

SESSION 14

MONKEY DAD?

God&Me&Us

Focus Point

The world teaches that we are descended from monkeys.
Evidence for why this isn't true.

The Key Truths

This episode dismantles the misled theory that humans appeared on this earth by a random process of unguided evolution, using the argument from irreducible complexity. This argument claims that there is no such thing as a "simple cell", and explores the impossibility of a creation of life without life. Finally, we look at the creation account in Genesis, and how all of creation declares the wonder of God! We see Him in all that He has created - and because He created us, we have value, and our lives have purpose.

"In the science, evolution is a theory about changes; in the myth it is a fact about improvements."
- C S Lewis (1898 - 1963)

Scriptures to Consider

- **Genesis 2:7 (NIV)** - *"Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."*
- **Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV)** - *"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."*

Group Discussion Questions

Question 1: Do you believe humans were specially created by God? What does it mean to be 'created in His image'?

Answer: *"In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them"* (Genesis 1:27). It is ok to question the things you're taught in school, especially when it seems to contradict the things that God has said in the Bible. To be created in God's image means that we have a spirit. This is different from any other part of creation, and sadly it has been ruined by sin, so it needs to be redeemed.

Question 2: Why is believing we are a special creation by God, better than believing we are descended from monkeys?

Answer: Monkeys were not given authority by God. However, the Bible tells us, *"You [God] made them [us humans] only a little lower than God and crowned them [that's us] with glory and honor. You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority"* (Psalm 8:5-6, NLT).

Our right to rule the earth comes from God, who made everything. We also live by values and choice, not by instincts like animals do, which means that we have free will..

Question 3: You have been uniquely created by God, in His own image and likeness (Genesis 1:27). What does that say about how God sees you?

Answer: God sees His own image when He looks at us - yet we are broken and dirty, because of our sin. God loves and values what He created, and wants to bring us back to being fully like Him again.

"For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will - to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves." - Ephesians 1:4-6 (NIV)

Word of the Day

Evolution

Verse of the Day

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