

# ANCIENT MAN

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One of the questions that has arisen in the Church in the recent past concerns the origin of man. Some have asserted that there is evidence that God used some type of prototype of man before Adam. This man was thought to be some kind of “experiment” or preparation for Adam who was to have the spirit of man.

## Missing Intermediate Fossils

What evidence do we find of this “pre-adamic” man? Let take a look at the fossil record and see what the evidence shows. Geologists use what is called the “Geologic Column” to show what forms of creatures were on the earth in the ancient times. They obviously, have been influenced by Darwin’s Theory of Evolution. Darwin thought that the Geologic Record would show a record of many “intermediate” species. That is species, which may be in a transition stage between fish and amphibian or “ape” like and human. He knew that those species were not found in the Geologic Record in the 1800’s, but thought that in time they would be found. What has been found contradicts what Darwin thought should be there. The “gaps” in the Geologic Record are real and have not been explained away.

Let’s notice what a famous paleontologist, Niles Eldridge says about the Geologic Record. Eldredge, Niles, “Did Darwin Get It Wrong?” *Nova* (November 1, 1981).

“It is, indeed, a very curious state of affairs, I think, that paleontologists have been insisting that their record is consistent with slow, steady, gradual evolution where I think that privately, they’ve known for over a hundred years that such is not the case.... It’s the only reason why they can correlate rocks with their fossils, for instance.... They’ve ignored the question completely.”

Notice – a famous paleontologist has admitted that many in his profession have attempted to find the transitional fossils and they are not there. The Geologic Record does not confirm what Darwin thought. Niles Eldridge is not a “creationist”, he believes in the Theory of Evolution.

Here’s another quote from him: “If life had evolved into its wondrous profusion of creatures little by little, Dr. Eldridge argues, then one would expect to find fossils of transitional creatures which were a bit like what went before them and a bit like what came after. But no one has yet found any evidence of such transitional creatures. This oddity has been attributed to gaps in the fossil record which gradualists expect to fill when rock strata of the proper age has been found. In the last decade, however, geologists have found rock layers of all divisions of the last 500 million years and no transitional forms were contained in them.” (As quoted in “Evolution a Theory in Crisis” page 194 by Michael Denton).

Darwin expectation that these gaps would be filled has not been confirmed! The creationists expectations that new species would appear suddenly has been confirmed by the Geologic Record. Evolutionists have admitted this.

What does this have to do with ‘pre-adamic’ man? A lot!! Pre-adamic man in reality is a “transitional” species. This idea is an evolutionary compromise with the facts of science as we shall see more evidence of in this article.

### **Neanderthal Man**

What about these ‘pre-adamic’ men? One of the most famous is the Neanderthals. Neanderthals were thought to be an ancient species that lived in the Pleistocene Epoch. They are considered to have lived over 30,000 years ago by evolutionary standards. This species was pointed to as an example of “preadamic” man. Pre-adamic man was supposed to be a primitive form of man who did not have the spirit of man in him like Adam did.

What were these men like? First let’s not the brain size of the Neanderthal’s – it was larger than that of modern man (1620 cc – Neanderthal, 1450 cc – Modern Man). When evolutionists are trying to find evidence of evolution of man, one of the main items they will consider is the ‘brain’ size. A larger brain is supposed to mean greater intelligence. By this standard, Neanderthal’s were smarter than modern man.

National Geographic had a very interesting article about ancient man called ‘People Like Us’ (July 2000 issue, page 109). This is what they said about the Neanderthals (sometimes spelled Neandertal). ‘New evidence from Neandertal sites in France indicates that our supposedly ‘dumb’ cousins were indeed making Aurignacian like artifacts by 38,000 years ago. ..In southern France ,....it looks like Neardertals had made the transition to modern technology before the Aurignacians arrived”

These ancient men according to the article in National Geographic were doing many things that we would associate with modern man. Here are a few examples from the articles (People Like Us, National Geographic, July 2000)

Page 100 ‘Discovery in a South African cave of cross-hated ocher..and expertly crafted stone points. ..suggests that modern human behavior began much earlier than previously thought.”

Page 100 ‘The team has also found advanced stone tools that look like spearheads....To lure fish requires the more advanced planning, anticipation, and other cognitive traits specialists have long associated with the modern human mind.”

Page 103 ‘He hands me the reassembled figurine... .It would be a masterpiece in any age...I can sense the awe its creator must have felt for the cave lions that prowled the Ice Age world.”

Page 104 ‘Discovers of a musical instrument, a bone flute from Geissenklosterie..confirms the existence of an aesthetic consciousness’ (Note: 32,000 years ago in Germany by evolutionary standards)

Page 111 ‘Extravagant for its time, the grave of two children found at an Ice Age hunter’s camp near Sungar disclosed a wealth of ornaments and weapons’ (25,000 years ago in Russia by evolutionary standards)

Page 106 ‘Like us, they are individuals in search of meaning..They must have been developing a social fabric that gave meaning to that art’

Notice all the things that these men who would have been called pre-adamic in the past are doing. They are producing art which would be a ‘masterpiece’ in any age. They are burying their dead with artifacts that indicate some kind of belief in an afterlife. They are making musical instruments. Question: In what way are these men not like modern man?

### **DATING PROBLEMS**

Here is the a most interesting quote from page 96 (National Geographic, July 200, People like Us)

‘The Mungo Lady, along with a contemporary male fossil, originally dated at 24,000 years ago—well after modern art and technology had emerged at European sites--seemed to fit that migration scenario. But in 1999 a team of Australian researchers led by Thorne redated the sediments where the Mungo people were buried. Three different dating methods indicated an age of about 62,000 years. These dates remain a matter of considerable controversy.’

Note – a new dating method has changed the date of the ‘Mungo lady’ by 38,000 years!! **STOP!!** We have been led to believe that these dating methods are ‘ABSOLUTE’. How can a new dating method then cause them to change the date of this ‘lady’ by 38,000 years. Could it be that something is wrong with the assumptions used in coming up with these dates?

In order to come up with the dates they use, assumptions must be made for C<sup>14</sup> and the other dating methods used. These methods often contradict one another and they are used arbitrarily.

### **KNM-ER 1470 SKULL**

Let’s go to an example that is used to date early man. Richard Leakey (son of the famous anthropologist Louis & Mary Leakey) found in 1967 a famous skull called the ‘KNM-ER1470’ skull. The skull was very modern in appearance and was thought to be about 2.9 million years old. Because the KBS Tuff (the area where it was found) had radioactive potassium 40 in it, it could be dated. The first attempt by Leakey to get a date led to some astounding results. The samples Leakey submitted gave dates from 212 million years old to 230 million years old. (see complete story in ‘Bones of Contention’ by Marvin Lubenow, pages 247-265 by Baker Book House) Of course these dates had to

be rejected. According to the timetable of evolutionists, dinosaurs lived during that time, not any type of “humanoid” could be alive then!! They didn’t come on the scene until millions of years later.

Since these dates were unacceptable, they had to get more samples and submit them. They finally came up with another number from their samples, 2.6 million years old. Later dates of 1.6 to 1.8 million years are reported as being accurate (Page 263, “Bones of Contention” by Marvin Lubenow, by Baker Book House). Again many dates which did not agree with their ideas of human evolution were discarded and other dates which agree with their ideas were accepted. They seem to throw millions of years around with very little regard for the data they are getting from their laboratories.

What does the evidence suggest for ancient man? The intermediate fossils are missing (this includes the ancestors of humans). The Bible’s assertion that man came from one set of parents, Adam and Eve does not contradict the scientific evidence. Supposed pre-adamic men in many cases are simply men (who lived a primitive lifestyle) descended from Adam and other supposed human ancestors are simply an extinct form of ape.

In a future article, we can discuss “Lucy” and other evidences that the evolutionary story of mankind is a myth. If you are interested in more details on this subject you can purchase “Bones of Contention” by Marvin Lubenow (Baker Book House).