

WHAT IS MAN (PART VIII)

What does man have to do with a monkey? It was once argued that monkeys possessed 99% of the genetic components of man, therefore man came from monkey. First of all, the genetic component between monkeys and man has since been reduced to about 95%. Nonetheless, man is more than monkey. If man descended from monkeys, shouldn't there be a family of humans somewhere that still walk on all fours, or at least one transitional form? Shouldn't we be able to find some people who hang from trees, or groups who eat ticks found on their spouses? Dr. Simmons reminds us that ape babies pass through the birth canal with their faces looking up, whereas most human babies face downward, and then asks, "How did the birth of a child swing around 180 degrees without any intermediate stages?" He continues, "It's also odd that the gorilla, which is double human-size, delivers an infant that is 50-percent smaller than the average human baby."

Job is the oldest book in the Bible. Listen to what he said: "Your hands have made me and fashioned me, an intricate unity.....you made me like clay... Did you not...clothe me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. You have granted me life and favor, and Your care has preserved my spirit" (Job 10:8-12). The creation of man continues through the process of procreation, just as animal life continues after the same manner "according to its kind" (Genesis 1:24). Here is the ultimate difference between man and the highest developed primate. "God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion" over everything else. No matter how close an ape is to man when you compare genes, only man was made in the image of God. Being made in God's image we have a spirit (Job 10:12), and that creates an impossible gap between man and the rest of creation. Spirit is necessary to worship the Creator. Jesus said, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). Apes can't do that. And those who don't see themselves different than an advanced ape won't. The depth of depravity is that certain men do "not like to retain God in their knowledge, God (gives) them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting" (Romans 1:28). Did you ever think that could be the reason of the growing hopelessness and lawlessness in modern society?