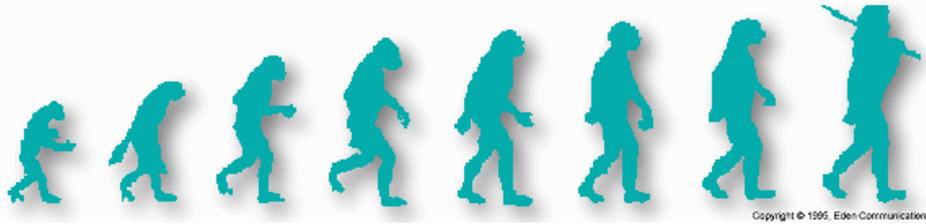


Who's Who & What's What In The World Of "Missing" Links?

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Is there really evidence that man descended from apes?

Many people honestly believe that the ancestry of mankind has been mapped faithfully and nearly completely. They have heard about "missing links," and regard them as scientific proof for man's evolution from primates. However, in truth, no ancestor for man has ever been documented. The "missing links" are still missing. Here is a summary of facts relating to some of the most well known fossil discoveries.

- *Homo sapiens neanderthalensis* (Neandertal man) - 150 years ago Neandertal reconstructions were stooped and very much like an 'ape-man.' It is now admitted that the supposedly stooped posture was due to disease and that Neandertal is just a variation of the human kind.
- *Ramapithecus* - once widely regarded as the ancestor of humans, it has now been realized that it is merely an extinct type of orangutan (an ape).
- *Eoanthropus* (Piltdown man) - a hoax based on a human skull cap and an orangutan's jaw. It was widely publicized as the missing link for 40 years.
- *Hesperopithecus* (Nebraska man) - based on a single tooth of a type of pig now only living in Paraguay.
- *Pithecanthropus* (Java man) - now renamed to *Homo erectus*. See below.
- *Australopithecus africanus* - this was at one time promoted as the missing link. It is no longer considered to be on the line from apes to humans. It is very ape-like.
- *Sinanthropus* (Peking man) was once presented as an ape-man but has now been reclassified as *Homo erectus* (see below).

Currently fashionable ape-men

These are the ones that adorn the evolutionary trees of today that supposedly led to *Homo sapiens* from a chimpanzee-like creature.

- *Australopithecus* - there are various species of these that have been at times proclaimed as human ancestors. One remains: *Australopithecus afarensis*, popularly known as the fossil 'Lucy'. However, detailed studies of the inner ear, skulls and bones have suggested that 'Lucy' and her like are not on the way to becoming human. For example, they may have walked more upright than most apes, but not in the human manner. *Australopithecus afarensis* is very similar to the pygmy chimpanzee.
- *Homo habilis* - there is a growing consensus amongst most paleoanthropologists that this category actually includes bits and pieces of various other types - such as *Australopithecus* and *Homo erectus*. It is therefore an 'invalid taxon'. That is, it never existed as such.
- *Homo erectus* - many remains of this type have been found around the world. They are smaller than the average human today, with an appropriately smaller head (and brain size). However, the brain size is within the range of people today and studies of the middle ear have shown that *Homo erectus* was just like us. Remains have been found in the same strata and in close proximity to ordinary *Homo sapiens*, suggesting that they lived together.

There is no fossil proof that man is the product of evolution. Could it be that the missing links are still missing because they simply do not exist.

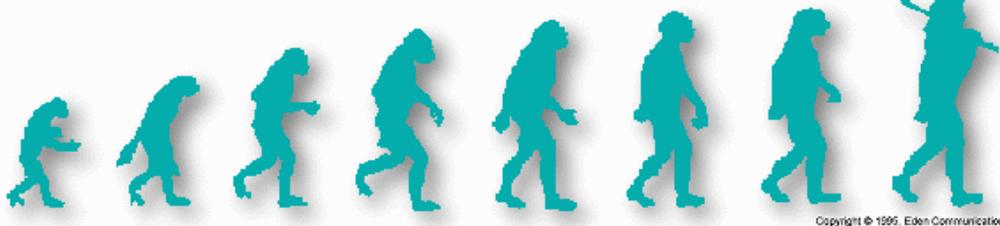
"Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7).

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“缺环”世界的名人和要事

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真的有证据表明人类系出猿猴吗？

许多人真诚地相信人类的祖先已经被忠实地且几乎完整地描绘出来了。他们听说过“缺环”，并将它当作猿进化为人的科学证明。然而，事实真相是，人类的祖先从未被记载下来。“缺环”仍旧未现。下面是关于一些最著名化石的事实简述。

- 智慧人（蓝田人）*Homo sapiens neanderthalensis* (Neandertal man) — 150年前重塑的蓝田人，身体是躬着的，很象“猿人”。现在人们承认那躬着的身形是疾病所致，蓝田人就是人类的一种。
- 拉玛古猿 *Ramapithecus* — 一度被广泛认为是人类祖先，现在认识到它不过是一种已灭绝的猩猩。
- 道森始人（辟尔当人）*Eoanthropus* (Piltdown man) — 用人的头盖骨和猩猩的下颌骨制造的骗局。作为缺环广泛宣传了40年。
- 西方古猿（尼布拉斯加人）*Hesperopithecus* (Nebraska man) — 用现在仅产于巴拉圭的一种猪的一颗牙齿构想的。
- 猿人（爪哇人）*Pithecanthropus* (Java man) 现改称直立猿人。见下面。
- 非洲南猿 *Australopithecus africanus* — 一度被推崇为缺环。现已不被进化论列入从猿到人的进程中。实际上非常像猿。
- 中国猿人（北京人）*Sinanthropus* (Peking man) — 曾一度作为猿人介绍，现重分类为直立猿人（见下面）。

现今流行的猿人

它们在今天装饰着进化宗谱，被认为是从黑猩猩样的动物到智慧人的过渡。

- 南猿 *Australopithecus* — 有几种，曾被称为人类始祖。其中之一：南方粗猿 (*Australopithecus afarensis*)，通常称为化石“露西”。然而，对于内耳、头盖骨和身体的细致研究得出的一种意见认为“露西”和她的同伴们不是在成为人类的途中。例如，它们行走的姿态可能比猩猩直一些，但并非人类的形态。南方粗猿很像矮小的黑猩猩。
- 能巧人 *Homo habilis* — 在大多数古生物学家中，现有一种越来越强烈的共识。那就是这一类别含有多种其它类别的化石，如南猿和直立猿的化石。因而这是一种“错误类别”，也就是说此类别从未存在过。
- 直立人 *Homo erectus* — 在世界各地发现了许多这类化石。他们比今天人类的平均形体小，头（和脑量）也相应小一些。但是，脑量是在当代人脑量范围之内，并且对中耳的研究表明直立人与我们并无二致。曾经在发现智慧人化石的同样岩层中及附近地域发现直立人化石，这表明他们曾一起住过。

没有化石证据说人是进化的产物。缺环仍缺，是不是它们根本就不存在呢？

“耶和華神用地上的尘土造人，将生气吹在他鼻孔里，他就成了有灵的活人，名叫亚当。”（创世纪二章七节）

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