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Evolution of Man?
What does the Bible say?
Man was created supernaturally and is unique from all other creatures.
“It seems perfectly possible to reconcile the historicity of Adam with at least some (theistic) evolutionary theory. Many biblical Christians in fact do so, believing them to be not entirely incompatible. To assert the historicity of an original pair who sinned through disobedience is one thing;”

“it is quite another to deny all evolution and assert the separate and special creation of everything, including both subhuman creatures and Adam’s body.”

“The suggestion (for it is no more than this) does not seem to me to be against Scripture and therefore impossible that when God made man in His own image, what He did was to stamp His own likeness on one of the many ‘hominids’ which appear to have been living at the time.”

“Speaking hesitantly as a non-scientist,” Stott goes on to indicate that he leans toward the idea of pre-Adamite hominids who were anatomically indistinguishable from modern man but who did not bear the image of God.

Man was created supernaturally and is unique from all other creatures.
God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
1 Corinthians 15:39

All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.
Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (ESV: creature).
The Bible

man + Divine breath = living being
nephesh chayyah
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By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Genesis 2:20

The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

There were no other humans for Adam to relate to.
The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.
Now the man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.

1 Corinthians 15:45

So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." ...
Adam: a literal historical man

- 1 Chronicles 1:1 Adam, Seth, Enosh ...
- Luke 3:23-38: Jesus, ... son of Adam ...
But from the **beginning of the creation** God made them male and female.

If Genesis is not literal history, then Jesus was wrong!
Cain built a city.
Six generations later –
* Some people were tent-dwelling herdsmen.
* Others were gifted musicians, miners and metal-workers.
The Genius of Ancient Man: Evolution's Nightmare
“At some future period, not very distant as measured by centuries, the civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate and replace the savage races throughout the world. At the same time the anthropomorphous apes ... will no doubt be exterminated.”

“The break between man and his nearest allies will then be wider, for it will intervene between man in a more civilized state, as we may hope, even than the Caucasian, and some ape as low as a baboon, instead of as now between the negro or Australian [aborigine] and the gorilla.”

“Biological arguments for racism may have been common before 1850, but they increased by orders of magnitude following the acceptance of evolutionary theory.”

Discovery Channel website

11 Dec. 2007
24. The God who made the world and all things in it, ...
26. He made from one man every nation of mankind ...
One “Race”

Adam & Eve
1 Corinthians 15:45
Genesis 3:20

Sons & Daughters
Genesis 5:4

Noah & Sons
Genesis 9:17–19

People at Tower of Babel
Genesis 11:8–9
Acts 17:26

Different People Groups/Cultures

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Human Variation

Caucasian
Negroid
Mongoloid

Cro Magnon
Homo erectus
Neanderthal

Noah’s family: 8 people

Adam + Eve
Babel Dispersion
So what?
London Zoo spokeswoman Polly Wills says, “Seeing people in a different environment, among other animals ... teaches members of the public that the human is just another primate.”
ADAM IN YOUR PAST

GOD IS AUTHORITY
GOD SETS THE RULES
APE IN YOUR PAST

RELATIVE MORALITY
MAN SETS THE RULES

OOH OOH AAAAH!
“No Adam and Eve means no need for a savior. It also means that the Bible cannot be trusted as a source of unambiguous, literal truth. It is completely unreliable, because it all begins with a myth, and builds on that as a basis. No Fall of Man means no need for atonement and no need for a redeemer.”

American Atheists, “You KNOW it’s a Myth: This Season, Celebrate REASON!” https://atheists.org, no date, accessed 1 June 2011.
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