

# HUMAN EVOLUTION

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Evolution's story of the history of humanity is one of gradual modification from the alleged single common ancestor of all life, through several ape-like stages until finally humans arrive on the scene. Is this verified by the fossil record? Let's look at the evidence.

## KEY TERMS

**Paleoanthropology** is the scientific study of human evolution.

**Hominin** is the group of all modern and extinct humans.

**Hominid** is the group of all modern and extinct humans and apes.

**Australopithecus** is an extinct group of creatures believed to be the evolutionary ancestor to modern day humans.

## A BROKEN RECORD

The alleged story of human evolution has several key problems with the fossil record.

### a: Broken Timeline

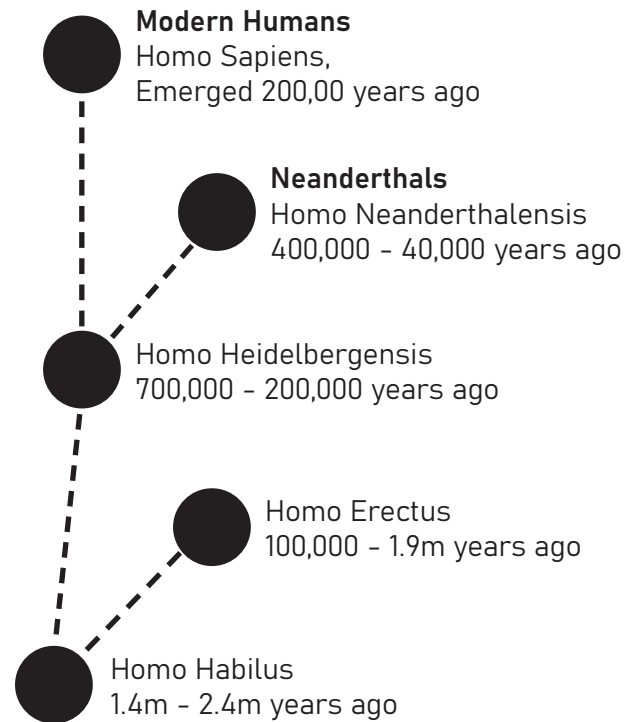
There are large gaps of time in the fossil record in which few hominin fossils appear.

### b: Broken Bones

Typical hominin fossils are a small selection of bones or fragments. This makes it difficult to accurately define their size, shape, etc.

### c: Broken Agreement

With the scant fossil evidence available, experts in the field do not agree with one another. This leaves everything open to interpretation again and again.



## DARWIN OF THE GAPS

Each of the dotted lines connecting the various groups within the genus Homo represent inferred relationships with little to no actual fossil evidence. These alleged connections are "inferred" because of the assumption that evolution is assumed true. This is a combination of confirmation bias and blind faith. Whenever there is a gap in the evidence, the belief in evolution takes over. This is not belief based on evidence, it is belief based on assumption.

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Evolution's story of human history relies on several key pieces of evidence that are either completely missing or have been presented out of context. In addition, there are some features of human life and culture that do not fit with evolution's story.

## WHAT ABOUT LUCY?

Lucy is the name given to the most famous australopithecine fossil discovered. She is often described as walking on two legs as an ape-like ancestor to modern humans. However, there are several problems with this claim:

a: Only 40% of Lucy's skeleton was recovered, the rest of her morphology had to be reconstructed with means 60% of the Lucy example is what she was chosen to look like.

b: It was claimed that the shape of Lucy's pelvis suggested she walked on two legs. However it was later revealed her pelvis was "badly crushed" with "distortion and cracking" and had to be reconstructed. Thus, the conclusion of walking on two legs was from the choices made during reconstruction, not the fossil evidence itself.

c: It was now been established that australopithecines are like apes, not humans. But this is only after she was celebrated around the world as the "missing link".

## SHARED DNA

It is often alleged that humans share DNA with chimpanzees and this is evidence that both evolved from the same ancestor. This is not true. Two people can own the same car but that doesn't mean they bought it from the same dealership. Likewise, similarities in sequence do not prove singularity of source.

a: DNA is encoded with four bases, represented by the letters A, G, C, T which occur in pairs A-T and C-G. Because of this, any two sections of DNA from any two living things will have a one in four chance to matching at any one point. This doesn't mean humans and hydrangeas share a common ancestor. It simply shows we are all encoded with the same DNA language.

b: Humans and chimpanzees share many traits. Both breathe air. Both drink water. Both eat fruit. Both have similar types of internal organs. Both have eyes, ears, noses and mouths. Because of these facts, there is no real surprise to see there are shared sections of DNA between them. The greater point is that the DNA structures are about 400 million letters different!

## NO OTHER LINKS EXIST

If evolution is true, there should be transitional forms to illustrate this development. There is currently no good candidates to establish a clear ancestral link between apes and modern humans.

## A WORD ABOUT WORDS

Research has shows an explosion of language, art, and culture in the recent history of human development. Evolution offers no explanation for the rapid appearance of human-like culture from apes.

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