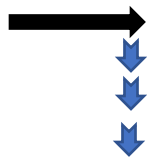


c. 6 Million yrs : LAST COMMON ANCESTOR WITH CHIMPS



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Various forms of early man evolve in this period. Some groups co-exist, some lines die out. Drawing an accurate family tree for this period is difficult. The **HOMO** genus dates to about 2 million years ago. **HOMO SAPIENS** (anatomically identical to us) date to about 200,000 yrs ago, spreading out from Africa from that date onwards.

**HOMO SAPIENS** spread out from Africa from about 200,000 yrs ago. They reach Europe about 40,000 years ago where they are called **CRO-MAGNON** man. They use a range of tools and have left us some beautiful cave paintings eg at Lascaux in France. Everyone alive today is descended from this line, with a common ancestor somewhere around 200,000 years ago.

Neanderthals are a separate twig on the evolutionary tree, they co-exist with the **CRO-MAGNON** for a while before becoming extinct.

The Neolithic marks the real beginning of settlement, farming, building and animal domestication. Civilisation as we know it, as opposed to the nomadic hunter-gatherer lifestyle of the previous age. **The Genesis** description of Adam and his family clearly fits this period, so the Bible text suggests a date of 6000 to 8000 BC for Adam.

Oldest pyramids, c. 2700 BC

Stonehenge, c. 2400 BC

Abraham, c. 1800 BC

King David, 1000 BC