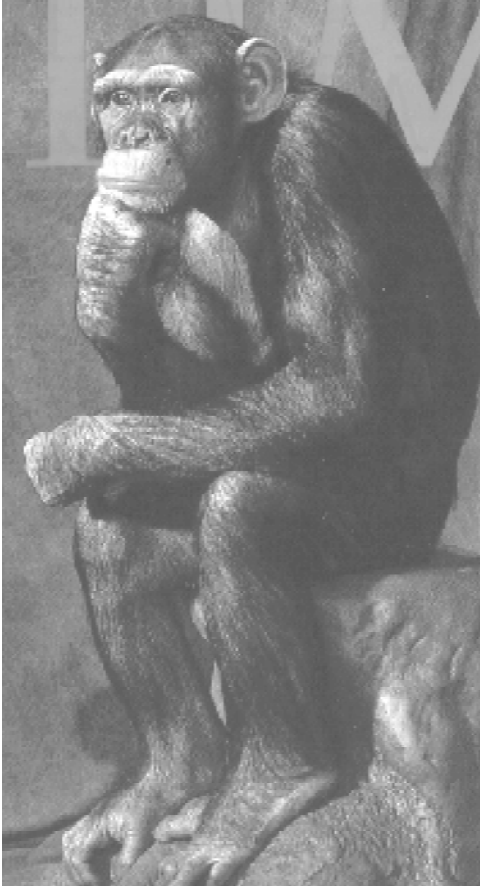


Can Animals Think?



Time Magazine, March 22, 1993, featured this delightful fellow on its cover, along with an eight page feature article! The purported purpose of the article was to discuss the title question. Since very few people are interested in the title question, and a child should know the answer, the interesting question is why did Time devote so much space to the question? You guessed it, to sell evolution and animal rights to its readers. The article contained many direct and indirect efforts to sell evolution. It was loaded with

anthropomorphisms (attempts to equate animals to humans) like calling Kanzi bilingual, and claiming he likes cavemen movies. It contained headings like: "Games of Logic with Sea Lions," and "Why Did Intelligence Evolve, Anyway?" Whenever a major magazine shoots itself in the foot like this, we are inundated with "Did you see that?" letters, and requests for "What is Our Answer?" Just for fun, I thought we would try to deal with these

before they arrive. Probably I decided to do so because it is easy to do so... and fun.

Let's discuss the three major topics drowled over by this issue of Time:

Can Animals Think? If They Can...

What Does This Tell Us About Human Origins?

And About Animal Rights?

Can Animals Think

It is my judgment that everyone should know the answer to this question without spending one dime on research (or on Time Magazine). But, for the sake of thoroughness we will cover it from three perspectives: Biblical, Common Sense Research, and Megabuck Research (the kind only your government can afford, since it has so much money).

Can Animals Think?

A child should know the answer to this question. Virtually all animals (especially the so-called "higher" animals have a brain. It should be obvious that **anything with a brain can think**.

It is less obvious how much they can think. Nearly every pet owner has experienced some indication that animals can think, at least to a primitive degree. The authors of the Time article seem to have arrived at a consensus of a maximum of about the equivalent of a 2 year old human being. In my judgment, they had to stretch the evidence they presented considerably to reach that conclusion. The authors of the Time article seem very impressed with Kanzi, a precocious chimp.

"In an experiment... Kanzi watched as a favorite treat was placed inside a box. The box was then locked, and the key was placed inside another box tied up by a cord... inside his cage, Kanzi had the makings of a tool that could solve the riddle: some pieces of flint he had selected during an excursion to the countryside. No sweat! By slamming the flints against the concrete floor, the chimp created knifelike chips, which he used to cut the cord and free the key. He then used the key to open the other box and grab the treat."

While we have all been impressed with the antics of chimps, I strongly suspect that an objective observer of this experiment would suggest that the foregoing description of it probably qualifies as fraud. Completely omitted was any discussion of how many times Kanzi had performed this trick. Another minor omission was an objective discussion of the manufacture of the cutting tool. Did the chimp really plan the manufacture of a knife? Or did it really plan to beat on the box and simply practiced a little on the way over? A careful reading of the article strongly suggests the authors did not even witness this event, but accepted the "researcher's" description of the outcome. For example, no first person pronouns are used in describing the experiment. I strongly suspect they never witnessed it. Nonetheless, there is striking evidence (some in the story and more elsewhere) that many animals have a minor ability to do a tiny number of the things usually associated with human thought. Stories are told of

Mythbuster # 5:

"Animals Can Think, Ergo Man Evolved From Animals and Animals Have Rights"

Mythology dominates a major segment of the world population. Contrary to popular perception, most mythology persists in "advanced cultures." All myths have religious, financial and political motives. All stand in the way of the knowledge of God. All are harmful. The Mythbuster Series" is designed to shed a little light on popular myths of our generation.



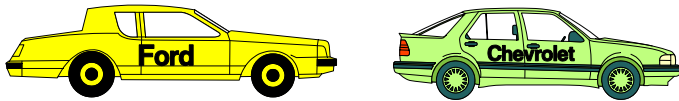
experiments and observations of dolphins, sea lions, parrots, dogs, etc. Without belaboring the details of the issue, which I do not regard as important, my conclusion from experience and a tiny bit from their "evidence," is that some animals can think in some ways at about the level of a one to two year old human being.

If Animals Can Think, What Does It Tell Us About Human Origins?

"To Andrew Whiten, the striking difference between monkeys and chimps supports the notion that within primates there is a 'mental Rubicon -- not the familiar one with humans on one side and **everyone** else on the other... Even if some other creatures **have crossed** this mental Rubicon, human analytical abilities remain vastly superior..."

This statement represents typical evolutionist "logic." Here we see two classics: Proof by assuming evolution is true (Why should we believe an animal with intelligence "crossed" anything? The first chimpanzee was on the same side of the Rubicon as the last)... And the old "Proof from homology" (Homology is a derivative of Greek. It means, essentially, similarity. The idea is, "If I can show some similarity between animals and humans, I have demonstrated a relationship between animals and humans").

But, consider the two objects in this illustration:



Note the Homologous Structures

- 4 Rubber-Tired Wheels
- Internal Combustion Engine
- Transmission
- Brakes
- Drive Train
- Windows
- Steering wheel
- Cushioned seats
- Radio
- Doors

Both of these are obviously created objects, both even by different creators.. But, they are loaded with homologous structures. Homology in created objects is not restricted to automobiles, it exists **everywhere you look!** All time pieces are very similar, all computers, all chairs, knives, airplanes, etc. There are several reasons for this.

The creators that we routinely observe (humans) seldom design anything original. Everything is based on the knowledge they acquired from others. Thus, nearly every creation is very similar to things the creator has either made or observed before. The reason seems to be that human creators reason by analogy. That is probably the reason Jesus spoke in parables (analogies) because He knew that is the way we think.

Thus, when we set out to build, say a means of transportation, we utilize as much as we can, what we have learned from other vehicles. And we also, especially the most "creative" among us, utilize what we have learned from unrelated fields. Thus the inventor of automobiles can borrow the idea of gears for power transmission from a pocket watch. The two main structures (watch and automobile) have little in common, but end up with very homologous structures because of the ability of their creators to reason by analogy.

The key point for our purposes is that existence of similarities between animals, or between animals and man tells us nothing about a genetic relationship. The existence of low level

intelligence in animals merely teaches us what we all knew already... animals have brains. A child can see the brain cavity in most animals, and observe the motions requiring a brain. Since neither gears nor brains are likely to spontaneously generate by random processes, homology teaches us more about our creator than it does about evolution. And since we are made in His image, not the image of apes, His widespread use of homology should teach us something about ourselves... that we think by analogy, not that we are advanced apes!

The existence a common feature between animals, or between animals and humans tells you nothing about their origins. This "scientist" has provided no evidence for evolution, he has provided evidence that he believes in evolution, and/or he fervently desires that we believe.

What About "Ethics and Animal Rights?"

The ultimate asininity came in the closing paragraph of one of the articles, on page 61: "If the notions that animals might actually think poses a problem, it is an ethical one. The great philosophers, such as Descartes, used their belief that animals cannot think as a justification for arguing that they **do not have moral rights**. It is one thing to treat animals as mere resources if they are presumed to be little more than living robots, but it is entirely different if they are recognized as **fellow sentient beings**. Working out the moral implications makes a perfect puzzle for a large-brained, highly social species like our own." (emphasis added)

Notice the last ditch attempt to equate us with animals ("fellow sentient beings"), the motive apparently being to sell evolution (has religious myth) and animal rights (one of his religious doctrines). The existence of a brain in animals does not alter the case for animal rights, any more than the existence of legs. Chickens have two legs and walk upright. Even these authors seem reluctant to ascribe many "rights" to chickens. They seem to be leaning toward apes, dogs, dolphins, etc.

As usual the evolutionist ignores the key points required for the discussion: If anyone has rights, where did they come from? Our declaration of independence says they come from the creator. Animal rights require a source, just as human rights do. Our constitution extends this notion. Based on the belief in human rights from a creator, the constitution develops the idea that government does not dispense rights, but has only the rights delegated to it by people who previously possessed them. In fact, if evolution is true, then there is no source of human rights. If men are merely the product of random, purposeless processes, their life can have no more purpose than the events which created them. If man is truly the product of a "struggle for survival" (or even of a "symbiotic struggle," that is, a friendly and cooperative one, which is coming into vogue), there exists no source of rights. Nor can there be an objective standard of morality. If man evolved from animals he is free to do whatever he chooses to further his own interests. The discussion of even human rights is a meaningless exercise. Believers in evolution have repeatedly demonstrated this in this century. Hitler, Stalin, Lenin, Mao, Castro, etc. have murdered over 100 million humans in this century, all in the name of accelerated human evolution, and all in the name of "worker's rights." Humanists and Marxists (both belief systems founded squarely on evolution) **do not believe in human rights, much less animal rights!** They parrot this nonsense to further a political, religious and financial agenda. Wise men, women and children would do well to not be deceived by their propaganda. "There is a way which seems right to a man, but the end thereof is death."

Tom Willis, President

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Book of the Month:

**Ape Men: Science or Myth?
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by: David W. Brown**

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by: Ken Carlson**

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Creation Safari Report

Ha Ha Tonka Safari a resounding success.

About 100 people toured Ha Ha Tonka State Park, examining the biological and geological wonders of this site. It was actually quite easy to demonstrate the silliness of believing that the geological wonders of this site occurred very rapidly and the biological ones required a creator.

All the comments from this safari I heard were very positive. "This has been truly great." "This is a great ministry." "Everyone had a great time." John Hauser and Bob Farwell, the leaders of this Safari are to be highly commended. It was a delightful blend of recreation, study and worship.

Safaris Coming Up Soon

April 16(17), 7:00PM - Astronomy Safari. Emphasis on Planets: Jupiter & Mars. Meet at The Berry Patch, 223rd and State Line Rd.

April 17 - North KC Fossil Hunt

May 21(22), 7:30PM - Astronomy Safari. Emphasis on Planets: Jupiter & Mars. May 29-31 Hays, Kansas Chalk Bed and Museum Fossil and Geology Safari

June 11(18) 8:00PM - Astronomy Safari. Emphasis on Planets: Jupiter & Mars. See April 17 for description.

June 26, Lakewood Fossil Hunt/Coal Exploration

July 9 (16) 8:30PM - Astronomy Safari. Emphasis on Planets: Saturn. See April 17 for description.

July 10 - KU Natural History Museum

August 11 After 10:00PM - Astronomy Safari. Emphasis on Perseids Meteor Shower.

August 13 (20), 8:00PM - Astronomy Safari. Emphasis on Planets: Saturn. See April 17 for description.

August 14th, Kansas City Zoo

For more information on **CSA Safaris** see the March/April issue of **CSA News**. For details on meeting time and place, what to bring, costs, etc., call **CSA** at (816) 658-3610 (toll free from KC, but you must dial 1+ (and the area code(if you are on Kansas side). Or write **CSA** at Route 1 Box 247B, Cleveland, MO 64734. In either case ask for the **Special Safari Edition of CSA News**.

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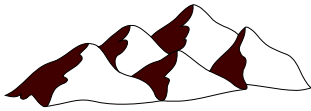
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CSA Meeting Tuesday, May 4, 1993

The Basic Institute in Creation Science
Age of the Earth Section:



The Ice Age

What Caused It, When Was It,
How Long Did It Last?

by: Greg Hinners

One of the most interesting events in recent history was the so-called "Ice Age." Actually, some evolutionists teach there were several ice ages, the final one ending only a "short time (about a million years) ago." There are a few problems with this view. One, for example, is that glaciers consist of a lot of snow, requiring lots of evaporation from a warm ocean, but requiring a cold climate to keep the snow from melting. Uniformitarian geology which insists on slow geologic processes has a real challenge coming up with a story that can keep the ocean warm during a long cold spell. Greg Hinners is a practicing meteorologist. Who would be more qualified to shed some light (and heat) on the origin of glaciers?

The Advanced Institute in Creation Science
Evolution vs Science in Biology:

Optimality, Homology and Arguments for Descent

A Video From the
International Conference on Creation

by: Paul Nelson, Ph.D.



Stephen Gould (Harvard atheist, Marxist) is famous for his "Three Great Proofs of Evolution." When asked by his friends at "Discover: The Magazine of Science" or elsewhere, to destroy creation and creationists once and for all, these are the arguments he repeatedly uses. Paul Nelson prepared a paper addressing Gould's favorite points for the refereed International Conference on Creation. He sent a copy to Gould for his critique. Receiving none, he went to Harvard, called on Gould and insisted on his comments. He then delivered the paper along with some choice remarks. This presentation has the earmarks of a classic.

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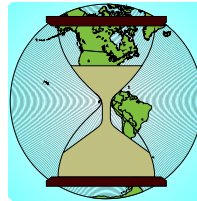
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CSA Meeting Tuesday, June 1, 1993

The Basic Institute in Creation Science
Age of the Earth Section:



The Age of the Earth: The Longest Myth - Part I

by: Tom Willis

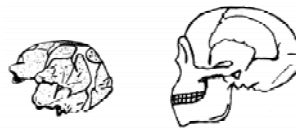
The Bible clearly teaches that there has been little time between creation and the present. Other cultures **all** teach the same thing. The evidence for a young earth and **against** and old one abounds. Yet, for some reason, more people seem to swallow the old earth myth than any other. Atheists, theistic evolutionists and agnostics all will "fight to the death" over this issue, because the major common bond between them is that the "Bible is not true." If they yield on this issue, then there is nothing left of their religion... and they know it full well. We will devote more than one session to this interesting and important topic.

The Advanced Institute in Creation Science
Evolution vs Science in Biology:

Logic and the Interpretation of Fossils

A Video From the
International Conference on Creation

by: Russell Arndts, Ph.D.



Fossils, like other data of science, do not speak. They do not have a tag on them saying, "Hi, I'm a transitional form, I died 3 million - years ago, my daddy was a fish, my grandson a salamander." Have you ever really thought "How would I know if a set of mineralized bones (a fossil), was the sire of anything at all? If a fish really did sire a reptile or amphibian, how would you know it from a fossil? How would you know whether the fossil was "in transition," or just another species?

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