

Yes, Adam and Eve were Pretty Smart

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Scientists are uncovering evidence that Adam and Eve were rather intelligent, smarter than many have thought.

Of course, mainstream scientists don't call them "Adam and Eve" but rather "ancient humans."

Still, the idea that the first people were ignorant brutes is fast falling by the wayside.

Ochre stones engraved with intricate patterns and dated at "77,000 years" have been found in a cave in Africa.

This "pushes back by some 35,000 years the earliest time when biologically modern humans were known to have developed modern behavior," said one scientist.

"The whole of South Africa was occupied by a biologically modern people who had evolved about 150,000 years ago."

Other evidence uncovered were polished bone tools and fish bones—evidence that these people were sophisticated and organized enough to go fishing.

The intricate geometric patterns on the rocks are so complex that the modern researchers haven't been able to figure out their meaning yet.

In another story, an anthropologist from Washington U., St. Louis, has discovered evidence that ancient cave dwellers were capable of showing compassion.

A fossilized jawbone found in a French cave indicates that someone was nursing the old and infirm some "200,000" years ago.

The jaw contains the remains of a few broken roots of teeth and evidence of huge abscesses. Yet, this person survived long enough for bone to grow in and refill the sockets. This couldn't have happened unless someone was caring for him since he would have had a hard time eating.

Many similar stories have been published in recent years. The date for the "evolution of the first modern human" keeps getting pushed farther and farther back into history.

We can expect this trend to continue. As the Bible shows, humans have always been capable of intelligent thought—as well as poor decisions (e.g. Adam and Eve with the forbidden fruit).

And, thank the Lord, we can look forward to eternity when we will inherit a body with superintelligence, one not capable of making bad decisions. *LSI*

—Warren Krug, editor