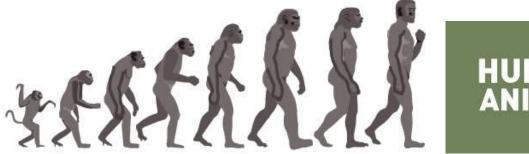
Questioning Scientific "Facts" Why Do Humans Wear Clothes? 06/09/2019 Sunday AM

Scripture: Genesis 3 Introduction

- Last week we began a series on Questioning Scientific "Facts." We asked, How Old Is the Earth?
- Scientist say that the earth is about 4.6 billion years old and they base this off of dating methods used to date rocks and other matter as well as different calculations made from astronomical observations.
- This is a "fact" that should be questioned because science has already been proven wrong with its faulty dating of dinosaur bones, crystals, and other rocks. Why should we believe in 4.6 billion years?
- There is no verse in the Bible that specifically teaches how old the earth is, however, we have a genealogy from Adam to Christ found in the Scriptures.
- When those genealogies are studied and calculated, they come up with about 6000 years and counting.
- It appears that the Bible is off by 4,599,994,000 years. That would need to be explained.
- This morning we are going to discuss Questioning Scientific "Facts": Why Do Humans Wear Clothes?
- The basis for this question is the evolutionary claim that humans are just animals.





- The fist picture hear is called the "Ascent of Man." It depicts the evolutionary thought process that humans evolved over time from ancient primates, thus simply being anther animal ourselves.
- The second picture is from PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals).
- Video: Ken Ham and Bill Nye tour the Ark Encounter and here speak about humans being animals.
- From these illustrations, I think it is clear that common thought today is that humans are just animals.
- If that is a scientific "fact," then we must ask **Why Do Humans Wear Clothes?** Why are humans the only animals that wear clothing?

Genesis 3:1-7, 20-21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' " ⁴"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

• Adam and Eve disobeyed God. He told Adam in **Genesis 2:17** that he "must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

²⁰Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. ²¹The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

- After God made Eve Genesis 2:25 tell us, "The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame."
- However, after they sinned, **Genesis 3:7** says, "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves."
- At first they "felt no shame," now having sinned their eyes were opened and they both felt shame.
- The English definition for "shame" is: a painful feeling of humiliation or distress caused by the consciousness of wrong or foolish behavior.
- They both immediately went and "sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves."
- The clothes that Adam and Eve made for themselves were to cover their sin.
- However, we see that fig leaves were not good enough and in **vv.20-21** it says, "²⁰Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. ²¹The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them."
- These verses come at the end of **Genesis 3** after God delivered his curses to the serpent and Adam and Eve.
- God created Adam from the dust of the ground according to **Genesis 2:7.**
- He created Eve from one of Adam's ribs according to **Genesis 2:22.**
- Neither Adam nor Eve were ever "born" in the traditional sense.
- Notice in **Genesis 3:20** that Eve is "the mother of all the living."
- This means that Adam and Eve are the earthly "parents" of every human being alive today.
- In **v.21** the first sacrifice was made when God killed the animal or animals to make "garments of skin" for them to wear.
- We have always had to have a "covering" over our sin.
- Our outer garments are only a symbol and reminder of our shame and nakedness.
- The real covering comes in the form of Jesus blood sacrifice that He made for us by dying on the cross.
- The sacrifice of plants and animals was never sufficient to "cover" our sins, only a perfect sinless sacrifice was sufficient, and Jesus Christ was that perfect sacrifice for us.
- If we were just another animal, then wearing clothes would make no sense.
- Yes, clothing is used to protect us from the elements. However, there are people groups all over the world that wear minimal clothing.
- In almost every case, people always cover their "loins."
- If clothing were simply to protect us from the elements, then we would not wear them when there was no need for protection from the elements.
- You must ask yourself, why don't dog or cats understand that they are naked?
- Why are humans the only ones that realize they are naked and try to cover it up?
- What evolutionary process would have led to only the "human animal" to wear cloths and we see no evidence of any other animal even attempting it?
- Humans are not "just another animal."
- We are the only part of God's creation where we are made in his image and in his likeness. **Genesis 1:27**
- Science is awesome and exciting in many ways, however make sure that you question what the scientific community says and that you compare it to the Bible.
- Not every "fact" that science claims is one.

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