

World War View



A War of Views; The Courtroom

The Players

Judge:

Insures the court proceedings are done according to law and rules on points of law during the case.

Insures both sides are aware of and has access to all evidence.

Provides instruction to the jury.

World view: Innocent until pronounced guilty by a jury of peers.

Defense Attorney:

Presents all evidence from the viewpoint of the defendant's innocence

Questions all witnesses on behalf of the defendant.

World view: Innocent

Prosecuting Attorney:

Presents all evidence from the viewpoint of the defendant's guilt.

Questions all witnesses on behalf of the State.

World view: Guilty

Jury:

Listens to the evidence and testimonies presented by both sides.

Pronounces a judgment based on which world view is best explained by the evidence and testimony.

World view: Innocent until proven guilty. (hopefully)

The Evidence

Physical:

Surveillance images, audio recordings.

Images of the crime scene.

Items found at the scene.

World view: Neutral

Forensic:

Chemical

Finger prints/Genetic

Microscopic

World view: Neutral

Chronological:

Sequence of events.

People/Places/Things in that sequence. (Who was where and when)

World view: Neutral

Testimonial:

Given by those who were present; eyewitnesses

Professional opinions

Character witnesses

World view: Could be anything... wild card. The weight you give to testimony is directly related to your trust in the character of the person giving the testimony.

Let the facts speak for themselves!

**But the truth is that facts never speak for themselves,
they have to be interpreted, by fallible humans full of
inevitable prejudices.**

“The court of public opinion” The views

Biblical Creationist:

“All evidence indicates creative intent and points to a Creator God Who’s testimony of the origins of man is found in the Scriptures”

Materialist:

“All evidence indicates random events over billions of years resulted in our existence today. There is no reason to invoke a divine creator since everything can be explained through normal materialistic processes.”

The literature that shapes the views

Materialist: “On the Origin of Species” by Charles Darwin

published on 24 November 1859

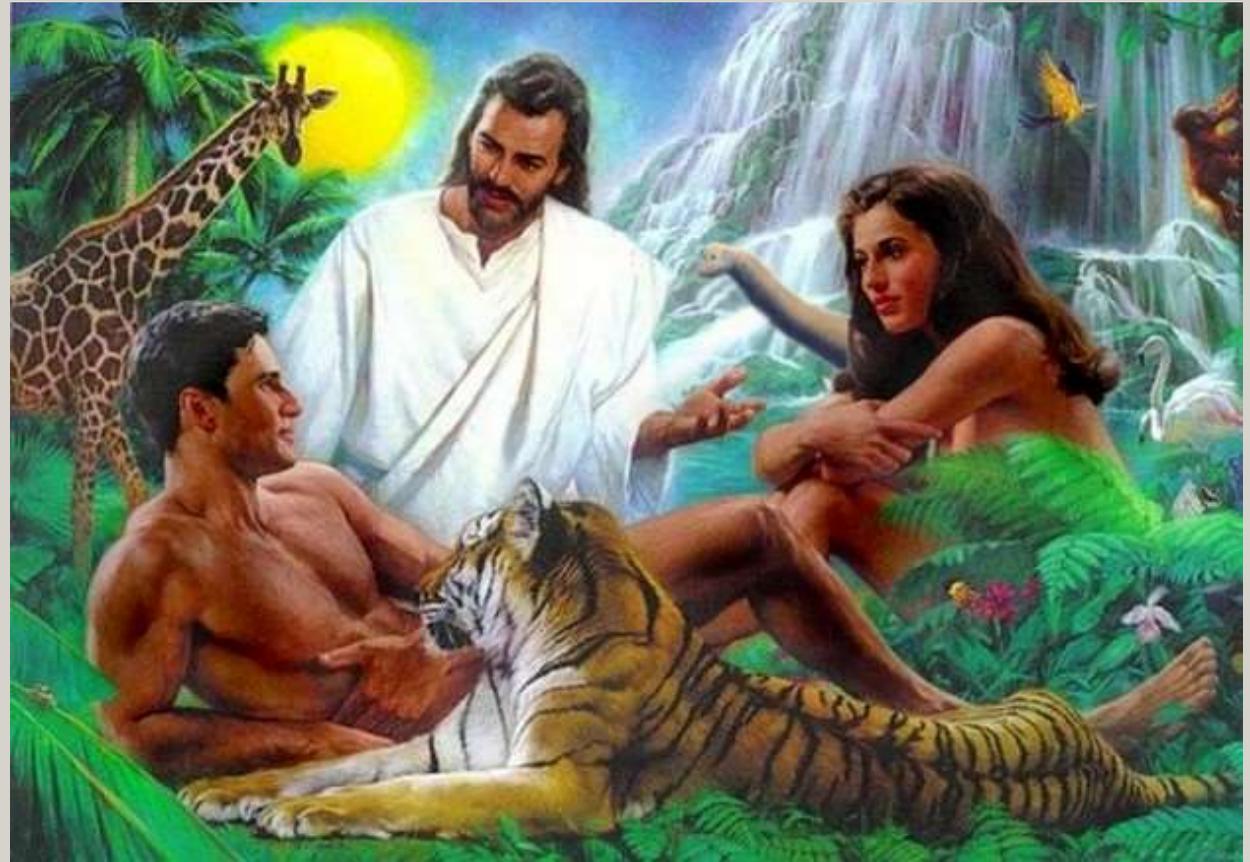
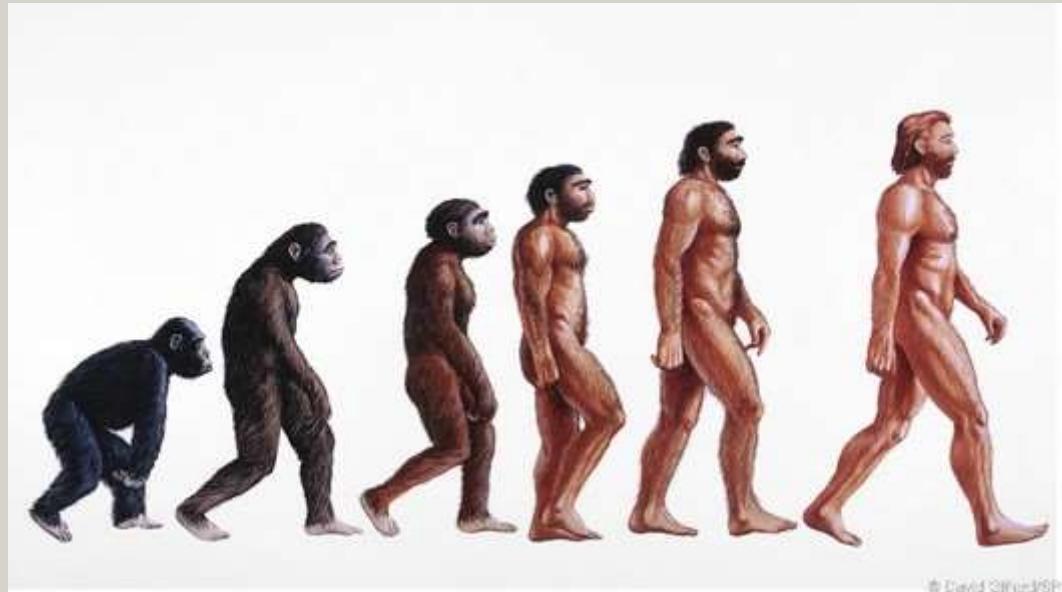
Note: Full title of the book "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life"

Attempts to explain the existence of life on the earth as a series of small random changes over millions of years without the need of a Creator.

Biblical Creationist: The Bible; 66

Books by 40 writers over 1,500 years.

Declares the origins of life to be the work of a Creator God some 6,000 years ago over the course of six days culminating with the creation of man in His image.



The World Views

Materialist:

Richard Lewontin, an American evolutionary biologist, mathematician, geneticist, and social commentator.

"Our willingness to accept scientific claims that are against common sense is the key to an understanding of the real struggle between science and the supernatural. We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, in spite of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism.

It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that **we are forced by our a priori adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated.**

Moreover, **that materialism is absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door.** The eminent Kant scholar Lewis Beck used to say that anyone who could believe in God could believe in anything. To appeal to an omnipotent deity is to allow that at any moment the regularities of nature may be ruptured, that miracles may happen. "

The World Views

Biblical Creationist:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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

Romans 1:20-21 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Materialism vs Creationism

Faith vs Fact

or

Faith vs Faith?

Materialist:

You have your faith but I have science.

Believing in Creation is not scientific.

Evolution is a proven fact.

Christian:

Believing the Bible is all a matter of faith.

God said it, I believe it, that settles it.

It's not about facts it's about a relationship..

**"Faith is believing what you know ain't so."
Mark Twain**

**The one who states his case first seems right,
until the other comes and examines him.**

Proverbs 18:17

The Case

Who is Neanderthal Man?

Evolutionary phase between man and ape over millions of years?

or

**Early post flood descendants of Noah, descended from Adam,
created in the Image of God?**

The Evidence 1856

**First discovered in the Kleine Feldhofer Grotte,
a cave in Germany in the Neandertal valley.**



The Arguments

Materialist:

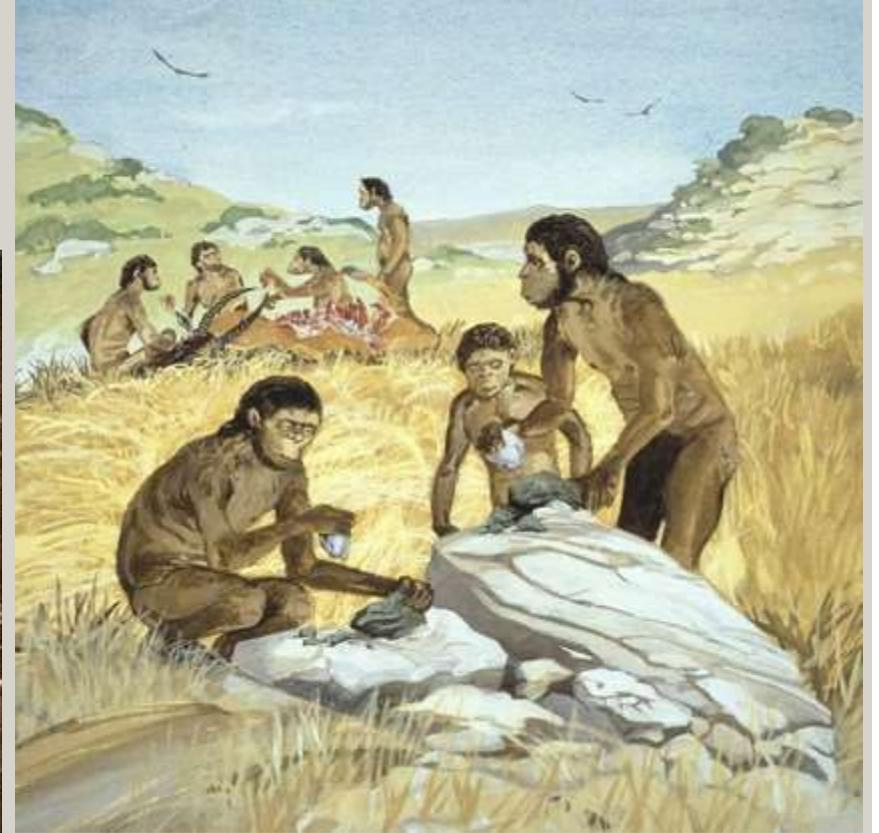
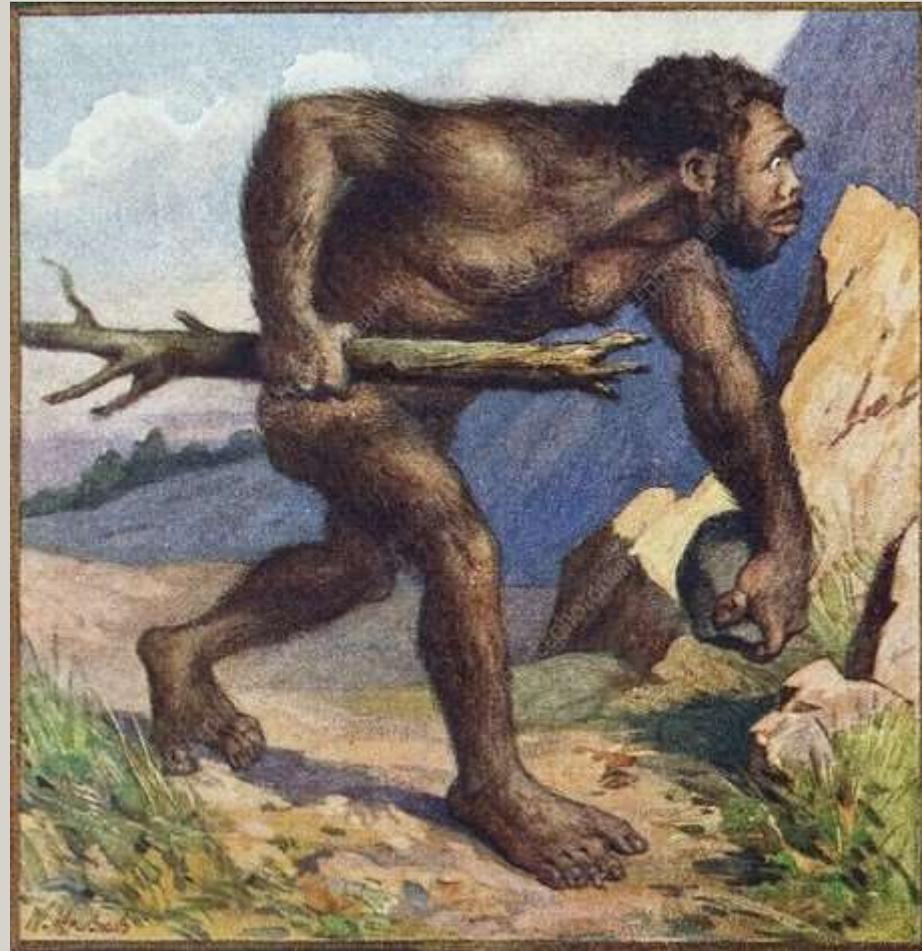
Marcellin Boule, French paleontologist worked as professor of paleontology at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle from 1903 to retirement in 1936. In 1908 Boule studied two Neanderthal skeletons that were found in France (LeMoustier and La Chapelle-aux-Saints). Boule declared Neanderthal men to be anatomically and intellectually inferior brutes who were more closely related to apes than humans. He asserted they had a slumped posture, a "monkey-like" arrangement of certain spinal vertebrae, and even claimed that their feet were of a "grasping type" (like those of gorillas and chimpanzees). Boule concluded that Neanderthal man could not have walked erectly, but rather must have walked in a clumsy fashion. These highly biased and inaccurate views prevailed and were even expanded by many other evolutionists up to the mid-1950s.

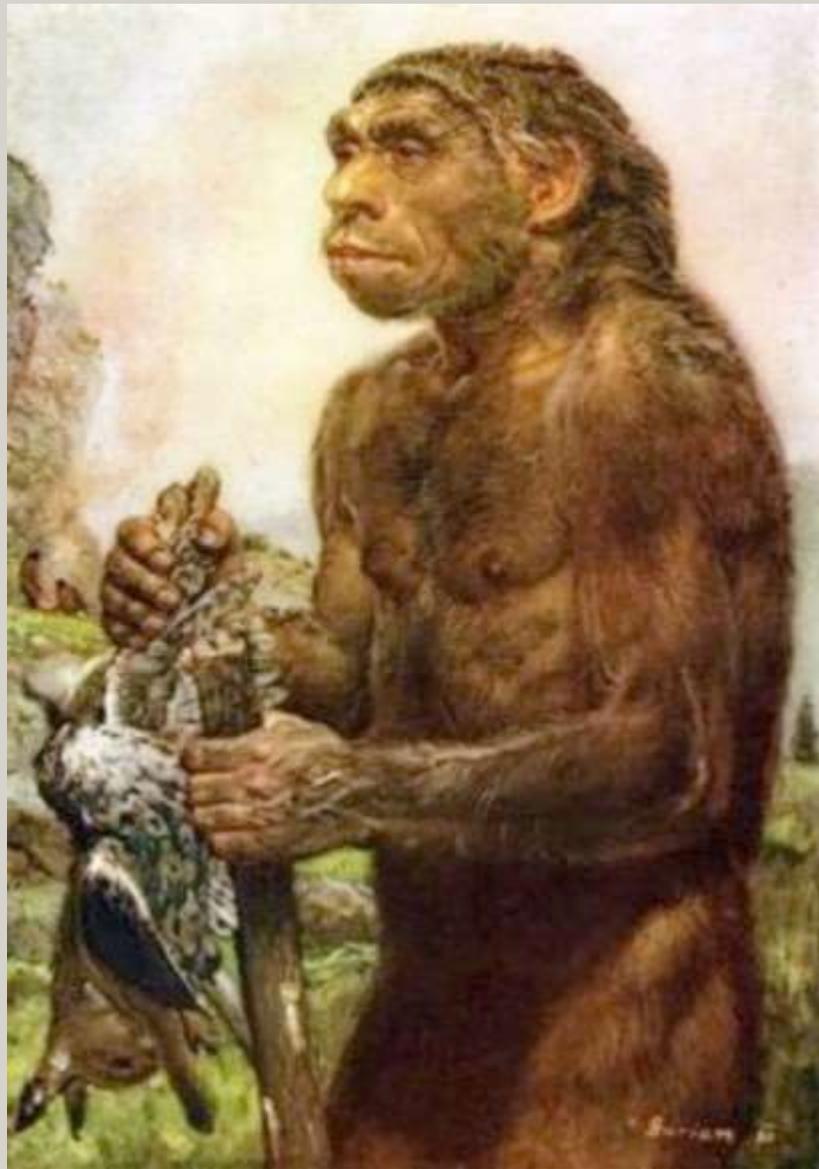
Creationist:

Karl Mayer, a German anatomist and physiologist who worked as a prosector at the Academy of Bern, where in 1815 he was named a professor of anatomy and physiology argued, among other things, that the thigh and pelvic bones of the Neanderthal man were shaped like those of someone who had spent all his life on horseback, possibly that of a mounted Russian Cossack, who had roamed the region in 1813/14 during the turmoils of the wars of liberation from Napoleon.

Rudolf Virchow, a German physician, anthropologist, pathologist, prehistorian, biologist, writer, editor, and politician. He is known as "the father of modern pathology", agreed with Mayer and also concluded that the Neanderthal first discovered in 1856 was a middle aged man with bad cases of arthritis and rickets.

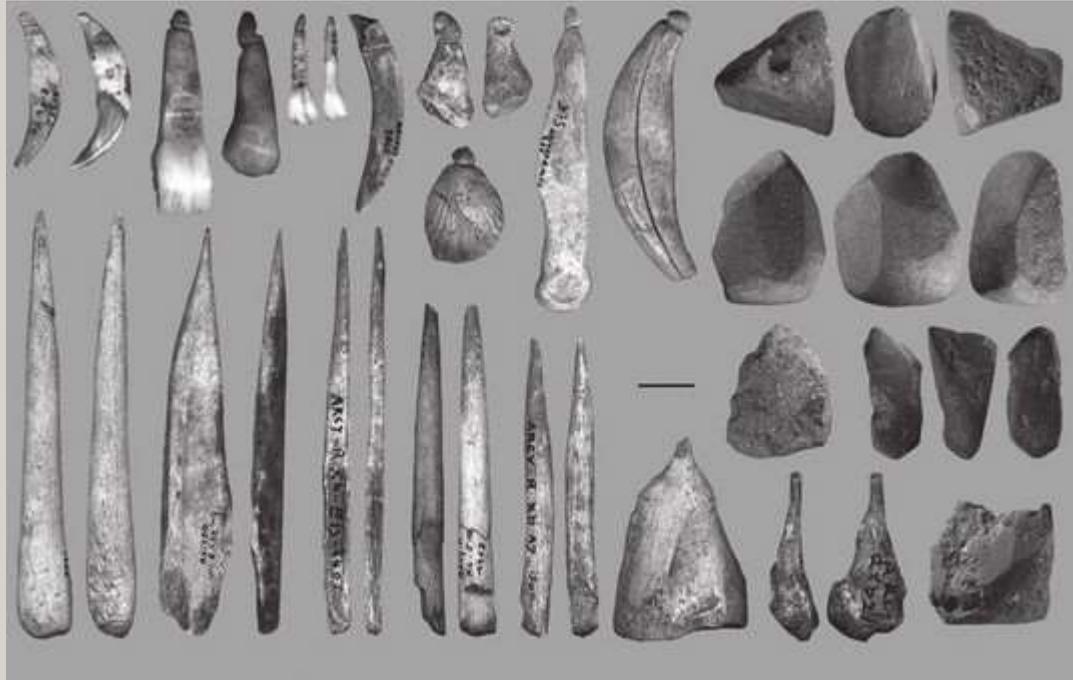
What the Public is shown over the next 60 years





The Evidence

Neanderthals created and used tools of stone, bone, and wood.



The Evidence; 1960

“The first evidence that Neanderthals buried their dead emerged after archaeologist Ralph Solecki excavated Shanidar cave in northern Iraq in the 1950s and 1960s. The cave eventually yielded the remains of 10 Neanderthals, including one dubbed Shanidar 4, which was found with clumps of pollen – suggesting the body had been deliberately placed in a grave and flowers scattered on it. The finding was one of several lines of evidence that has led to a reassessment of Neanderthals as highly intelligent and not the shambling brutes of earlier portrayals.”

"70,000-year-old remains suggest Neanderthals buried their dead"

NewScientist 18 February 2020 By Michael Marshall

Neanderthals really did bury their dead. Archaeologists in Iraq have discovered a new Neanderthal skeleton that appears to have been deliberately buried around 60,000 to 70,000 years ago.

“We are quite confident,” says Emma Pomeroy at the University of Cambridge.

The Arguments

Materialist:

Neanderthal is more sophisticated than originally thought.

The species Homo neanderthalensis lived 400,000 - 40,000 years ago.

Neanderthals are our closest extinct human relative.

Neanderthals and modern humans evolved independently from a common ape like ancestor making them more like cousins.

They did not interact with modern humans.

They could not have mated with modern humans.

They did not possess a formal language.

Their social structure would have been limited to small family groups or clans.

Biblical Creationist:

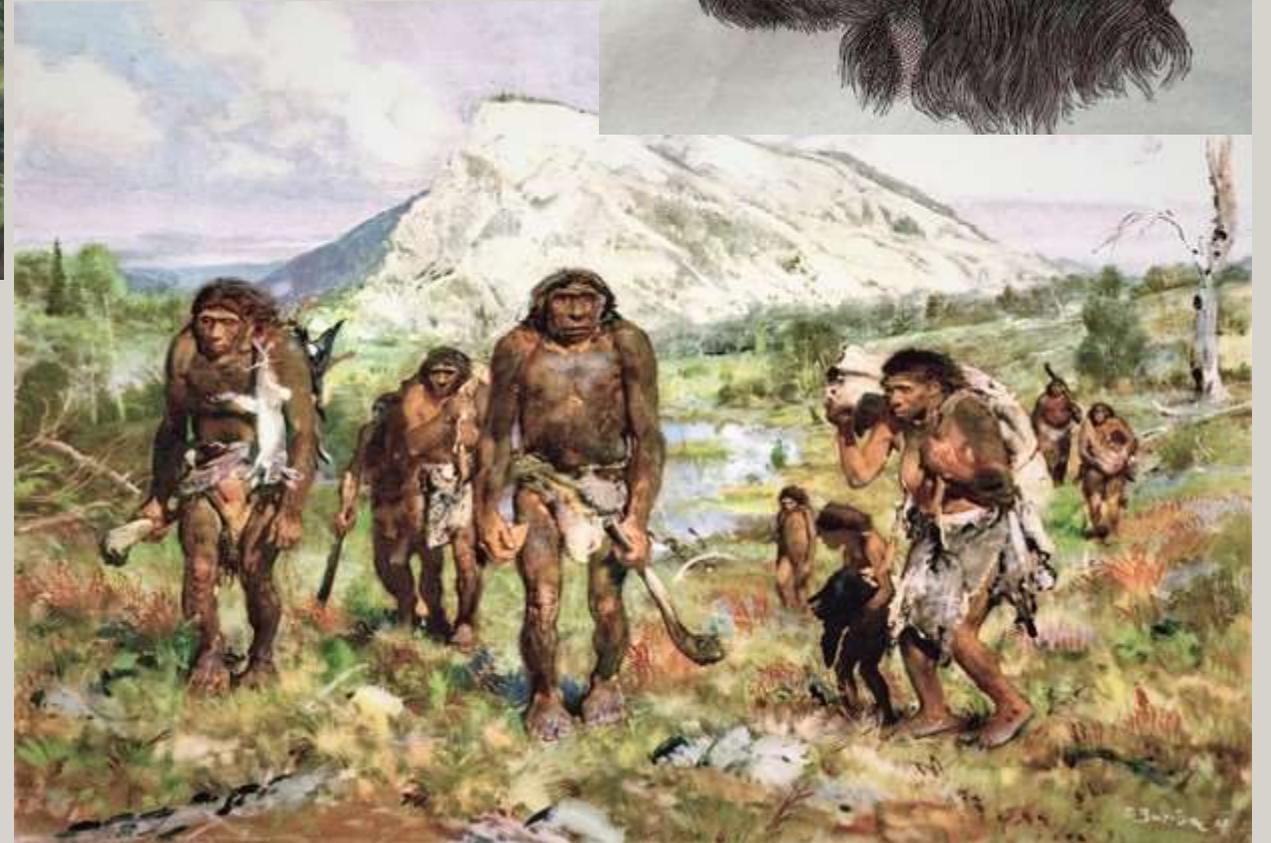
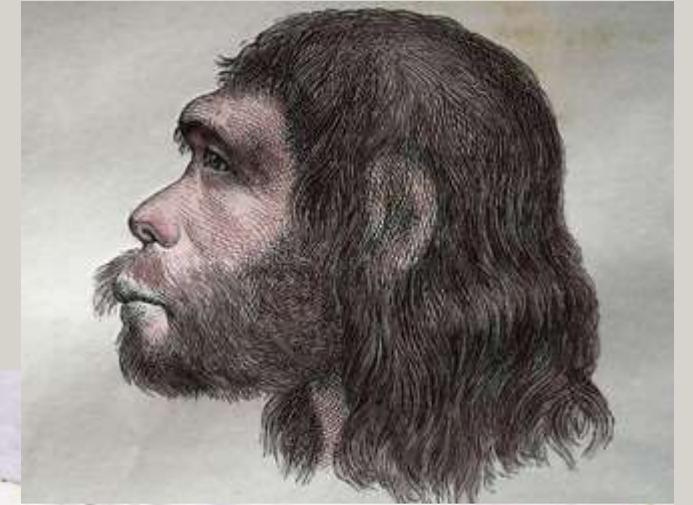
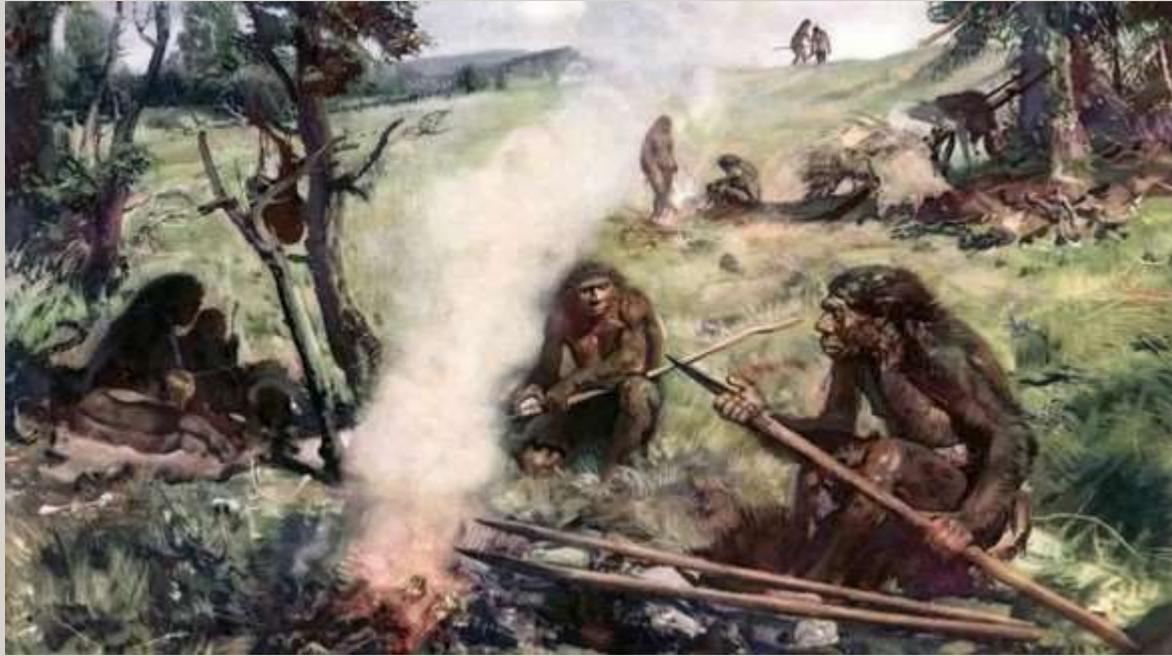
The archaeological evidence, such as sophisticated spears and stone tools, the controlled use of fire, and the ceremonial burial of their dead, strongly confirms that Neanderthals possessed an intellectual and spiritual capacity like our own.

We know they also possessed a hyoid bone (in the larynx) very much like our own, which means they were fully capable of human speech. We maintain that these were early generations after the flood or a population from the Babylonian dispersion.

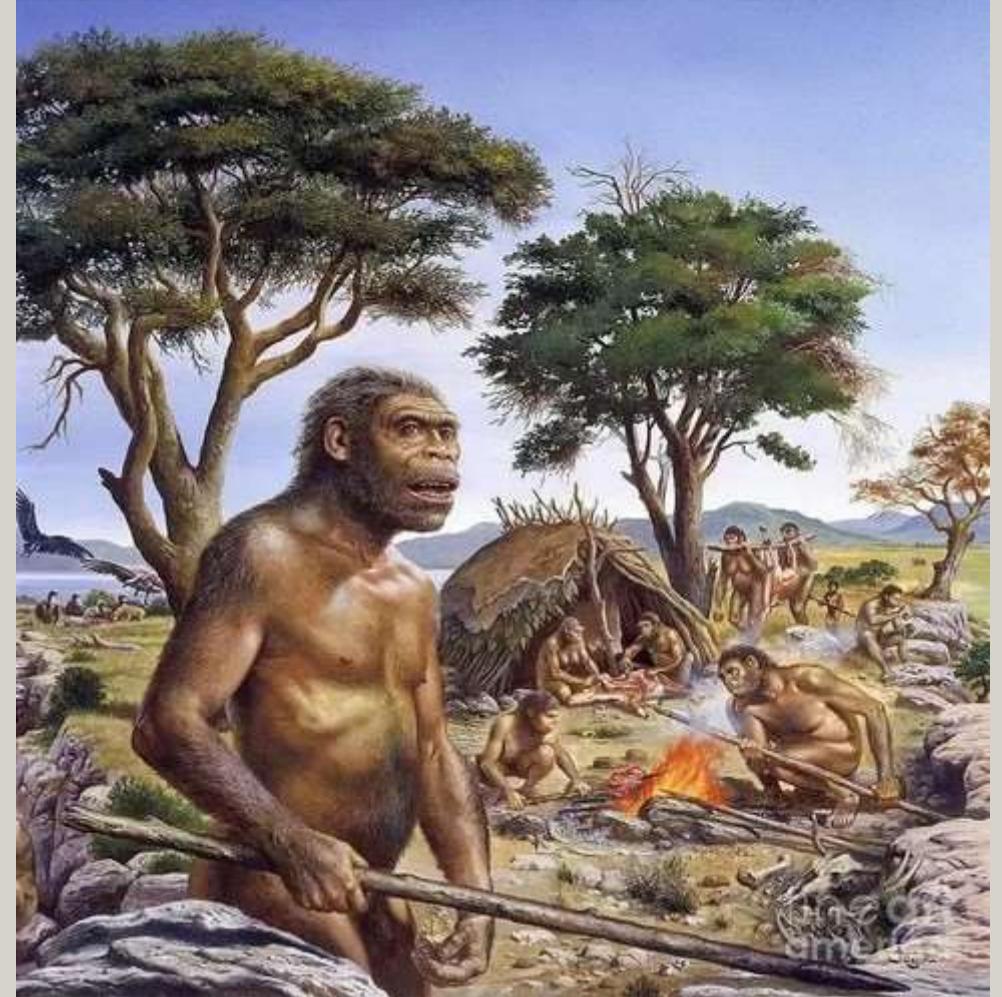
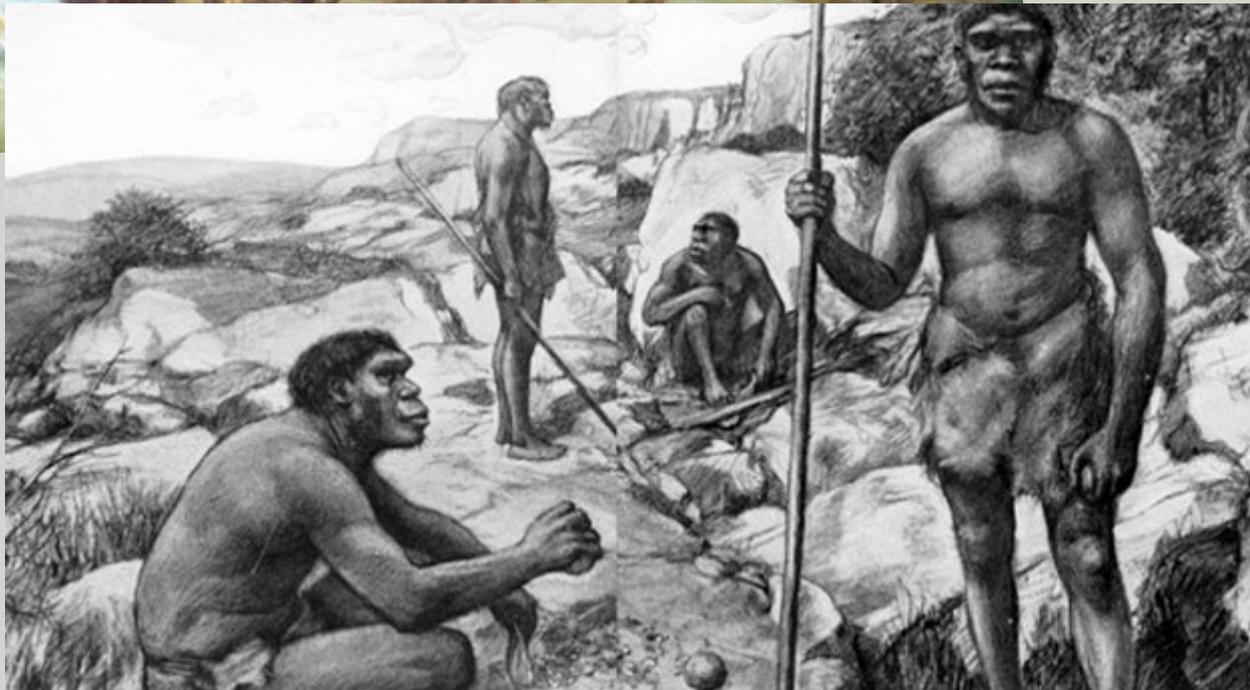
The maximum age that might be associated with Neanderthal is 4,400 years.

The Biblical Patriarchs observed formal, multi-generational, burial in caves indicating a possible tradition being followed.

Images from our schoolbooks; 60s, 70s, 80s

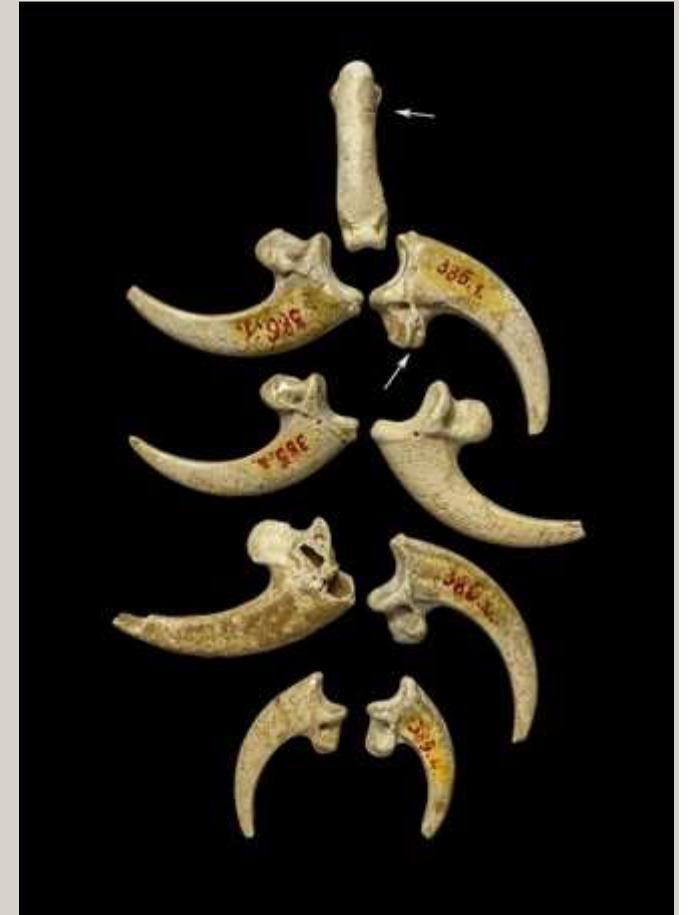


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The Evidence

Neanderthals created and used jewelry and musical instruments.



New Findings Continue to Come In

Neanderthals wore makeup January 2010

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/sci/tech/8448660.stm>

Surprise Discovery Reveals Neanderthals Loved Seafood And Were Excellent Fisherpeople March 2020

<https://www.sciencealert.com/neanderthals-enjoyed-tucking-into-seafood-just-as-much-as-we-do>

Neanderthals were ancient mariners February 2012

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21328544-800-neanderthals-were-ancient-mariners/>

Direct evidence of Neanderthal fibre technology and its cognitive and behavioral implications April 2020

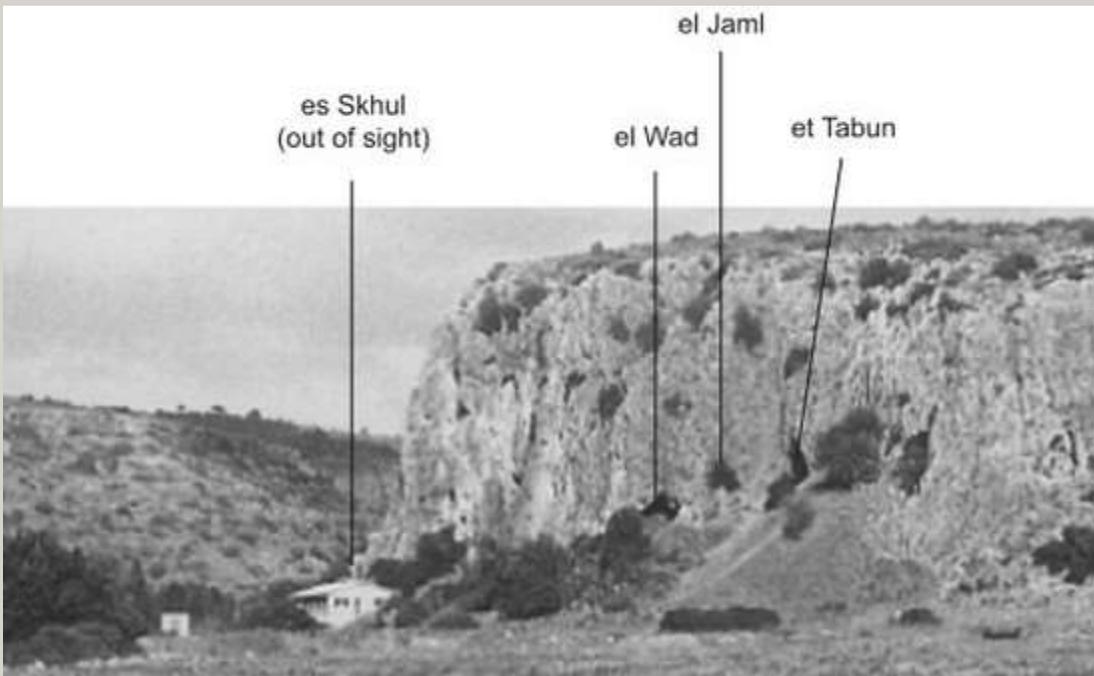
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-020-61839-w>

Neanderthals created yarn April 2020

<https://www.popsci.com/story/science/neanderthal-yarn/>

Where They Lived Based on Archaeological Evidence





Caves at Mount Carmel, Israel: Became a World Heritage site in 2012.

Tanur (Tabun) Cave a complete skeleton of a Neandertal woman was found dated to 120,000 years

Jamal Cave acheulean stone tools associated with Homo Erectus

El-Wad Cave Natufian culture (modern human 10,000 to 12,000 thousand years) burials include floral lining of graves

Es-Skhul Cave some of the oldest "modern human" remains between 89,000 to 119,000 years old.

Misliya Cave a collapsed cave 3 miles to the North jaw of a modern human dated to 200,000 years changes the evolutionary calendar for when modern humans came out of Africa.



From the World Heritage web site:

The Mount Carmel Caves are four cave sites that testify to more than 500,000 years of human evolution. They are situated on a cliff in the Mount Carmel range.

From the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs web site mfa.gov.il

Newest UNESCO World Heritage Site-Carmel Caves 02 Jul 2012

On Friday, 29 June 2012, the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO voted to list the Nahal Me'arot / Wadi el-Mughara Caves as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The caves contain evidence of the transition from a hunting-gathering lifestyle to agriculture and animal husbandry and, unique to this site, the existence of both Neanderthals and Early Anatomically Modern Humans in the same cultural framework.

The DNA Evidence

1996 “Calibrating the Mitochondrial Clock”

Ann Gibbons * First International Workshop on Human Mitochondrial DNA, 25 to 28 October 1997, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Mitochondrial DNA appears to mutate much faster than expected, prompting new DNA forensics procedures and raising troubling questions about the dating of evolutionary events.

Page 4 starting in paragraph 4:

Regardless of the cause, evolutionists are most concerned about the effect of a faster mutation rate. For example, researchers have calculated that "mitochondrial Eve"--the woman whose mtDNA was ancestral to that in all living people--lived 100,000 to 200,000 years ago in Africa. Using the new clock, she would be a mere 6000 years old.

No one thinks that's the case, but at what point should models switch from one mtDNA time zone to the other?

Translation: How do we maneuver the genetic data so that it correlates with the presupposed dates.

The DNA Evidence

1997, scientists found the first scrap of Neanderthal DNA in a fossil

July 2006 The Neanderthal genome project began

2010 Neanderthal DNA found in humans; 1%-4% of the human genome is Neanderthal.

National Geographic December 20, 2013

Data obtained from a Neanderthal woman's toe bone points to incest and inbreeding among early humans, an international genetics team reported on Wednesday.

Dr Kay Prufer, of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology

(DNA) analysis shows this inbreeding was not a rare event. "The parents were very closely related, but even if you ignore that [DNA analysis shows] ... the past parents of the parents were related," he says.

December 2014 Forbes

"Oldest Known Early Human DNA Recovered" DNA from a 400,000 year old Neanderthal specimen has been recovered.

NOTE: Egyptologist complain of the extraordinary difficulties of getting DNA from 3,000 year old mummies.

2017 Science Magazine

“Neandertals and Modern Humans Started Mating Early”

"After comparing the mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) with that of other archaic and modern humans, the researchers reached a startling conclusion: A female member of the lineage that gave rise to Homo sapiens in Africa mated with a Neandertal male more than 220,000 years ago—much earlier than other known encounters between the two groups. Her children spread her genetic legacy through the Neandertal lineage, and in time her African mtDNA completely replaced the ancestral Neandertal mtDNA."

TRANSLATION: mtDNA in Neanderthal has the same origins as modern humans but we need an explanation to maintain the evolution narrative.

2018 Science Alert (from a study written in “Nature Ecology & Evolution”)

“Turns Out Neanderthals And Early Humans Had Sex Waaay More Than We Thought”

2019 Wired Magazine

“Humans and Neanderthals Kept Breeding—and Breeding—for Ages”

Modern humans and Neanderthals commingled at many points in history, raising the possibility that the ancient hominins were just another version of us.

Harvard University "Ancient DNA Reveals That Some Neanderthals Were Redheads."

ScienceDaily. ScienceDaily, 26 October 2007.

Ancient DNA retrieved from the bones of two Neanderthals suggests that at least some of them had red hair and pale skin, scientists report in Science. Neanderthals' pigmentation may even have been as varied as that of modern humans, and researchers say at least 1 percent of Neanderthals were likely redheads.

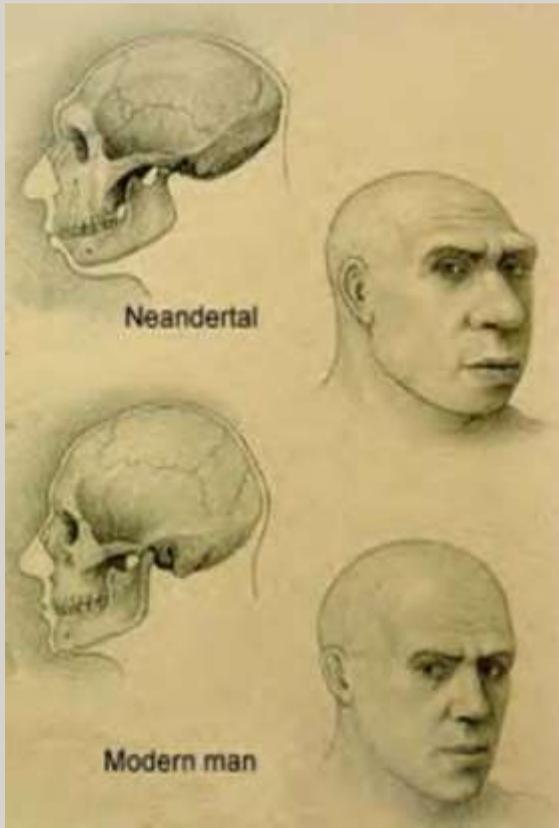
Cosmos Magazine 5 October 2017 Dyani Lewis

Dannemann and Kelso identified 15 Neanderthal variants that were strongly associated with measurable characteristics in modern humans. Over half of these were related to skin and hair colour or ease of tanning.

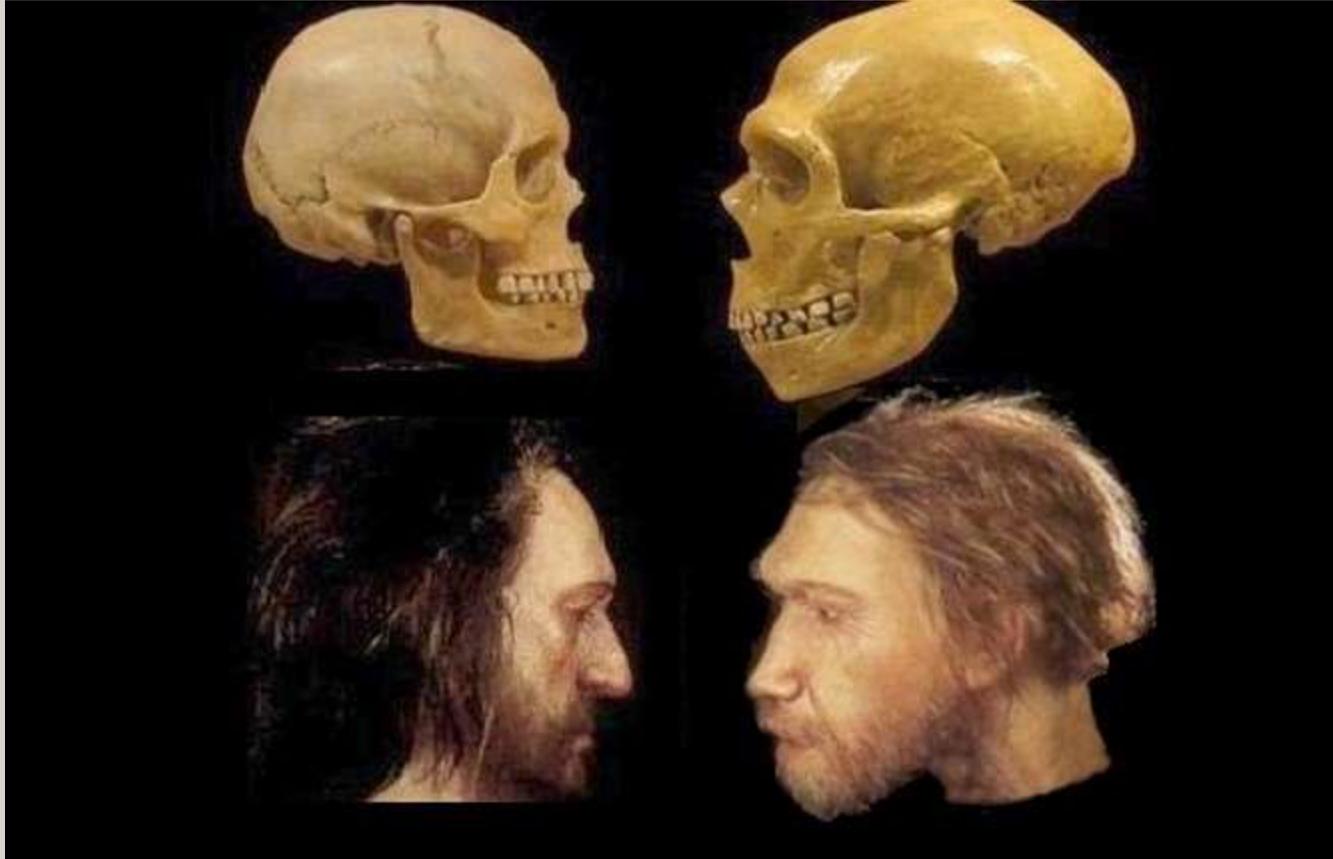
Surprisingly, given Neanderthals' reputation for giving redheads their fiery locks, few redheads had Neanderthal hair colour variants. However, in most cases, the way in which Neanderthal DNA influences modern human skin tone or hair colour is far from clear. The team identified Neanderthal variants more common in olive-skinned people, as well as variants more common in fair-skinned people, for instance. And human variants were just as influential as Neanderthal variants in determining skin and hair colour.

This higgledy-piggledy mixture likely points to the Neanderthals themselves being varied in skin tone and hair colour, says Dannemann.

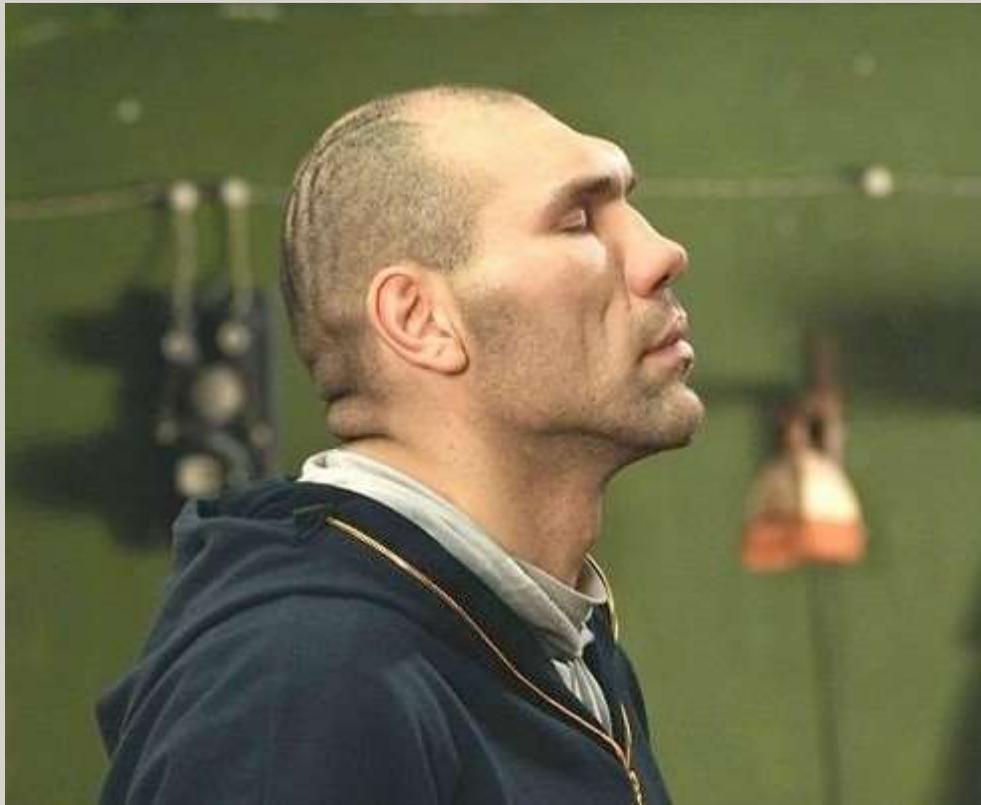
Modern Forensics Applied to the Data



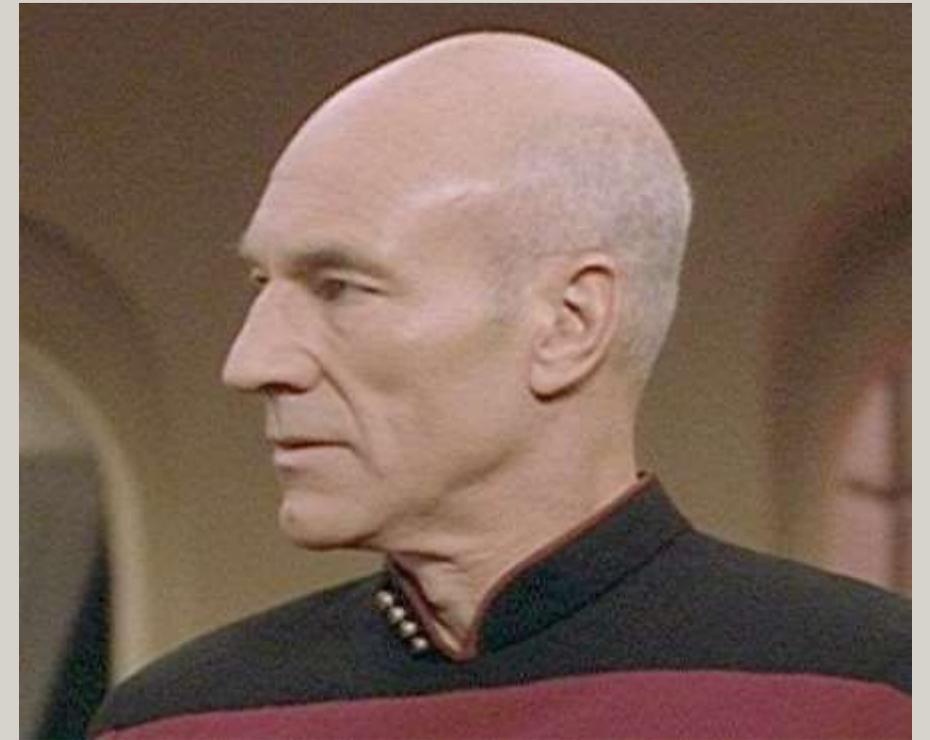
Factual Physical Comparisons



The Neanderthal brain averages larger than modern man and their bone structure more robust and they had a greater lung capacity. These things indicate that they had a physical superiority and potential mental superiority over modern man. All of the distinctive physical characteristics of the skull still exist in various people groups today.



Brow Ridge



Elongated skull



Little or no protruding chin
"weak chin"



Occipital bun



The Arguments Today

Materialist:

Natural History Museum's human evolution expert Prof Chris Stringer, who has been studying Neanderthals and early modern humans for about 50 years, tackles the big question of whether we belong to the same species.

"In my view, if Neanderthals and Homo sapiens remained separate long enough to evolve such distinctive skull shapes, pelvises, and ear bones, they can be regarded as different species, interbreeding or not.

Humans are great classifiers, and we do like to keep things orderly. But we should not be surprised when the natural world (past and present) does not match up to our neat and simple schemes.

But what about the archaeological evidence that is also commonly cited in favour of uniting the Neanderthals with us as Homo sapiens - that they had 'cultural' behaviours such as burying their dead and painting designs on the walls of caves?

Well, interesting as that is, it should be excluded from the biological classification of species, since behaviours are potentially more plastic, evolve more quickly, and spread more easily within and between species than traits based on anatomy and DNA."

Biblical Creationist (me):

Think what this Prof Stringer has just said in light of the previous slide. Did we not just observe living examples of diverse skull shapes?

John K. Lundy, PhD, DABFA

"The discovery of skeletal remains poses numerous questions that are best answered by those trained in forensic anthropology. Forensic anthropologists not only are able to determine at the site whether skeletal remains are human, but they also employ various methods to determine the gender, age at death, race, and height of the deceased"

The evolutionary mindset is at the heart of modern racism... (me)

Some Reflection

Species, Races, People Groups

From Professor Stringer's previous statement:
"Humans are great classifiers, and we do like to keep things orderly. But we should not be surprised when the natural world (past and present) does not match up to our neat and simple schemes."

What drives someone to categorize someone else as different and set them apart?

The idea of race, what does that mean or imply?

We are confronted with it regularly on most any questionnaire and certainly in the news.

What does the world mean by race?

Is it based on skin color?

Eye color?

Hair color?

Eye shape?

Nose shape?

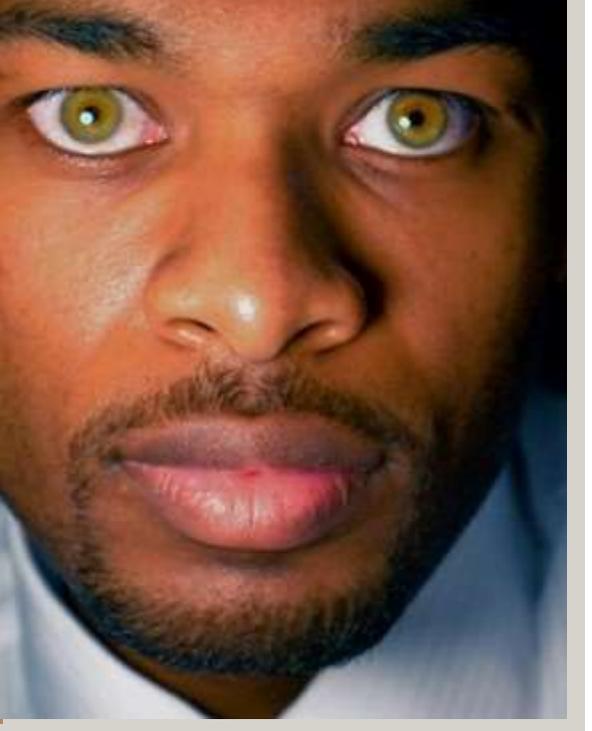
Head shape?

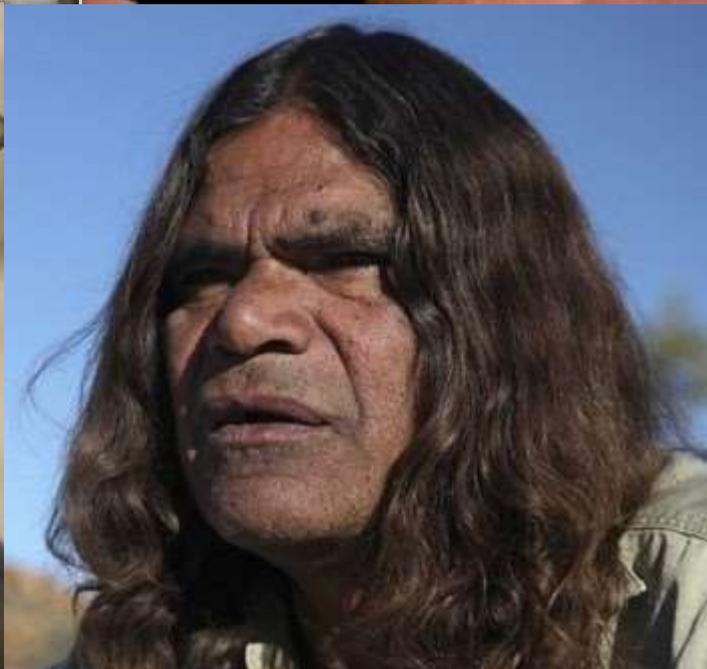
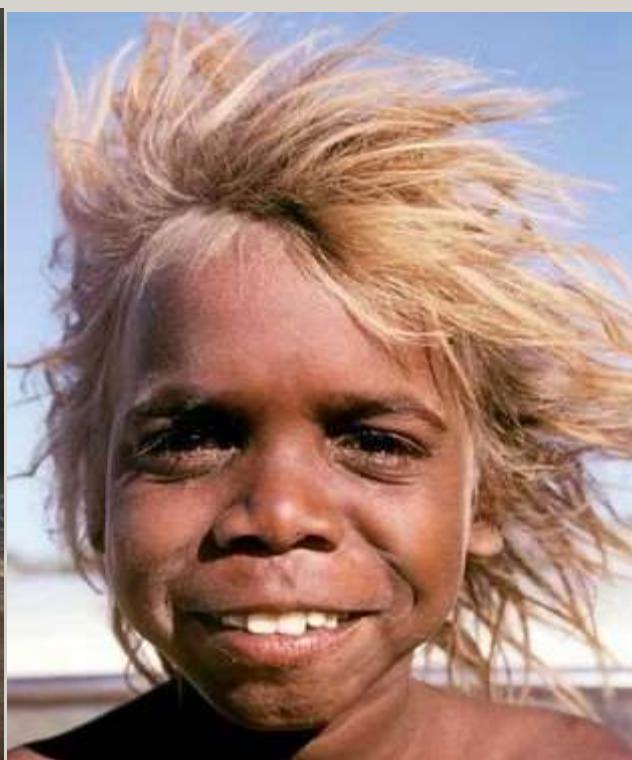
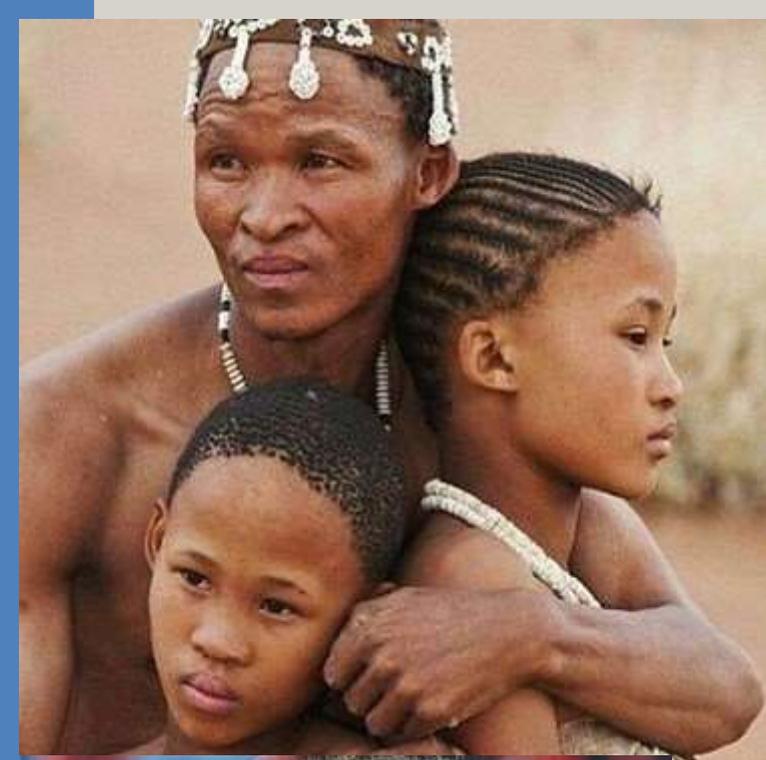
Biblical Classifications of people:

Contrast the world's groupings of people with the Scriptures Groupings of people:

Genesis 10:1-5 "Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And sons were born to them after the flood. The sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. The sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. From these the coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, into their nations."

What do the Scriptures base their groupings of people on?





Some Reflection

The materialistic world classifies people by their differences.

The Scriptures classify people by their relationships.

The Concluding Statements

Materialist:

www.sciencealert.com/neanderthals

Neanderthals were an extinct relative of modern humans once found across Europe, extending into Central and Southwest Asia.

They are considered either a distinct species, or a subspecies of Homo sapiens called Homo sapiens neanderthalensis, with a more robust anatomy and shorter stature that generally implies greater strength and physical resilience.

While they technically possessed a slightly larger brain volume than modern humans, their mix of social and cognitive abilities has been debated over the years, with disputed examples of art, clothing, and even funerary customs offered as evidence of culture....

The last populations of Neanderthals are thought to have died out roughly 40,000 years ago, several thousand years or so after a wave of modern humans migrated deeper into Europe. There are numerous hypotheses attempting to explain their disappearance as a consequence of increased competition, inbreeding, introduced diseases, or climate change.

Biblical Creationist:

Genesis 4:20-22 And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah.

Antediluvian man had quickly reached high levels of technical achievements.

4,400 years ago the physical resources to maintain these achievements were destroyed in the Noetic flood. (Genesis 7)

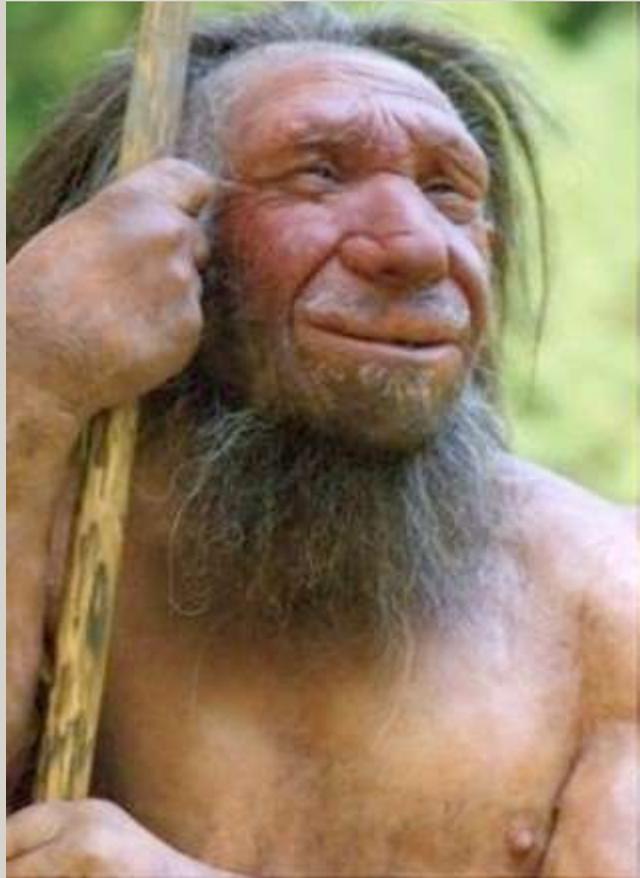
Man was required to make due with the resources at hand until civilization was reestablished. (Genesis 9)

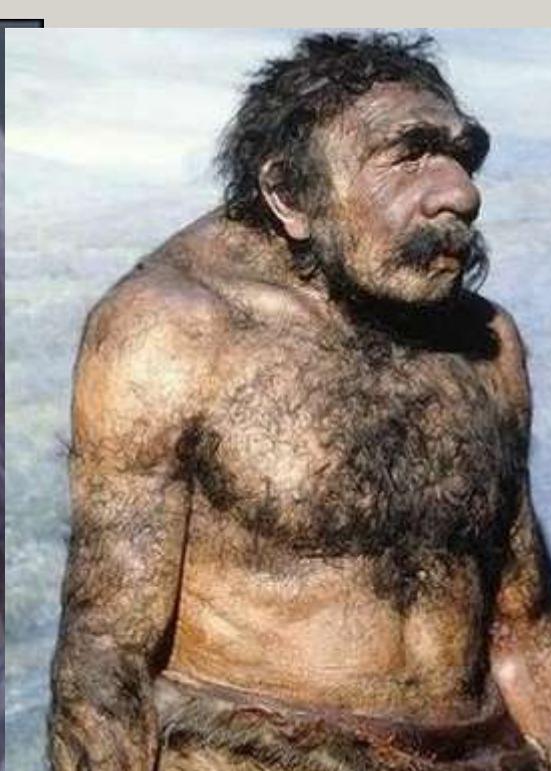
Later distinct people groups formed due to the dispersion that resulted from the confusion of languages at the Tower of Babel incident. (Genesis 11)

Science has shown distinct anatomical differences will arise when groups are isolated and closely inbred.

In light of the arguments and evidence how is Neanderthal presented to the public today?

Images Found in Museums Today





What is the implied statement being made with these modern depictions of Neanderthal?

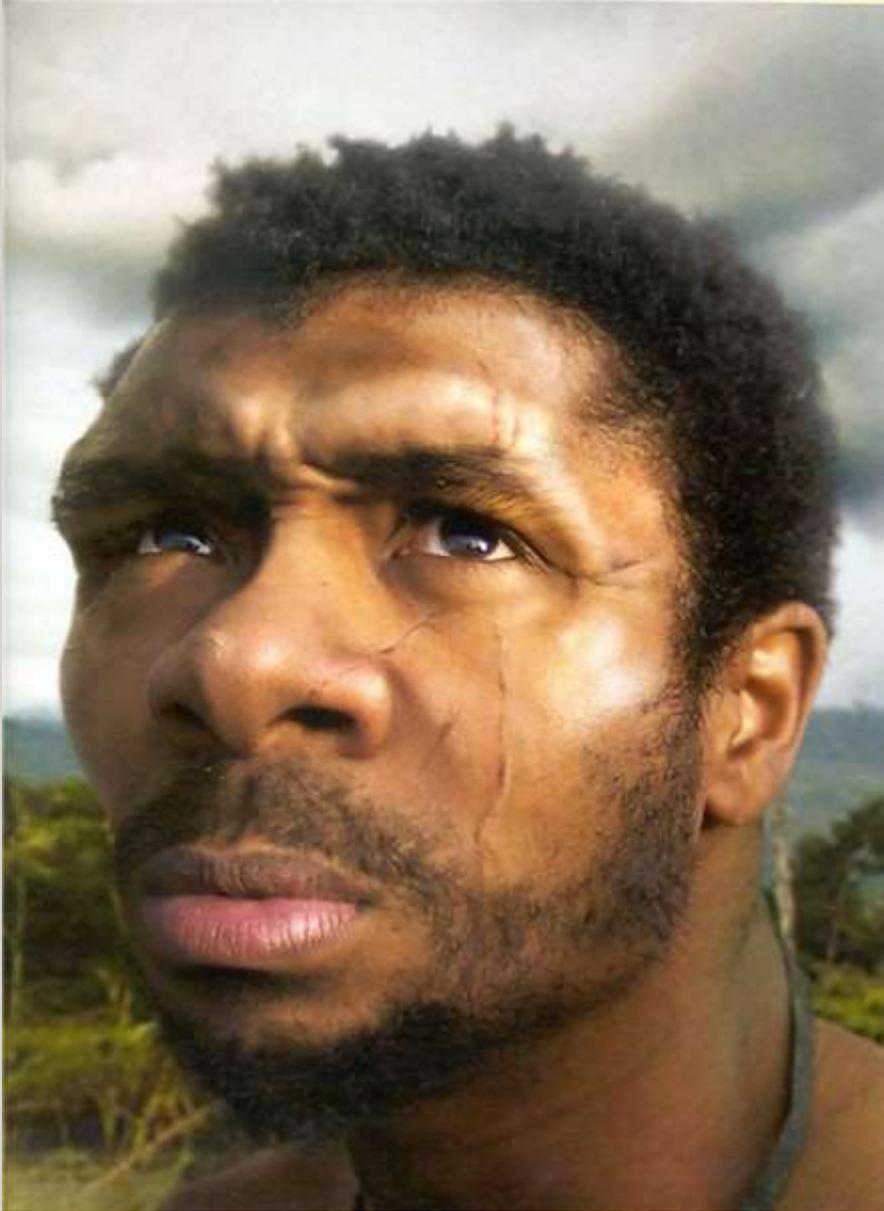
“Neanderthal is clearly very different than modern man and modern man is superior.”

What if an artist did their recreation beginning with the mindset of Neanderthal being fully human using the same evidence as just presented to you?

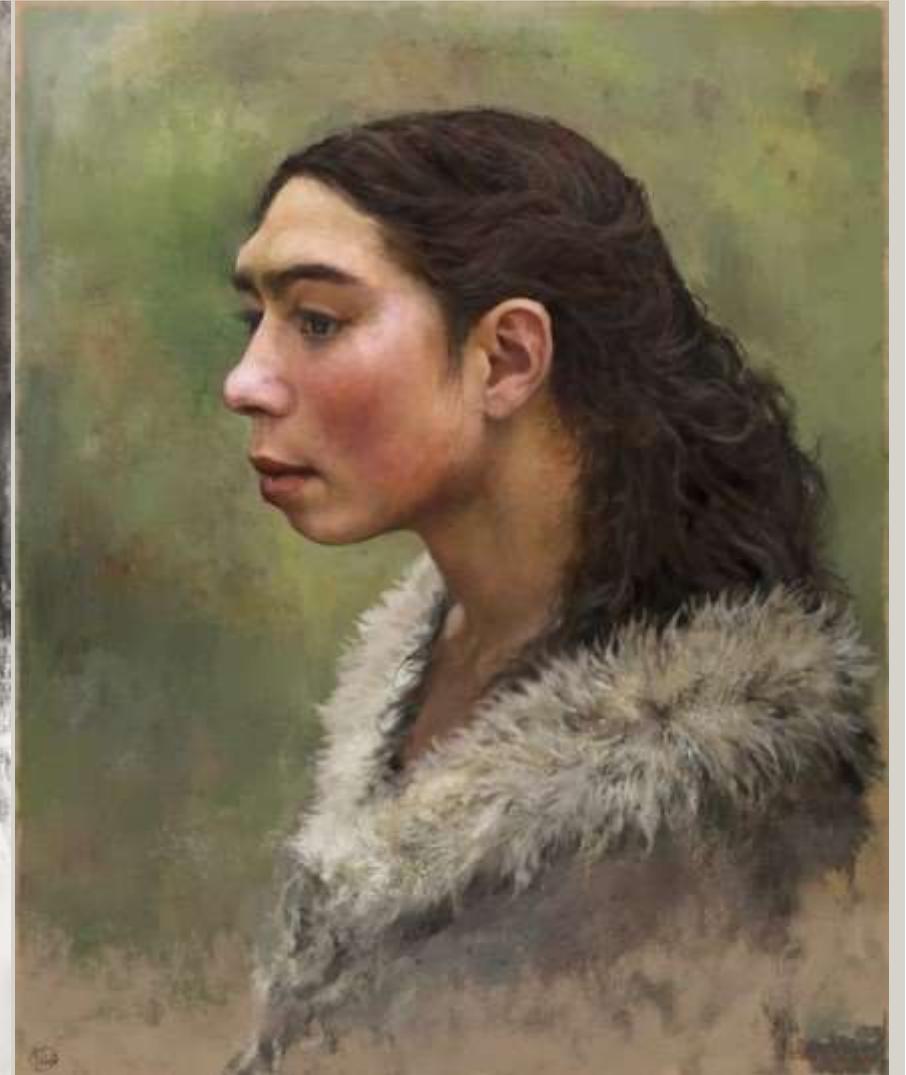
French Sculptor Élisabeth Daynès.

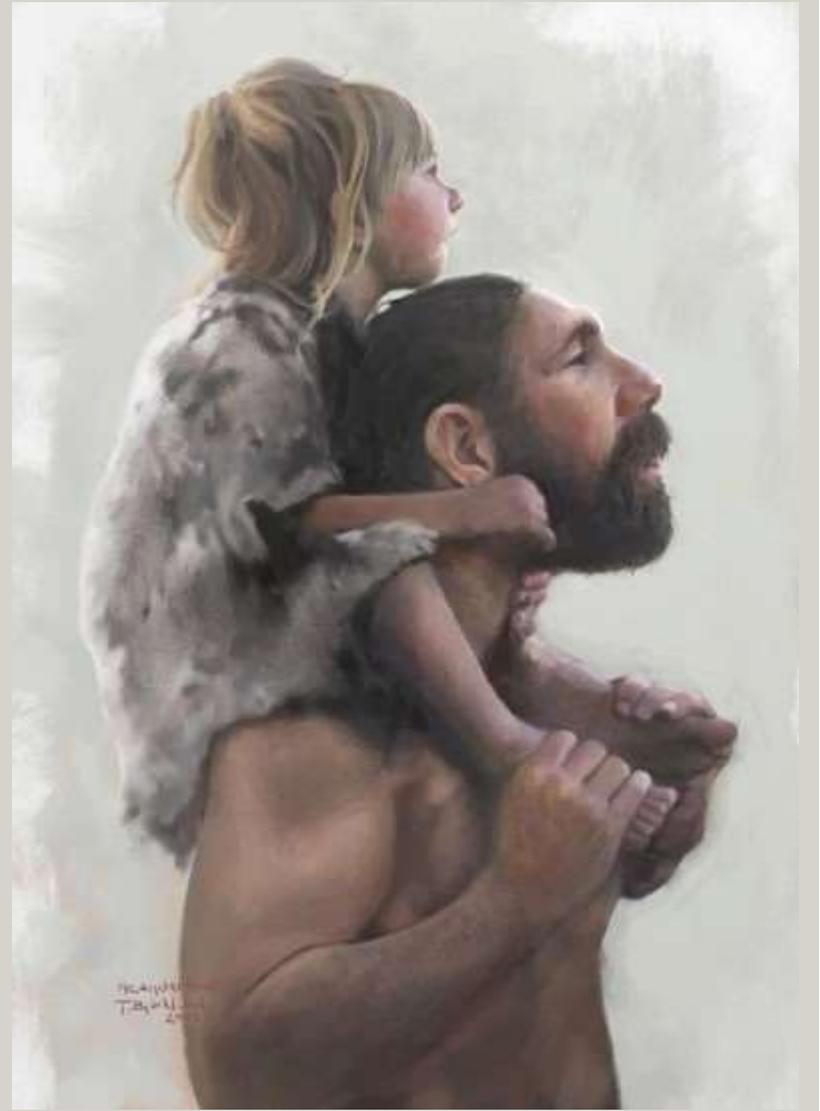


Palaeoartist Fabio Fogliazza

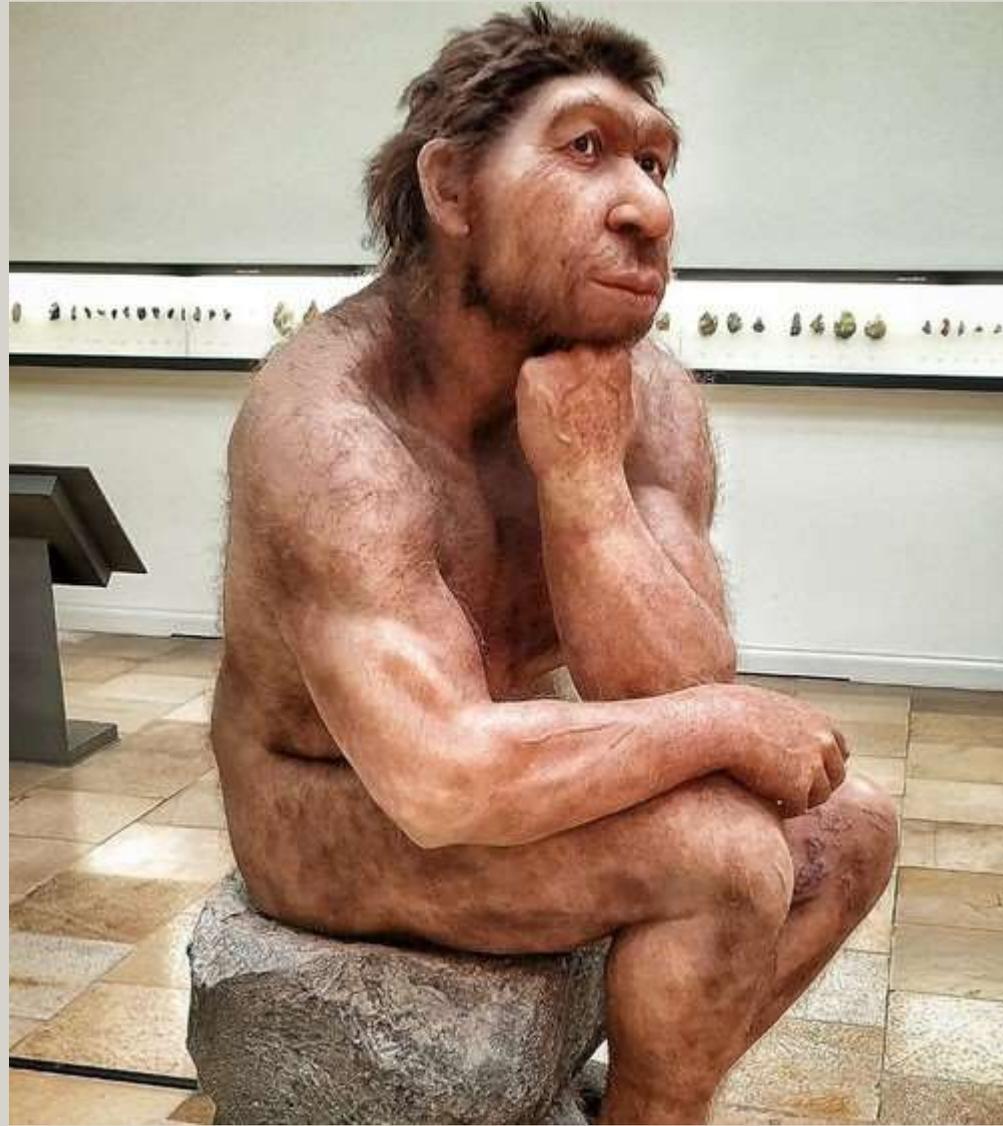


Paleoartist Tom Björklund





What Shapes Your World View?



"Sanctify them by Your Truth; Your Word is Truth." John 17:17

Luke 3:23-38

Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph, the son of Mattathiah, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathiah, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah, the son of Joannas, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er, the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim, the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattathah, the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

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Blue Letter Bible

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Biblical Creation

Creation Ministries International

<https://creation.com/>

Answers in Genesis (Ken Ham)

<https://answersingenesis.org/>

Institute for Creation Research

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