

CREATION FOR KIDS

MODERN MAN No Ape-Man

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HAVE YOU EVER heard someone say, “Modern man has come a long way since he first came down from the trees”? Well it’s not true for several reasons.

Apes are not our relatives any more than birds or bugs or bananas are. The first humans were a man and a woman named Adam and Eve. They did not come down from the trees. They were both specially created by God about 6,000 years ago. The Bible tells us that God created them “in His image”. Because of this, Adam and Eve could talk directly with God, who is spirit (John 4:24). Unlike apes and other animals, they

could worship and love God, but they could also choose to disobey Him.

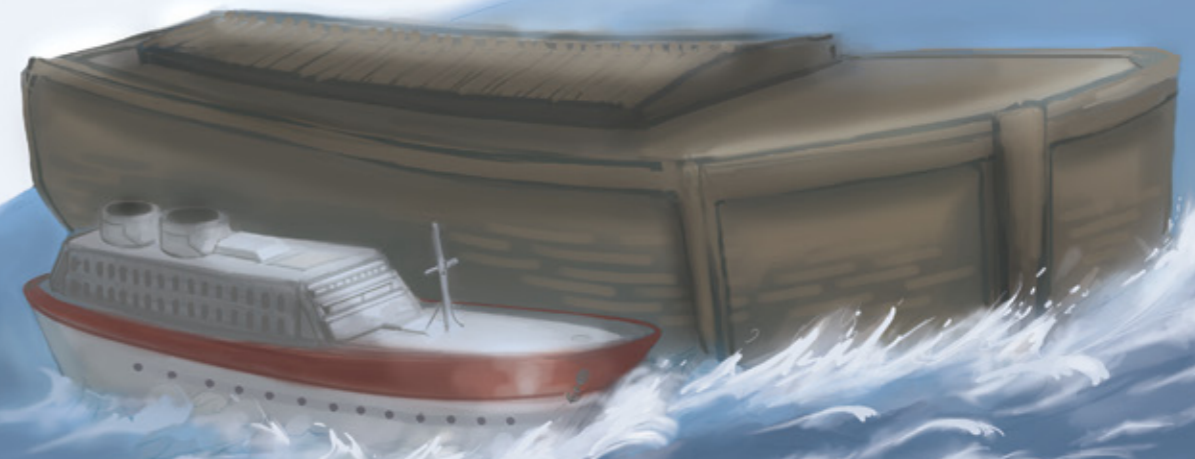
Everyone in the world today is a descendant of Adam and Eve, so everyone in the world today is made in the image of God (James 3:9). So we too can talk to God in prayer and can worship and love Him. But, like Adam, we can also choose to disobey Him.

Smart and ‘cool’

Today, when we like someone, we say they are smart and ‘cool’. So were the people of Adam’s day! Some of them knew about music and making things from metal; others were farmers and knew about raising crops and animals (Genesis 4:3–4,

17, 21–22). Nowadays you can go for a sea voyage in a great ocean liner, but the Bible tells us that about 4,500 years ago Noah built a ship that was so big it was longer than a modern football field (Genesis 6:15).

Today there are lots of ‘skyscraper’ buildings all over the world, but the descendants of Noah set out to build a huge skyscraper tower, way back then, at a place call Babel. God didn’t want this to happen because He wanted the people to move out all over the world, and not to live all in one place. He confused the language of the different families there, which forced them to move away from each other, ending up all over the world.



Why are some people groups much more technically advanced than others?

Some of the people who went away from Babel knew enough about architecture and had the knowledge and skill to build pyramids in Egypt, China, India, Mexico, and other places, including Babylon, where they were called ziggurats.

The pyramids that were built in Egypt were mostly used as tombs of the pharaohs. They were almost perfect squares, in line with compass points. The largest is called the Great Pyramid of Giza (or Khufu's pyramid). When it was built, it was the tallest building in the world and remained so for over 3,000 years. It was 140 metres (460 ft) tall, and became known as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. How were they able to do this? They were able to do it because they were highly intelligent people, made in the image of God, just like you and I are. They were not ape-men any more than we are.

Those people who were labourers rather than planners and architects at Babel might have been the ones who moved to areas where they were content to build simple

huts from tree branches and palm leaves or from mud bricks. Others lived in caves, and used stone tools. However, this doesn't mean that those people were ape-men.

Each people group developed highly efficient tools and weapons suited to their way of life, as well as the skills necessary to use them. For example, some groups developed blow-pipes with darts dipped in poison which they obtained from tree bark or gum. The Aboriginal people of Australia developed the aerodynamic boomerang. When you throw it just right, your boomerang comes right back to you!

Does modern man need a Saviour?

You might think that modern people have everything they want, such as sporty cars to drive, video games to play, jet airplanes to travel in, as well as exciting things to do in life like computer programming, medical research, space

exploration, and so on. However, there is one thing that none of these things supply—peace with God. This is because God has put within our hearts and minds the need to walk with Him.

When Adam chose to obey Satan rather than God in the Garden of Eden, he in one sense was handing over control of his life to Satan. But because Adam was the father of all of us, it affects us, too. Adam condemned not only himself but all his descendants, the whole human race. We can't resist temptation on our own, and so we need God's help and forgiveness. This is possible because His

Son, by Whom all things were created (Colossians 1:16), paid the penalty for our sins when He died on the cross and then rose from the dead.

Yes, modern man does need a Saviour. The good news is that God has provided the Saviour we need. His name is Jesus.