



## People are People and Monkeys are Animals

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The recent release of the movie Planet of the Apes, the inferior remake of the 1960's classic sci-fi movie of the same name, has caused some people to examine the monkey-human connection more closely.

Darwinists have taken the opportunity to inform us again that apes are our grandparents and we are just another breed of ape.

A professor at UCLA has had the nerve to tell us that "if man is made in God's image, then God must be a chimpanzee." The scientific establishment more and more is linking the "five great apes"—chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans, bonobos, and (gasp) humans—into one biologically similar group while dismissing other creatures as being mere "animals."

Some are even pushing for special rights for apes (the non-human kind) such as the right to life and the right to be free from torture, experimentation, or other degrading treatment.

We cannot deny that there are a lot of similarities, biologically speaking, between mankind and simians—the two species are 99% identical genetically, have similar blood groups and brain structures and show similar behavior in the first years of life.

But in fairness we ought to look at some of the differences:

Humans can speak and can grasp the concept of language. Simians cannot talk and no one has ever demonstrated they have true grammatical ability.

People are creative and are constantly changing the world around them, sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse. Left to themselves, simians would be living pretty much the same as they were thousands of years ago.

Although not as big or strong or fast as some other species, humans have shown their dominance over all other creatures.

Yet, the Bible shows the real differences. Humans were created with immortal souls and with a knowledge of good and evil. Because we fell into sin, Jesus came to save us and offer us eternal life in heaven.

There is no evidence that animals including the real apes have a conscience, and certainly Christ did not come to save them.

It is not proper or logical to call us animals in general or apes in particular.

—Warren Krug, editor