The idea that ancient people were simple and primitive is completely wrong! They were capable Homo Sapiens — evidence shows that human beings have always been wise and inventive. People who believe in ancient people. The Bible says that humans were from ape-like ancestors, and the evidence supports this. Archaeologists tell us that humans have always had some kind of religion, and today every group people on earth has some kind of belief in a God or gods. This is because God created us in His image, and intended that we should know Him. Many people have a false religion, but God visited earth in the Person of Jesus Christ, who said, “I am the truth and the life.” (John 14:6). Jesus died on the cross to take away the sin that comes between us and God. If we accept Him as our Saviour, we receive God’s forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life, because Jesus rose from the dead.

Quails

Quails are small birds not more than 25cm (10 ins.) long. There are many different species, that live in many parts of the world. Quails are often kept, like chickens, to produce eggs for sale. Quail eggs are small. In the wild, quails, like most birds, build nests in which to hatch their eggs. The mother quail lays around 12 eggs over a period of about two weeks. Although the eggs are laid over a period of time, they all hatch together. This is important, because quails build their nests on the ground, so when the chicks hatch they need to be cared for and protected by the mother quail. If some chicks hatched before the others, they would wander from the nest, and the mother quail wouldn’t be able to leave the other eggs to care for them. So why do the eggs, laid at different times, hatch together?

Scientists have discovered that, as the baby chicks grow inside the egg, they signal to each other with a clicking sound. These clicks act as a kind of “egg timer” which makes the eggs that were laid last speed up, and the older eggs slow down. The chicks then break out of their shells at almost the same time, and their mother is free to feed and care for them all. This means that the chicks are more likely to survive until they can fend for themselves.

Mystery of Stonehenge

The famous standing stones at Stonehenge, England — weighing up to 100 tonnes each — came from a Welsh quarry 75 miles away, and had to carried across a river estuary. Stonehenge was built around 4,500 years ago. How did those who built it manage without modern equipment? There have been many theories, but no-one has come up with a convincing answer. Some engineers tried moving a similar stone using a wooden raft. The raft sank! So the builders of Stonehenge had skills which 21st century engineers know nothing about!

ANCIENT CITY CARVED FROM SOLID ROCK

Hidden away among the mountains of Jordan is the ancient city of Petra (right). It has temples, theatres, houses and roads, and even had piped water! The amazing thing is that this city was carved out of solid rock, 2,600 years ago by a desert tribe! Though now deserted, it was once home to as many as 20,000 people. Even modern construction workers would find it very difficult to carve a city from this solid, red rock. Evolutionists are surprised that people could do this 2,600 years ago because it doesn’t fit their theory, but it does fit what the Bible tells us about ancient people.

(More about ancient builders inside)
Ancient seafarers

People were navigating the oceans and discovering new lands more than 4,000 years ago. A strange map discovered in Turkey in 1513, known as the Piri Reis Map (left), showed the coastline of the Antarctic before it was covered in ice. It must have been copied from older maps, drawn at least 4,000 years ago — over 1,600 years before the Antarctic was “discovered” by people from Europe! It seems that ancient seafarers went there before the Ice Age, which creation scientists believe began several hundred thousand years after the Flood.

In history lessons, you may be taught that the first computer was invented around 1822, but it seems that someone beat us by 1,800 years or more! Around the year 1900 a strange object (left) was discovered by divers in a wrecked ship that sank near Greece around 658BC. At first, scientists thought it was some kind of clock. It took about 100 years of study to realise that it was the remains of a computer, made more than 2,000 years ago! It appears that this device, which had a very complicated set of about 300,000 parts, was used to predict the movement of the sun, moon, and planets, predict eclipses, and show the moon’s monthly phases. Most scientists are amazed that something like this was invented so long ago. Is that because they believe that people living then couldn’t be as clever as we are?

We use batteries (left) in many things. But batteries are not new. The object on the right, from Iraq, is about 2,000 years old. Using models, and an acid liquid, scientists have proved that it could produce electricity.

4,500 years ago the Egyptians built many pyramids. One — the Pyramid of Cheops — is as high as a 30-storey building, covers 13½ acres, and contains 2.3 million stone blocks some weighing 30 tonnes! The foundations have not sunk, and earthquakes have not destroyed it. Even today we don’t know how the ancient Egyptians moved those stones from the quarry and lifted them so high. There is no evidence that the Egyptians experimented in pyramid building — they were perfect from the start. Lots of ancient pyramids have also been discovered in Central and South America. This doesn’t fit the evolutionary theory, but it does fit the Bible record, which tells us that people were farming, building cities, making metal tools, and playing musical instruments soon after the human race began (see Genesis chapter 4).

Before the great flood (Genesis chapters 6-8) people lived to be almost 1,000 years old. Imagine what skills and knowledge they would have after all that time! Although the flood would have destroyed everything done before the flood, when Noah and his family left the ark, they would have taken their knowledge with them to quickly rebuild human civilisation. This explains why evidence of the first cities is found in the Middle East area.

There is nothing new here on earth. A person might say, ‘Look, this is new!’ But really it has always been here. It was here before we were! People don’t remember what happened long ago. (The Bible, Ecclesiastes 1: 10-11)

HOW DID THEY DO IT?

The ruins of Ur in Iraq, the city where Abraham was born. (see Genesis 11: 27-28)

The Pyramid of Cheops, and the nearby Sphinx, which is carved from solid rock.

A 2,000 YEAR-OLD COMPUTER!

In autumn, as the days get shorter, a tiny “trapdoor” opens in a leaf. The veins are still green while the other parts are turning red. (Genesis 8: 22). God could have created plants so that the leaves suddenly dropped off without changing colour. Then we would miss that glorious yearly display. God loves beauty, and autumn colours are just one of the many things He has given us to remind us that He is a wonderful Creator.