N spite of their name, flying dragons are not dragons, and they don’t really fly. They are really gliding lizards, and there are a number of species which live in the tropical forests of India and Asia. They spend almost all of their lives in trees, and don’t often come down to the ground. They are able to glide from tree to tree, travelling as far as 8 meters (25 feet), using special “wings”, which are actually extra-long ribs covered with flaps of skin. The drawing of a skeleton (below) shows how long those ribs were — not a little higher than the apes! The bones in these strange lizards were de- signed the way they are by God the Creator.

You didn’t evolve — God made you!

People who believe in evolution tell us that we evolved from ape-like ancestors, and millions of years before that our ancestors were worm-like creatures! The Bible tells a very different story: “God created human beings in his image... He created them male and female.” (Genesis 1: 27). God made us “a little lower than the angels.” (Psalm 8: 5).

A Flying Dragon

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Scientists who believe in evolution, sometimes collect scattered bones, put them together, then draw pictures of what they believe the creature looked like. The bones in the photo (right) were collected over 5 years from 5 different places in Ethiopia. One — a toe bone — was found 10 miles away from the rest! Do you think they all belonged to the same kind of creature? Seems unlikely. But the scientists who found them think so. They asked artists to draw pictures of a half-ape, half-human creature, and claimed it was one of our ancestors. That’s a bit like trying to make one picture from pieces of several jigsaws! It seems more likely that these bones were a mixture of ape and human fossils.

Are people really like apes?

No-one would ever confuse an ape with a person — would they? Even if you dressed a chimp in your own clothes, it wouldn’t fool anyone. Apes look and behave very differently to humans. Apes are like us in some ways. This should not surprise us, since we were both created by God to live on the same planet, breathe the same air, and eat some of the same kinds of food.

Don’t let them make a monkey of you!

T.V. programmes, books and magazines often tell us we are related to monkeys and apes, but this is only a story, not science.

Bone Puzzles

The idea that humans evolved from "ape-men" is just a myth!

Our 100th issue

Welcome to Our World No. 100! The first edition of this paper (left) was published 25 years ago in 1985. Thousands of children (and older people) have read it over the years, and we hope and pray that it has helped many to understand why evolution is false, and that God’s Word, the Bible, is true, right from the very first verse.

Also in this issue:


You didn’t evolve — God made you!
The “Piltdown Man” hoax

Piltdown Man, “discovered” in England in 1912, was used to convince many people that apes evolved into humans. But it was a hoax. Someone had buried part of a human skull with an ape’s jaw, coloured the bones to make them look old, and filed the teeth! Even the experts were fooled until the truth came out in 1953.

APE-MAN MADE FROM A PIG’S TOOTH!

In 1922, some scientists discovered one tooth in Nebraska, USA. They said it looked partly ape and partly human, and called it Nebraska Man. A picture of both Mr and Mrs Nebraska was printed in a London newspaper (below left). Not long afterwards, scientists realised that the tooth belonged to a kind of wild pig called a peccary (below).

NATURE NOTES by the editor

HAVE you ever been for a country walk and come home with tiny seeds or “burs” sticking to your clothes? Or you may have found them in the fur of cats or dogs. A number of plants, such as burdock (left), have seeds that stick, and if you look at them closely you will see that they are covered in tiny hooks. In 1941, a Frenchman named George de Mestral found some in his dog’s fur, and it gave him the idea of copying it to make fasteners. He spent ten years experimenting until he succeeded in making what we now call “Velcro.” Th comes from two French words, velours and crochet, meaning “velvet hook.” Today, Velcro is used all over the world for hundreds of fixing jobs, from shoes and clothes to car bumpers, and even in space-craft to stop things floating around. It took George de Mestral 10 years to make a copy that really worked, so it seems strange that many people believe that the hooks on the seeds which he copied — which are much better than Velcro — just came about by chance. The Bible tells us that God created plants with seeds. (Genesis 1) The purpose of seeds is to produce more of the same kind of plant, and sticky seeds can be carried a long way, clinging to animals’ fur. Velcro is another of God’s ideas that people have copied!

—Geoff Chapman

Puzzle Corner

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(Answers on the next page)