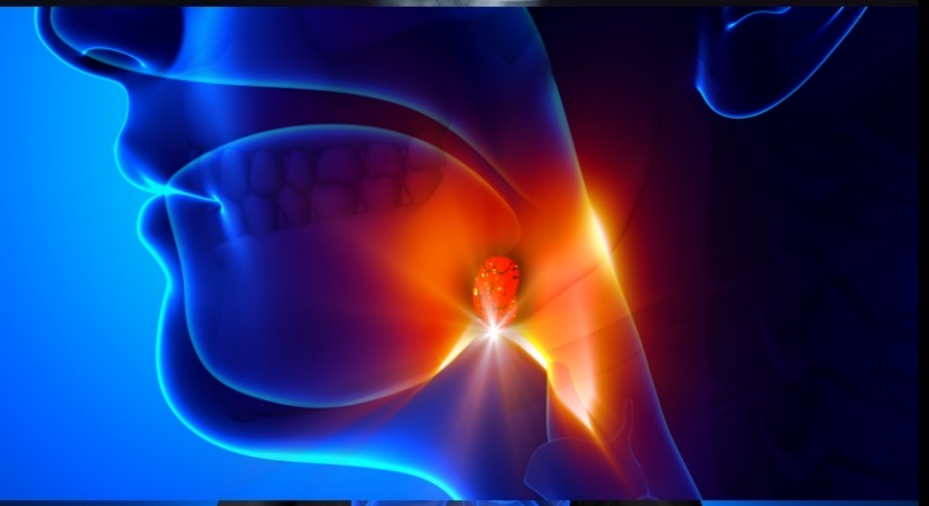
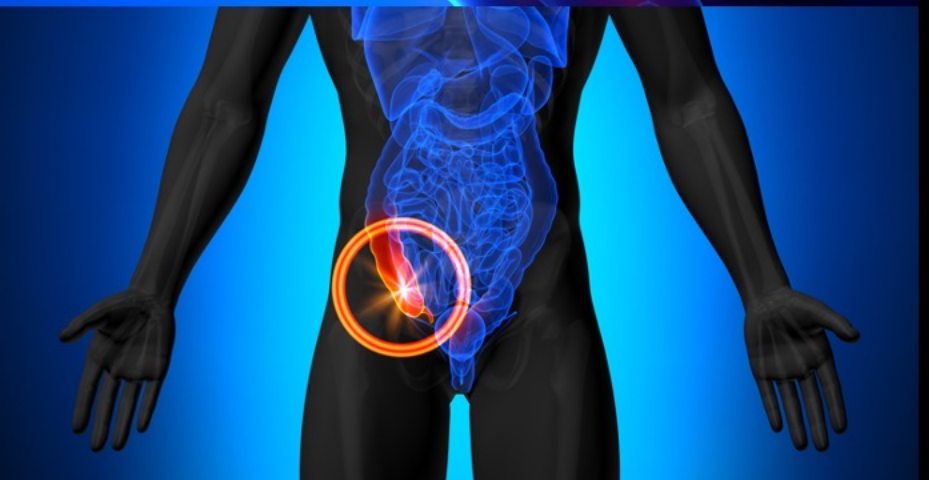
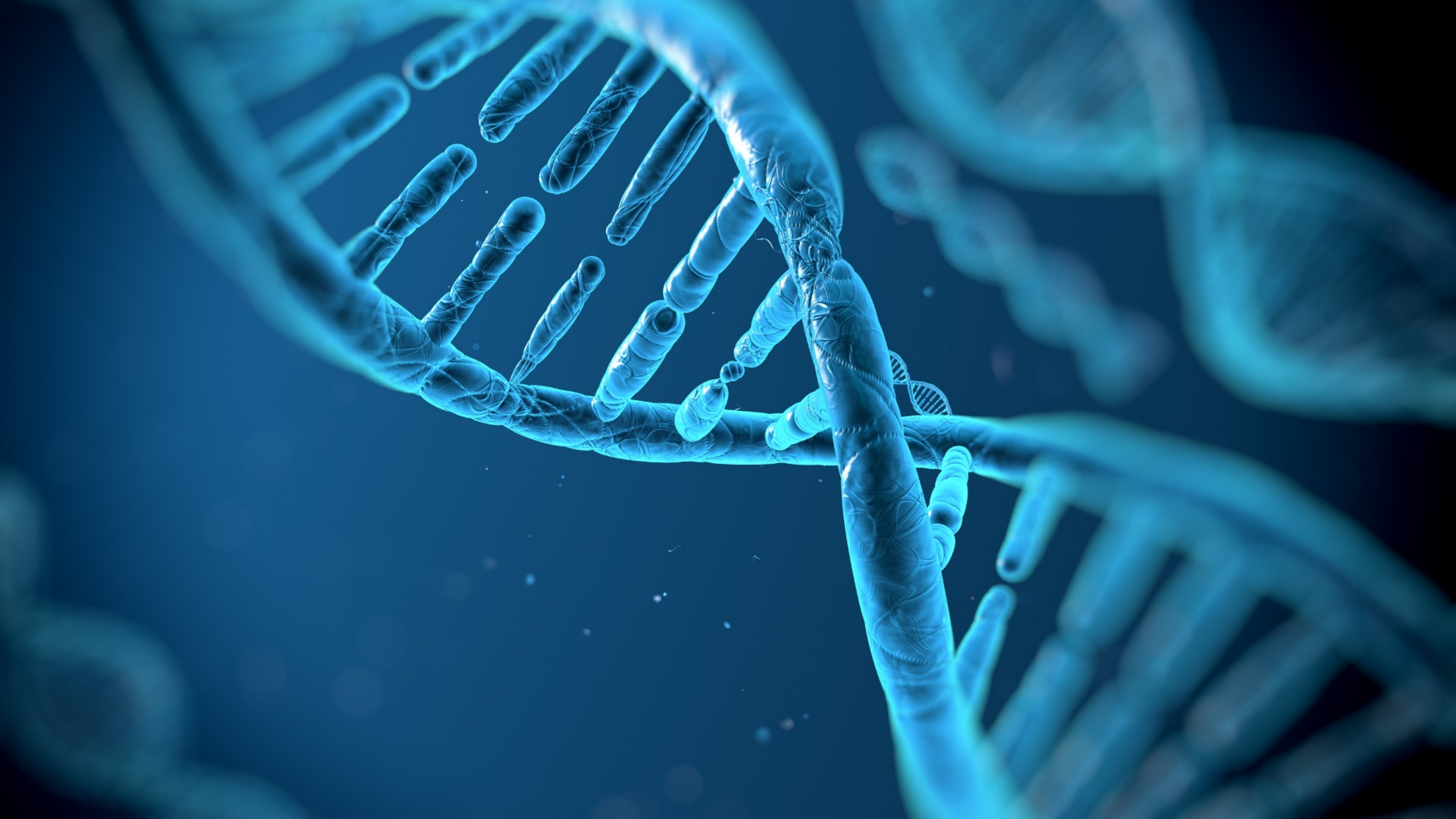
VESTIGIAL ORGANS





- WISDOM TEETH
- TONSILS
- COCCYX
- APPENDIX
- PARATHYROID
- HAIR
- AND OTHERS...

“JUNK” DNA



JONATHAN WELLS

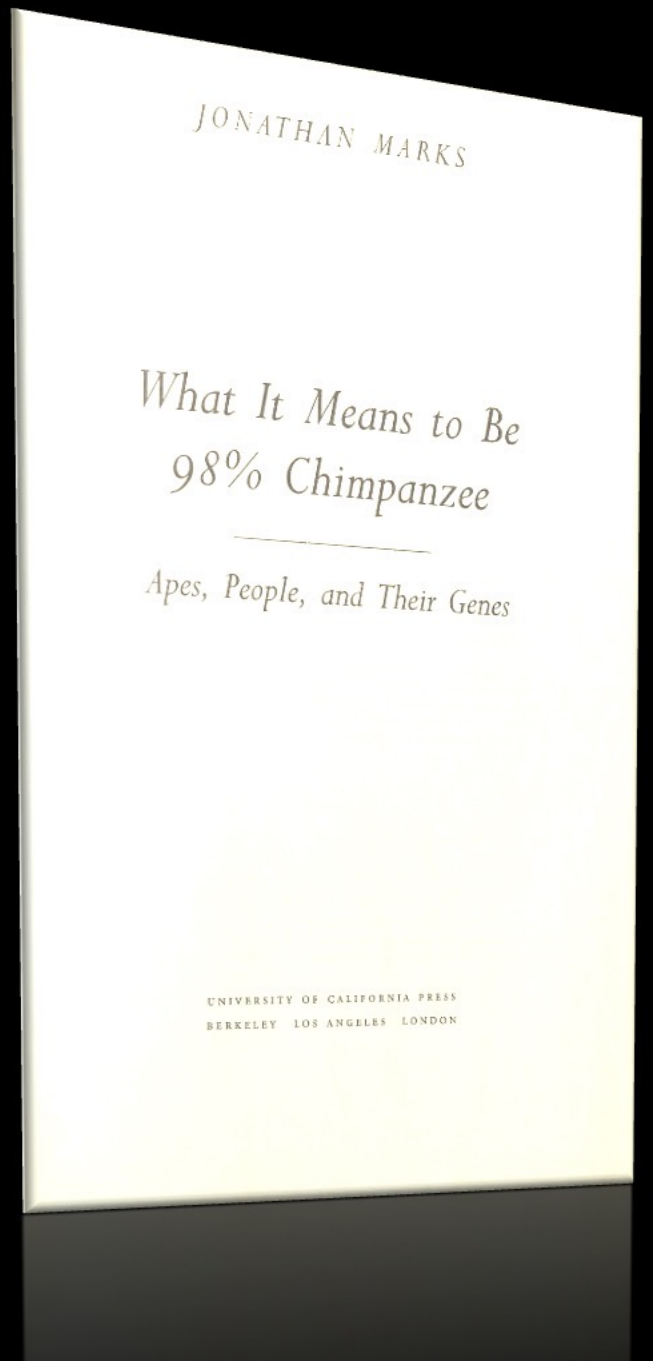
"The arguments...rest on the premise that most non-protein-coding DNA is junk, without any significant biological function. Yet a virtual flood of recent evidence shows that they are mistaken: Much of the DNA they claim to be 'junk' actually performs important functions in living cells. The following chapters cite hundreds of scientific articles...that testify to those functions—and those articles are only a small sample of a large and growing body of literature on the subject."

Jonathan Wells (2011), *The Myth of Junk DNA* (Seattle, WA: Discovery Institute in Seattle), Kindle file, Chapter 2.

HUMAN-CHIMP CHROMOSOME FUSION

HUMAN-CHIMP DNA SIMILARITIES

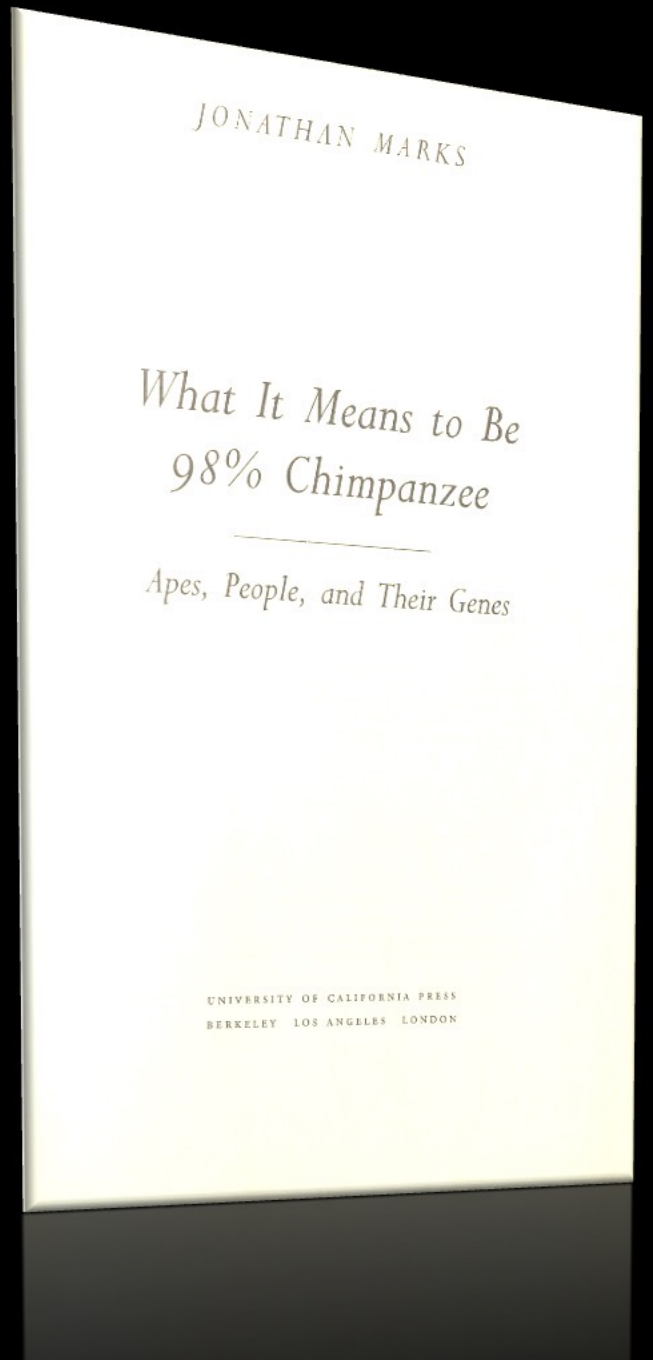
ARE HUMANS 98% CHIMPANZEE?



JONATHAN MARKS

"such comparisons of DNA sequence ignore qualitative differences, those of kind rather than amount."

Jonathan Marks (2002), *What it Means to Be 98% Chimpanzee* (Los Angeles, CA: University of California Press), pp. 25-27.



JONATHAN MARKS

"Because DNA is a linear array of those four bases—A,G,C, and T—only four possibilities exist at any specific point in a DNA sequence. The laws of chance tell us that two random sequences from species that have no ancestry in common will match at about one in every four sites. Thus even two unrelated DNA sequences will be 25 percent identical, not 0 percent identical."

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HUMAN/CHIMP DNA
SIMILARITY:
80%

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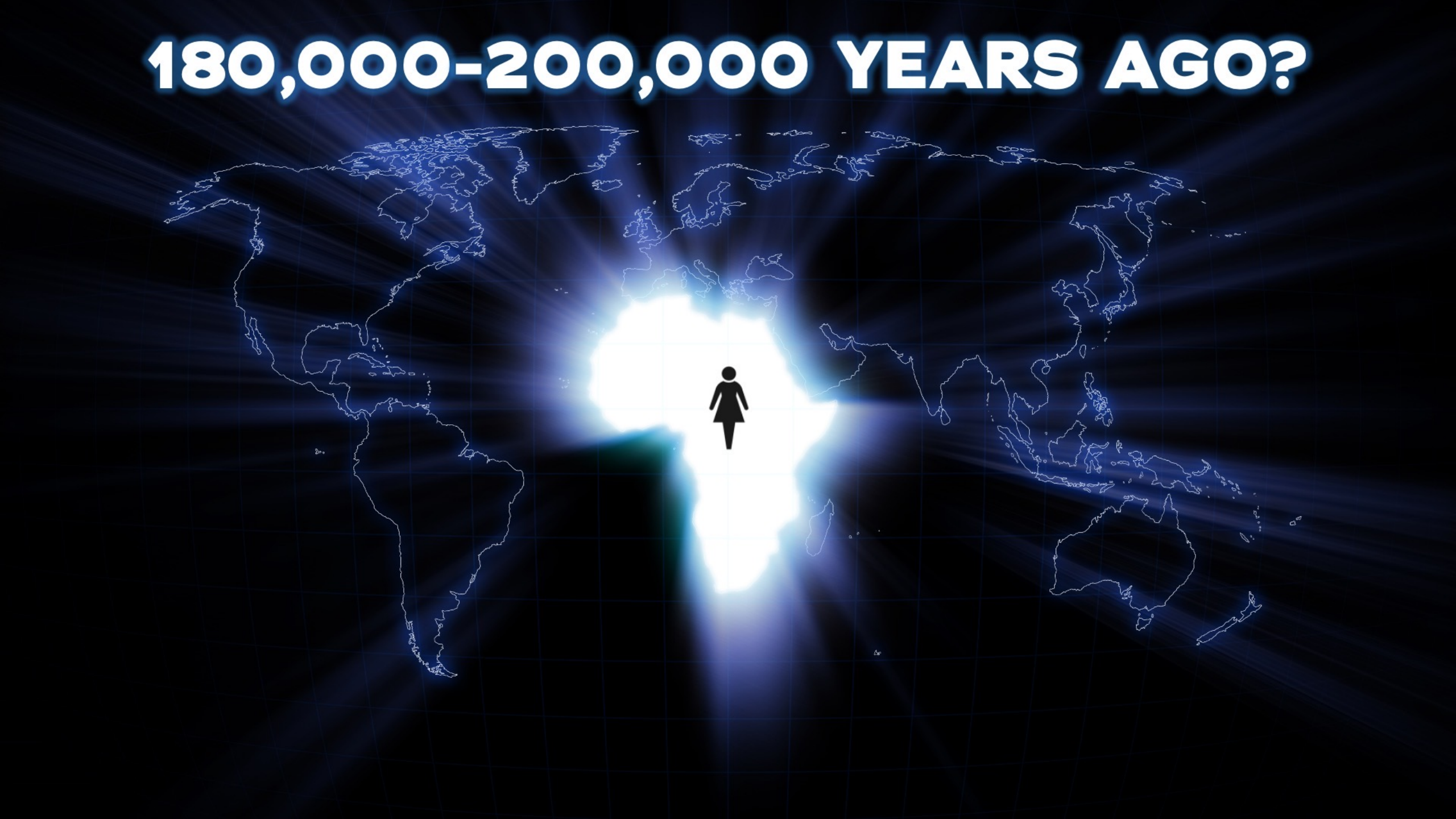
80%

- BODY STRUCTURES
- PHYSIOLOGIES
- BIOCHEMISTRIES
- INTENDED DIETS
- HABITATS

MITOCHONDRIAL DNA & "EVE"

180,000-200,000 YEARS AGO?



<10,000 YEARS AGO.

THE PROBLEM IS WORSE THAN THAT...

- Not merely a single human from a non-human...
- Not merely TWO humans from non-humans...
- Not merely one MALE and one FEMALE SIMULTANEOUSLY...
- Not only possessing FULLY FUNCTIONAL reproductive components...

- But they would ALSO have to…
  - Find each other during their childbearing years
  - Over a space of 196,900,000 square miles
  - In a primitive and hostile environment
  - Without being eaten or starving
  - And mother/child would have to survive child birth and primitive/hostile circumstances

DOES THE EVIDENCE SUPPORT HUMAN EVOLUTION?

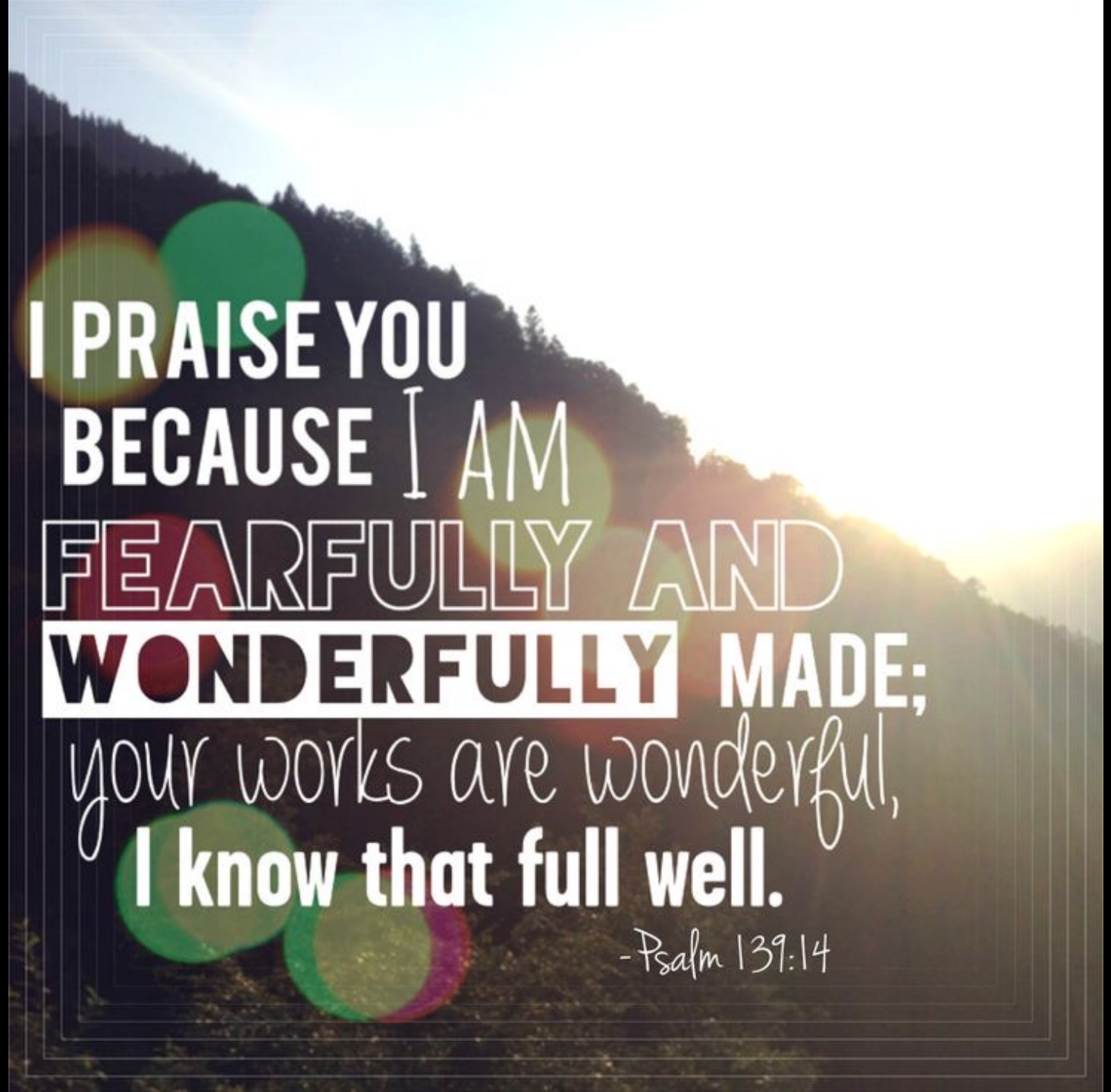
NO.

For since the creation
of the world God's invisible
qualities—his eternal power
and divine nature—have
been clearly seen, being
understood from what has
been made, so that people
are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

Genesis 1:26–27

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our
image, after our likeness. And let them have
dominion over the fish of the sea and over
the birds of the heavens and over the
livestock and over all the earth and over
every creeping thing that creeps on the
earth.” 27 So God created man in his own
image, in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.


I PRAISE YOU
BECAUSE I AM
FEARFULLY AND
WONDERFULLY MADE;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
-Psalm 139:14

Have you obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 2 Thessalonians 1:8 (ESV)