Neanderthals have for some time been explained and drawn as subhumans, a "cave-man" type species, if you will. Those who believed what the Bible says, for example, "God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind", "God created human beings in his own image" (Genesis 1:25,27 NLT), have often been ridiculed by those who believed that humans evolved gradually from lower animals into humans. One of these lower creatures, it was asserted, was called Neanderthals. Recent discoveries, however, have forced evolutionists to revise their theory yet again, this time admitting that Neanderthals were near enough relatives to modern day humans that they interbred with humans to the point that the socalled Neanderthal species disappeared.

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## A journey 400,000 years back in human history

Nestled in Germany's picturesque Neander Valley where Neanderthals were first discovered, a museum is tapping into our growing fascination with our long-lost relatives.

Inside a museum in western Germany, a man in a tailored suit and a dress shirt leaned against a handrail and peered down towards the gallery below. A young girl briefly paused next to him as a few visitors stopped to stare. Something about the scene seemed subtly out of sorts.

The elegantly dressed gentleman had a noticeable ridge on his brow, his

nose was large and his chin was recessed.

"We call him Mr Four Percent," said the museum's director, Bärbel Auffermann. Because he was clad in modern clothes, it was easy to overlook the life-like statue's secret: he's a Neanderthal.

The statue conveys an important point – this ancient cave-dwelling hominid is really not much different than us. Indeed, genetic research shows that many humans have up to 4% Neanderthal DNA. In fact, while scientists once believed that Neanderthals, who disappear from the fossil record around 40,000 years ago, were violently displaced by their more slender hominid cousins (us), they now believe humans and Neanderthals interbred for thousands of years until the Neanderthal population eventually disappeared.



The Neanderthal Museum conveys that the species was actually quite

Located 15km east of Dusseldorf, the Neanderthal Museum lies just a short walk from the spot where the species was first identified in Germany's Neander Valley in the 1850s. Using startlingly realistic models, Ice Age artefacts and easy-to-follow exhibits, the museum takes visitors on a four-million-year journey to discover humankind's distant origins. A visit isn't just an homage to paleoanthropology, it's more like a trip to see our long-lost cousins.

Since the pandemic, interest in the museum has surged. In 2023, 180,000 Neanderthal fans flocked to the museum – its highest number since the initial rush of visitors following its opening in 1996 – and according to Auffermann, the museum is on pace to hit that number again this year. Meanwhile, an accelerating stream of scientific discoveries and the increasing popularity of at-home DNA testing continues to spark curiosity in our fellow sapiens.

Humans obviously are still learning. It's too bad they ignore what is written in the Bible, or they would know the Darwinian theory of Macro-Evolution is not based on facts.

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, knew the Genesis account of direct creation of the first humans by Almighty God was true. He said: "Haven't you read the Scriptures? . . . They record that from the beginning, 'God made them male and female' . . . This explains why a man leaves his father and his motherland is united to his wife and the two are united into one" (Matthew 19:4,5 NLT).

Humans, from the time of the first two people, have had the concept a marriage (Genesis 2:23-25; 4:17), a concept that lower creatures do not have. Truly, "God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish" (1 Corinthians 1:20 NLT).

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