

The Origins Debate in the News

Recently, the Associated Press reported that some archaeologists in Israel announced that they have found what could be evidence of the most early forms of modern humans.¹ The researchers have dated the remains they have found to be around 400,000 year old, and they say that what they have found is very similar to other remains of contemporary humans. According to the news piece, the finding pushes back the dating for the earliest form of “Homo sapiens” (modern humans) by almost twice the amount of time previously believed. Perhaps by now you are wondering what the archaeologists found... if so, good for you! It turns out that all they had found at the time of the news release was just some fossilized teeth! Maybe you know of what happened when “researchers” last built a theory of the evolution of humans upon findings of only teeth... Let's just say, they had to “eat crow” later. It turns out that the teeth in the case of the “Nebraska Man” actually belonged to some wild pigs, not to humans.² It could very well be that these archaeologist have discovered very old human teeth, but upon what do they base their claim that these teeth are 400,000 years old? Apparently, as is often the case with claims of evolution, the researchers assume that the teeth are 400,000 years old because the teeth were found in rock layers that are supposedly that old. But, we might ask, how do they know the rock layers are that old? They know this based upon various dating methods that they use (one of which is the types of fossils found in the layers – which makes for a circular argument), that foolishly assume that rates of various radioactive nuclear decay are constant throughout time. This is another example of how the “theory” of “evolution” is a “house of cards” built upon the shaky foundation of humanism.

Interestingly, one of the researchers made the comment that, if the teeth are indeed as old as the researchers believe them to be then, “this changes the whole picture of evolution.”³ Not only would this “discovery” unseat the commonly held chronology of the evolutionary development of human species, but it also does away with the theory that humans arose from Africa.⁴ This reminds me once again why evolution is, contrary to what many claim, a theory given to shifty evidence and ever-changing opinions. When I want to learn about how humans came to be on earth, I prefer to accept the Word of the One who was there all along – the same One whose Word is unchanging.⁵

Friends, let us know that God gave us His Word so that we can be instructed in true knowledge,⁶ and let us remember the exhortation of Paul to Timothy: “*O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.*” 1 Timothy 6:20, 21

1 <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2010/12/27/researchers-ancient-human-remains-israel-1446798195/#ixzz1AbK5ghJp>

2 <http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2/4366gc8-22-2000.asp>

3 <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2010/12/27/researchers-ancient-human-remains-israel-1446798195/#ixzz1AbK5ghJp>

4 Ibid.

5 See 1 Peter 1:24, 25

6 See Proverbs 2:6